

December 27th

Venerable-confessor Theodore the Branded

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

E Un.

1) To the wounds of thy ban - ish - ment, wounds of ex - ile were

E

add - ed on, at the ruth - less harsh - ness of

him that law - less - ly sat on the law - ful and

right - ful__ throne, and ter - ri - bly had con - fused

the tra - di - tions of the Faith, cast - ing down__ th im -

-mac - u - late i - con of the Lord, Christ our Sav - ior; but

G

with the grace of God, thou didst a - base the mal - e -

E

- fac - tor, O right - eous ser - vant of Christ the Lord.

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9 **E** **Un.**

2) Nei-ther pri-son nor sore con-straint, nor a dark-ness that

E

knew no day, nei-ther wounds and lash-ings a-

-vailed to sep-a-rate thee from the love that thou

hadst for Christ, O val-or-ous The-o-dore;

nor en-dur-ing mal-a-dy that was griev-ous and

harsh to bear, nei-ther want of food; but un-moved, O di-

G

-vine-ly speak-ing Fa-ther, thou didst bear all things while

E

look-ing to the re-ward of thy suf-fer-ings.

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17 **E** **Un.**

3) In the stead of af - flic - tion, praise, in the stead of thy
tor - ments, joy, in the stead of dark - ness, thou
hast been grant - ed light by the just Judge of the
con - test; and in re - com - pense for the writ
that was brand - ed on thy face, man of God, — thou art
writ - ten now in the Book of Life; thou art ranked in the
high - est with the Church of all the First - born and art
gone — forth in end - less joy — to th An - gels' feast.