October 19th
The Holy Martyr Varos
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: Having laid up all their hope

1) Having seen the contests of the victorious

2) Martyrs, thou wast made divinely bold

3) and didst go forth eagerly to the stadium;

4) there didst thou preach to all Christ God, Who became man

5) for our sakes, O Varos, wise in God.

6) Thou hadst no fear of death nor of all the torments that lay ahead;

7) and therefore, tortured ruthlessly,

8) being cut asunder, thou didst rejoice;

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all thy mind was glad - dened, as thou didst firm - ly

fix thy gaze up - on that last - ing glo - ry that doth a - wait

them that love and long for God.

2) Thou didst see thy tor - tured flesh fall with thy blood from thy bod - y, yet thou didst re - main as though

someone else were suf - fer - ing, O most no - ble one.

Thou wast bound to a post, brave - ly bear - ing rend - ings

at the hands of hard and law - less men;
giving up thy divine spirit lastly into the hands of God,

thou didst amaze them that had seen

thy steadfast resistance to every blow.

Wherefore, we revere thee, who mightily hast

triumphed in thy fight, wise athlete Varos, and by thy pains

hast destroyed the tyrant's strength.

3) Wondrous Cleopatra first anointed thee with sweet

myrrh-oils, then she laid thee in the earth,
Having an all-holy church built to honor thee;

and as she kept thy most wondrous feast, O Varos,

she entreated thee with fervent faith.

Yet thou didst take her son, decking him in glory and ranking him

a midst the chorus of the Saints,

listed in the spiritual soldier y.

Of his blessed portion, vouchsafe us to partake, as we observe thy sacred festival piously,

O praise-worthy Martyr of Christ.