The Holy Martyr
Theodotus of Ancyra

June 7

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the

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When, indeed, the Holy Spirit
saw that the human race was guided
only with difficulty toward virtue, and that,
because of our inclination toward pleasure, we
were neglectful of an upright life, what did He do?
The delight of melody He mingled with the doctrines
so that by the pleasantness and softness of the sound heard
we might receive without perceiving it the benefit of the words,
just as wise physicians who, when giving the fastidious rather bitter
drugs to drink, frequently smear the cup with honey. Therefore,
He devised for us these harmonious melodies of the psalms,
that they who are children in age, or even those who
are youthful in disposition, might to all
appearances chant, but in reality,
become trained in soul.

-St. Basil the Great