The Holy Hieromartyr Joseph
Archbishop of Thessalonica

July 14

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

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the throne of the A- pos- - tles, O in- spired of God, thou found-
est dis- ci- pline to be a means of as- cent to di- vine vi-

sion. Where- fore, hav- ing right- ly di- vid- ed the word of
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