October 16th
The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, Who Stood at the Cross of Christ
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant
Adapted by Fr. John El Massih

1) See-ing Him Who be-came a man free-ly suf-fring up-
- on the Cross, cov-ering with dark-ness the
shin-ing of the sun, and mak-ing sav-ing for-
giv-ness to gush forth from His ho-ly side,

O di-vine Cen-tu-ri-on, wise Lon-gi-nus most
glo-ri-ous, with the grate-ful thief thou didst cry out, con-
-fess-ing Him as Lord and God Who free-ly bare the

Pas-sion for His un-bound-ed com-passion's sake.

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2) On beholding the fruitful Vine which was hanging upon the Tree gushing forth the wine of forgiveness and of life, thou didst stand under its streams and part the lips of thy heart and drink; being filled with joy of heart, thou completely didst vomit up bitter unbelief. For with prudence, O glorious Longinus, thou didst choose that which is better over the worse, being truly wise.
3) Having smitten the tyrant dead with thy bold and courageous speech, of thine own thou wentest to slaughter willingly, not fearing death which procured thee life immortal by grace divine.

Hence, with longing and with faith, O Longinus ex-tolled of all, we keep festival on the all-festive day of thy memorial, imploring thee with favor to intercede with the Lord for us.