

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) Toil - ing with la - bors both night and day, O Xen - ia,
thou build - est up the di - vine tem - ple
of the Lord: with the bricks, a come - ly church,
and with prayer, thy most bless - ed soul, where - in the
Lord God Al - might - y took His rest
and gave thee strength pass - ing na - ture to tra - vail
un - to the ben - e - fit of thy neigh - bor and the
glo - ry of thy Lord, with Whom nev - er cease to
plead for them that hon - or thee.

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2) Thou for a sea - son didst dis - ap - pear out of the
sight of the world, to re - turn as a
shin - ing lamp hid be - neath the bush - el of
thine os - ten - si - ble fool - ish - ness; but beams of
mir - a - cles made thee known to all;
in thy dark say - ings, great wis - dom bright - ly shone;
and with thy proph - e - cies, thou didst guide the lives of
those who hon - ored thee, for they knew the Spir - it
of the Lord a - bode in thee.

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3) He that in thy life - time gave thee strength to pass the
 lim - its of man af - ter death _____ made thy
 sep - ul - cher an a - bun - dant store of grace
 with the cure fit for each _____ dis - tress. And since thou
 liv - est ē - ter - nal - ly in Christ,
 thou dost ap - pear _____ in all quar - ters of thē earth,
 show - ing what gifts thou hast to as - sist them that in -
 -voke thy name in faith, O all - laud - ed Xen - ia,
 glo - ry of thē Or - tho - dox.