



THE HOLY MARTYR THEODOTUS OF ĀNCYRA

June 7

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

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Intonation: #10

Ἦχος ᾠ Δε

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε




(M) (Δ) (B)
hy Mar- tyr, O Lord, in his cou- ra- geous con- test for Thee

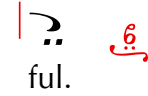
(Δ) (M) (Δ)
re- ceived as the prize the crowns of in- cor- rup- tion and life

(B) (Δ) (M) (Δ)
from Thee, our im- mor- tal God. For since he pos- sessed Thy strength, he cast

(B)
down the ty- rants and whol- ly de- stroyed the de- mons' strength- less pre- sump-



 tion. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer - ci -



 ful.

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