

November 3rd

# Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

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1) Brave - ly didst thou go forth\_\_ of thy - self  
un - to thy con - tests, filled with joy\_\_ and most ar - dent zeal,  
a - ston - ish - ing ev - 'ry mind\_\_ by thy great en - dur - ance of  
pain, tram - pling down the ty - rants'\_\_ proud au - dac - i - ty.  
And now thou hast passed be - yond to the shin - ing an - gel - ic life,  
danc - ing in glad - ness with thē An - gels in choirs of joy,  
and in ev - 'ry hour thou dost save\_\_ by thy watch - ful care  
those who with faith re - vere thee, O all - bless - ed Great Mar - tyr George,  
and thou dost hear - ken with pit - y un - to the  
pau - pers' la - ments and woes, as thou dost en - treat\_\_ Christ,  
Who doth gra - cious - ly be - stow\_\_ His Great Mer - cy on the world.

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2) Come thou to us who praise thee with love,  
 and be a help-er un-to those who are in dis-tress,  
 come light-en the pain of bit-ter temp-ta-tions griev-ous to  
 bear, and re-move the weight-y bur-den from our souls;  
 pre-serve us and keep us safe, yea, and save us, O Mar-tyr George,  
 and lead us o-ver un-to God by the means of faith,  
 guid-ing us to keep the Cre-a-tor's di-vine com-mands,  
 that we, as hav-ing lived by His great good-ness, may all at-tain  
 to the di-vine rec-om-pens-es found in the  
 Heav-ens with all the Saints, while prais-ing Christ Sav-ior,  
 Who doth gra-cious-ly be-stow His Great Mer-cy on the world.

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3) Won - drous and ver - y great in all truth  
 is the re - port of thine un - speak - a - ble mar - tyr - dom,  
 for like un - to an il - lus - tri - ous prince, thou pass - est through -  
 - out all cre - a - tion, O a - maz - ing Mar - tyr George;  
 and be - ing a - dorned in truth with the grace to work mir - a - cles,  
 thou grant - est heal - ing to those strick - en with sick - ness - es,  
 and the suf - fer - ing thou dost treat with thy ho - ly prayers.  
 Hence, we know thee to be a fer - vent help - er in all dis - tress,  
 and a most kind ben - e - fac - tor de - liv - 'ring  
 those in cap - tiv - i - ty. O all - bless - ed Mar - tyr,  
 in - ter - cede with Christ to grant His Great Mer - cy to our souls.