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*

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1) See-ing Him Who be-came a__ man free-ly suf-f'ring up-

-on the Cross, cov-er-ing 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-pas-sion's sake.

2) On be - hold - ing the fruit - ful__ Vine which was hang - ing up -

- on the Tree gush - ing forth the wine___ of for -

-give - ness and of life, thou didst stand un - der its

streams and__ part the lips____ of thy heart and drink;

be - ing filled with joy of heart, thou com - plete - ly didst

vom - it up bit - ter un - be - lief. For with pru - dence, O

glo - ri - ous Lon - gi - nus, thou didst choose that which is

bet - ter o - ver the worse,__ be - ing tru - ly wise.

3) Hav-ing smit-ten the ty-rant dead with thy bold and cou-

-ra-geous speech, of thine own thou went-est to

slaugh-ter will-ing-ly, not fear-ing death which pro-

-cured thee life im-mor-tal by grace di-vine.

Hence, with long-ing and with faith, O Lon-gi-nus ex-

-tolled of all, we keep fes-ti-val on thē all-fes-tive

day__ of thy me-mo-ri-al, im-plor-ing thee with

fer-vor to in-ter-cede__ with the Lord for us.