

**March 14: St. Benedict of Nursia
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 2, Kievan**

Begin here for 4 Menaion stichera:

(4) Reader: In the 2nd tone*, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Having from childhood renounced the world, /
with true faith and love, O father, /
rejoicing, thou didst follow after the crucified Christ; /
and having mortified Thy flesh with many feats of asceticism, /
thou didst richly receive the grace of healings, //
to assuage divers illnesses and to expel evil spirits, greatly astonished.

Begin here, for 3 Menaion stichera:

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - qui - ties.

See above: "Having from childhood renounced the world..."

* These stichera are also available in the Special Melody, "When from the Tree...": music.russianorthodox-stl.org

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peo - - - ples.

Being the adornment of monastics, /
 thou didst assemble a countless multitude to hymn the Lord, /
 O venerable Benedict, /
 and didst guide to heaven /
 the steps of all who followed well thy divine teachings /
 and emulated thy viruous life, O father. /
 With them, we do thee honor, //
 rejoicing in thy repose in sacred manner.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made his mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth for - ev - er.

Like Elījah of old, O father, /
 thou didst call down rain from the skies at thy supplication, /
 and thou didst cause a vessel to pour forth oil, /
 didst resurrect a dead man /
 and didst work many other miracles, /
 unto the glory of the God and Savior of all, O venerable one. //

Wherefore, with love we celebrate thy glorious memory, O [~]Benedict.

Reader: Glory, both now... in the same tone.

Glory... Both now and ever, and unto the ages of A-ges. A - men. _____

O joy of all who sorrow, /
intercessor for the oppressed and nurturer of the hungry, /
consolation of wanderers and staff of the blind, /
visitation of the infirm, /
protection and help of those who labor, /
help of orphans: /
Mother of God Most High art thou, O all-pure one. //
Haste thou, we beseech thee, that thy servants be saved!

English text: "The Menaion of the Orthodox Church", Vol. VII, translated by Isaac E. Lambertsen,
St. John of Kronstadt Press. The complete service text may be purchased through: sjkp.org