January 16th

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter

Exaposteilarion & Theotokion

Byzantine Mode 2
Special Melody: Hearken, ye women

1) O Pe-ter, not by flesh and blood but by the Fa- ther

2) As a pure vir-gin past re-proach and as a moth-er

wast thou moved to preach of Christ's per-fect God-head,
art thou known; for thou didst give birth past na-ture

as the one Son of the Fa-ther, the Liv-ing God; hence
to God and man; and thy child-birth be-came sal-vation

He Him-self both called thee bles-t and right-ful-ly did name thee
un-to all who sing with love: All hon-or, praise, and wor-ship

Pe-ter, since thou art the Church's stead-fast foun-da-tion
to the Tri-ni-ty, the Ho-ly God, Whose dread pres-ence

and her un-shak-en and firm rock.

can-not be borne in its full-ness.

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