October 6th

The Holy Apostle Thomas

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) O wise Thomas most blest of God, thou, on touching the Master's side, didst receive the uttermost pinnacle of good; for like a sponge, thou didst draw up the pure waters that flow from thence, as the Fount of all good things and divine everlasting life, giving thence to drink unto hearts parched and hardened by their ignorance; and thou didst well forth doctrines of the divine knowledge of our God.

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2) By thy right faith ful un be lief were be lievers con firmed in faith, when thou didst first cry out con fessing that in truth this was the Lord and the God of all crea tion, Who put on flesh for the sake of us on earth and Who will ing ly un der went both the Cross and death and the wounds of the nails, and with a spear was al so pierced in His di vine side, from which we draw forth e ter nal life.
3) For the faithful of godly mind, wondrous Thomas unsealed the spring of the saving doctrines, O Master; for in truth, when he had handled Thy side, he thence became an initiate of Thy two-fold energies answering to Thy two essences, and he cried aloud: Thou, O Savior, art verily my Lord and God, Thou art the Sov'reign Master, the Lord of Glory made flesh for me.