The Holy Martyr
Lucian

October 15

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee
received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from
Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy
strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
For since human nature rejects
and avoids what is difficult, even if beneficial,
and accepts virtually nothing unless it seems to offer pleasure,
through David the Lord prepares from men this potion which is sweet
by reason of its melody and effective in the cure of disease by reason of its
strength. For a psalm is sweet to the ear, it penetrates the soul when it gives pleasure,
it is easily remembered when sung often, and what the harshness of the Law cannot
force from the minds of man it excludes by the suavity of song. For whatever
the Law, the Prophets and even the Gospels teach is contained as a
remedy in the sweetness of these songs.

- St. Niceta of Remesiana