May 2nd

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 doctrines, which breathe with fire, all the substance of
heresies is burnt up like sticks in the
flame, O man most wise; the host of godless and
disobedient foes drowneth in the depths
of thy knowledge and thy thoughts; but the Church of the
faithful is ever fair arrayed with thy doctrines of
wisdom, O blest Father Athanasius, as with
great voice it giveth honor and praise to thee.
2) All the Church is made beautiful with the splendor and eloquence of thy godly speech; and with fitting reverence, she doth rejoice in thy doctrines as in beautiful ornaments and doth honor, as is due, thine all-festive memorial, O fair boast of priests, great and far-shining preacher of true piety, O righteous Athanasius, the Holy Trinity's champion.
3) With thy doctrines as with a staff, thou didst chase the no-
etic wolves from the Church of Christ and didst wall it round about with a strong fortress of words, O all-wise Father and unto Christ thou didst then present the Church wholly safe and above all harm. Him do thou entreat to deliver from dangers and corruption them that faithfully do honor thine ever venerable memory.