The Holy Martyr
Leontius

June 18

Apolytikion

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
Quality in psalmody and prayer consists in praying with the spirit and the nous.

One prays with the spirit only when, as he prays and chants, he is attentive to the content of the holy writings, and thus raises his heart to divine thoughts.

- Nikitas Stithatos