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# Holy Martyr Plato of Ancyra

## 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) Filled with cour - age and no - bil - i - ty, thou didst he -

- ro - i - c'ly bear both the sev - er - ing

G↓ C G↓

of thy limbs and the hew - ing of thy flesh

C

and un - bear - a - ble scorch - ing fire, as well as

G↓

hun - ger and bit - ter death it - self,

C

for thou for - saw - est ē - ter - nal bless - ed - ness;

where - fore, thou didst pur - sue the great glo - ry that was

Un. G↓

laid in store for thee, which a - bid - eth through the

C

ag - es and shall nev - er fail.

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2) Thou didst pass be - yond the things of sense, hav - ing trans -  
 - port - ed thy mind to the life that is  
 found on high; for with thoughts in - spired by God  
 and a great and ex - alt - ed soul, thou didst com -  
 - plete - ly dis - dain things vis - i - ble,  
 with their ig - no - ble and shal - low pal - tri - ness.  
 Where - fore, when burned with fire and while be - ing scraped and  
 torn in Christ's be - half, thou, O Mar - tyr Pla - to,  
 didst en - dure cou - ra - geous - ly.

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3) Hav - ing de - stroyed by the grace of God ev - 'ry as -

-sault of the foe and the ty - rants' en -

-raged at - tacks, thou wast crowned ma - jes - ti - c'ly

with the crown of thy vic - to - ry. Thou wast deemed

wor - thy of pure and bound - less joy

and thē in - ef - fa - ble ra - di - ance of God.

As thou now dwell - est there, make en - treat - y that for -

-give - ness of the sins be vouch - safed to them that

praise thee, O all - bless - ed one.