January 24th

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

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) Toiling with labors both night and day, O Xenia,

thou buildest up the divine temple

of the Lord: with the bricks, a comely church,

and with prayer, thy most blessed soul, where in the Lord

God Almighty took His rest

and gave thee strength passing nature to travail

unto the benefit of thy neighbor and the glory of thy Lord, with Whom never cease to

plead for them that honor thee.

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2) Thou for a season didst disappear out of the sight of the world, to return as a shining lamp hid beneath the bushel of thine ostensible foolishness; but beams of miracles made thee known to all; in thy dark sayings, great wisdom brightly shone; and with thy prophecies, thou didst guide the lives of those who honored thee, for they knew the Spirit of the Lord abode in thee.
3) He that in thy lifetime gave thee strength to pass the limits of man after death made thy sepulcher an abundant store of grace with the cure fit for each distress. And since thou livest eternally in Christ, thou dost appear in all quarters of the earth, showing what gifts thou hast to assist them that invoke thy name in faith, O all-lauded Xenia, glory of the Orthodox.