Saint Theoctistus
Abbot of Cucomo in Sicily

January 4

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

Intonation: #25


with the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the
barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from
the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundred-fold in labours; and
thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon
Psalmody in a crowded congregation
is accompanied by captivity and wandering
of the thoughts; but in solitude, this does not happen.
However, those in solitude are liable to be assailed by despondency,
whereas in congregation the brethren help each other by their zeal.

- St. John of the Ladder