

October 31st  
**Martyr Epimachos of Alexandria**  
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*

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1) De - sir - ing heav - en - ly beau - ty, O famed Ep -

- i - ma - chos, thou didst ac - count as noth - ing ev - 'ry

tem - po - ral glo - ry. Hence, liv - ing like an an - gel though

still in the flesh, thou as though in - cor - po - re - al

didst bear the tor - tur - ers' man - i - fold pun - ish - ments

with en - dur - ance and a man - ly mind.

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2) As thou dost dance in the heav - en - ly bri - dal

cham-bers in joy, de - light - ing in the glo - ry of the

Mas - ter of all things, O glo - ri - ous Ep - i - ma - chos,

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pray un - to Him for us all, who now hon - or thee,  
 that we might find ev - er - last - ing de - light and joy  
 with the An - gels, O thrice - bless - ed one.

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 3) Thou wast shown forth, O Ep - i - ma - chos, as a  
 blaz - ing light, shin - ing on those in dark - ness and di -  
 - vine - ly en - light - ning with sa - cred ad - mo - ni - tions those  
 for - mer - ly held in the gross gloom of ig - no - rance;  
 and hav - ing law - ful - ly striv - en for Christ our God,  
 thou didst win the crown of vic - to - ry