January 16th

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Plagal of 2nd Tone (Tone 6)
Special Melody: As it is written

1) O Chief Apostle praised by all, we honor the trials and pains of thy preaching; and while worshiping with faith thy chains, we sing the praises of Christ, the Life-stower, the Benefactor of our lowly souls.

2) As from the deep of godlessness thou leddest up up on the hook of thy preaching mortal men, so lead us up from want of zeal and purpose by

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thy divine entreaties, O all-famed Peter,
as we praise thee with love.

3) Employ thy prayers as keys with God, prepare for us the entrances into Heaven; and, O Peter famed of all, since thou hast boldness, open the gates on high to us, who glorify thee as the Apostles' Chief.