

April 25th

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

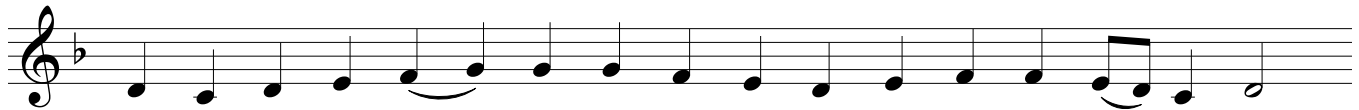
Byzantine Chant Tone 1

Special melody: *O all-lauded Martyrs*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) O god - ly - wise Mark, thou wast the pen of a tru - ly wise and



swift - ly writ - ing scribe, who, in - spired of God, hast writ - ten thē ac - count



of Christ's In - car - na - tion and hast o - pen - ly pro - claimed



the words of end - less life; — where - in do thou pray that



they may be — in - scribed who now sing — thy prais - es pi - ous - ly



and re - vere — thy glo - ri - ous me - mo - ri - al.

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Verse: His sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and his words unto the ends of the world.

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2) In preach - ing the Gos - pel of Christ God, Mark, thou all - ac - claimed A -
- pos - tle, like the sun, — thou didst pass through - out thē earth while driv - ing out
all the moon - less dark - ness of be - lief in man - y gods
by pour - ing forth the rays — of the sav - ing Faith and
ban - ish - ing the gloom. And now in - ter - cede thou with the Lord
that He grant ——— peace and Great Mer - cy to — our — souls.

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Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

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3) To them in whose midst the fool - ish - ness of un - god - li - ness a -
bound-ed, thou thy - self, O A - pos - tle Mark, didst preach the word of truth;
and E - gyp - tian dark - ness didst thou drive off with the light
of all thy words and teach - ings, O thou all - bless - ed
her - ald of our God. And now in - ter - cede with Him for us,
that He grant peace and Great Mer - cy to our souls.