

October 27th

Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

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from various sources

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1) Nes - tor, bless - ed ath - lete of the Lord, gird - ing thy -

- self round a - bout with the full ar - mor

G↓ C G↓

of thy Christ, thou didst wres - tle vis - i - bly

C

with Ly - ae - us, de - stroy - ing him; and with in -

G↓

- vis - i - ble holds thou bound - est up

C

the un - seen Bē - li - al, smit - ing him with death.

Where - fore, thy head was crowned with a shin - ing di - a -

Un. G↓

-dem of vic - to - ry by the Great Be - stow - er

C

of the great - est gifts of all.

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2) O wise Nes - tor, nerved with cords of strength by the di -
 -vine - ly wise words of the Mar - tyr De -
 - me - tri - os thou didst brave - ly put to death
 him that boast - ed in tyr - an - ny; and for con -
 - fess - ing to all the death - less God,
 Who by His death ruin - ed Ha - des ut - ter - ly,
 thou, O most glo - ri - ous, wast un - just - ly put to
 death. And for this cause, thou in joy art now be -
 come an heir of end - less life.

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3) Thou, wise Nes - tor, wast a god - ly youth, in the full
 flow - er and prime of the bod - y, and
 fair a - dorned with the ho - ly grace of God,
 and made state - ly with youth - ful strength. Where - fore thou
 brought - est to nought Ly - ae - us' strength
 by the great might of the Lord Om - nip - o - tent
 and didst con - test with joy, where - on thou wast num - bered
 with the ath - letes' choirs. As thou dost re - joice with
 them, do thou re - mem - ber us.