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# Recovery of the Relics of St. Athanasius the Great

## Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) In thy doc-trines, which breathe with fire, all the sub-stance of  
her - e - sies is burnt up like sticks\_\_\_ in the  
flame, O man most wise; the host of god - less and  
dis - o - be - dient foes\_\_\_ drown - eth in the depths  
of thy knowl-edge and thy thoughts; but the Church of the  
faith - ful is ev - er fair ar - rayed with thy doc - trines of  
wis - dom, O blest Fa - ther Ath - a - na - sius, as with  
great\_\_\_ voice it giv - eth hon - or and praise to thee.

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**E** **Un.**  
2) All the Church is made beau - ti - ful with the splen - dor and  
**E**  
el - o - quence of thy god - ly speech; and with  
fit - ting rev - er - ence, she doth re - joice in thy  
doc - trines as in beau - ti - ful or - na - ments  
and doth hon - or, as is due, thine all - fes - tive me -  
- mo - ri - al, O fair boast of priests, great and far - shin - ing  
**G**  
preach - er of true pi - e - ty, O right - eous Ath - a -  
**E**  
- na - sius, the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty's cham - pi - on.

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E Un.

3) With thy doc - trines as with a\_\_ staff, thou didst chase the no -

E

- et - ic wolves from the Church of Christ\_\_ and didst

wall it round a - bout wth a strong for - tress of

words, O\_\_ all - wise Fa - ther and un - to Christ

thou didst then pre - sent the Church whol - ly safe\_\_ and a -

-bove all harm. Him do thou en - treat to de - liv - er from

G

dan - gers and cor - rup - tion them that faith - ful - ly do

E

hon - or thine ev - er - ven - 'ra - ble mem - o - ry.