

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) Wear - ing tat - tered clothes no thief would steal, thou wast clad with -
- in with a maj - es - ty that no An - gel would scorn;
feign - ing fol - ly, thou didst dark - ly tell of
things to come, proph - e - sy - ing the death of kings,
the for - tune of sov - 'reigns, guid - ing all with
hid - den say - ings in the will of God,
which when they o - beyed, they ex - ult - ed,
but reaped bit - ter sor - row in slight - ing,
for thou hadst be - come the ver - y mouth of God.

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Verse: Wondrous is God in His saints.

2) Bring your pains, your weak - ness and dis - tress to this swift pro -
- vid - er and heal - er, this god - ly ha - ven of rest,
Xen - ia the com - pas - sion - ate, the staff of
strength to all. Weep to her that wept all her life;
im - plore the con - sol - er; bring your suf - frings
un - to her that chose the Cross of Christ;
for no tear is spurned by her mer - cy,
but like seed that fall - eth in good earth
quick - ly bring - eth forth re - sponse to heart - felt prayer.

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

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3) Though thou didst con - ceal thy gifts in life, af - ter death, thy
Fa - ther, Who saw thee per - form - ing all for His sake,
o - pen - ly hath made thy grave a fount of
mir - a - cles, heal - ing sick - ness and stay - ing death,
re - solv - ing men's trou - bles, light - ing up the
way of life for all in - vok - ing thee.
Where - fore, with thy God - giv - en bold - ness,
help our souls, O ven - er - a - ble Xen - ia,
o - pen up the King - dom that our sins have shut.