January 27th  
Recovery of the Relics of John Chrysostom  
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4  
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee  
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Bright-er are thy sa-cred doc-trines and re-splen-dent a-
above all gold, O all-wise Fa-ther Chrys-ostom, which
pour-ing on pau-pered minds, thou dost make them wealth-y;
driv-ing off the gross gloom of pas-sions, thou dost chase a-way
the bit-ter win-ter of av-a-rice and greed; and
thus we du-ly call thee bless-ed and we pi-ously
ven-er-ate the blest dust of thy rel-ics now

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2) When thou wast unjustly exiled from thy flock, righteous Father John, thou didst bear bitter sufferings and banishment, whereby thou wast accounted worthy of a blessed end as a valiant athlete great in strength, who hurled the crafty deceiver to the ground; and Christ hath rightly crowned thee with un fading laurels of victory, O all blessed John Chrysostom, thou ambassador for our souls.
3) Let that river overflowing with the waters of right belief, and the pillar of flaming fire, the
-ology's golden mouth, and the mind of Heaven,

him who for all sinners doth stand as surety and pledge,

the God-inspired preacher of repentance, and the

brightly beam ing luminar y and the heav enly

man on earth; let the blessed John Chrysostom

be ex toled with sweet songs today.
As the Queen of Cities doth receive thy relics, O Chrysostom, as a fair royal ornament, by them she is magnified; and as she exulteth in thy words, she calleth the world to joy and to divine participation in thine abundant gifts, while crying with a mighty voice: Thou, O my Jesus supremely good, art the glory and good report of Thy servants in very truth.