January 24th

Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: When he took thee

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Wearing tattered clothes no thief would steal, thou wast clad within with a majesty that no Angel would scorn; feigning folly, thou didst darkly tell of things to come, prophesying the death of kings, the fortune of sovereigns, guiding all with hidden sayings in the will of God, which when they obeyed, they exulted, but reaped bitter sorrow in slighting, for thou hadst become the very mouth of God.

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Verse: Wondrous is God in His saints.

2) Bring your pains, your weakness and distress to this swift providence and healer, this godly haven of rest,

Xenia the compassionate, the staff of strength to all. Weep to her that wept all her life;

Implore the comforter; bring your sufferings unto her that chose the Cross of Christ;

For no tear is spurned by her mercy,

but like seed that falleth in good earth quickly bringeth forth response to heartfelt prayer.

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Verse: With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me.

3) Though thou didst conceal thy gifts in life, after death, thy Father, Who saw thee performing all for His sake, open ly hath made thy grave a fount of miracles, healing sickness and staying death, resolving men's troubles, lighting up the way of life for all invoking thee.

Wherefore, with thy God-given boldness, help our souls, O venerable Xenia, open up the Kingdom that our sins have shut.