

April 3rd

Abbot Nikitas the Confessor of Medikion

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih



1) Guid - ed by the Word, thou wast shown forth as a god - ly
2) *Thou* wast meek and gen - tle in thy fight in de - fense of
3) When with bes - tial sav - age - ry and spite, that most dark - ened



stew - ard of souls and their faith - ful teach - er in God;
Or - tho - dox doc - trine, for which thou strov - est with zeal.
ty - rant en - closed thee in plac - es dark as the night



and, O blest Ni - ki - tas, thou didst sow a
For as breast - plate, O God - bear - er, thou wast
and op - pressed thee with most bit - ter ex - iles



sav - ing seed, and in reap - ing a - bun - dant sheaves,
girt with faith; and with ab - stin - ence as thy spear,
hard to bear, bless - ed Fa - ther, thou didst en - dure,




with joy thou didst bring them un - to Christ thy Mas - ter, thou who
O god - ly Ni - ki - tas, thou didst strive, con - vict - ing all blas -
re - joic - ing in spir - it, bear - ing in thy mind the bright a -



art di - vine ly wise.
-phe - mous her e sy,
-bode of Par a - dise;


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As thou stand - est now in His pres - ence,
as thou gav - est hon - or and wor - ship
where - of thou art tru - ly deemed wor - thy

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bring to mind thy flock, which doth ev - er
to the Sav - ior's most di - vine i - con,
now to see the maj - es - ty clear - ly,

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hon - or thee with faith, O Saint in - spired of God.
keep - ing to the bound - 'ries that the Fa - thers set.
reap - ing this as rec - om - pense for all thy pains.