November 14: Holy Apostle Philip  
Stichera on the Praises 
Tone 8, Special Melody, "O most glorious wonder..."

O most glorious wonder! The apostle that once cast his nets for fish hath become a fisher of men, ordained by God. He fished for the nations with the net of his discourse and brought up the world with the rod of the Cross.

Melodic Pattern in 9 phrases): A B A B C C2 A B // D

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O what a draught the divine worker hath brought to God,

he whose memory we now celebrate.
O most glorious wonder! Sent by God like a lamb amongst wolves, the apostle Philip fearlessly strode forth and through faith, showed forth wild beasts as lambs divinely transforming the world.

O, his works of faith! O, his most excellent powers!
By his prayers, O Christ, save Thou our souls,
in that Thou alone art compassionate.
O most glorious wonder! The apostle Philip, through the outpouring of wisdom, hath become a well-spring which gusheth forth life upon those who are in the world.

Therefrom do streams of dogmas proceed and we drink
of the torrents of the wonders thereof. O, how many awesome miracles the divine worker hath wrought,

whose memory we glorify with faith!