November 25th

**Great-martyr Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria**

Stichera at the Praises

**Byzantine Tone 2**

**Special Melody: With what fair crowns**

**Arranged by Basil Crow**

1) With what fair crown of praise shall we crown and adorn thee, O glorious Katherine? Who didst wisely hate all the things of earth, embracing things never perishing; who freely didst die for Christ the Savior, who art the resplendent bride of our great King and God, who shinest with lightning splendor throughout all the world;
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the holy dove, pure and spotless, who hast been received now in the brilliant bridal chambers of Heaven by Christ our God, Who grant eth Great Mercy to the world.

2) With what fair praise as with fragrant flow'rs shall we deck the great prize-winner Katherine? for she hath convicted the immoral pious and trod all error beneath
her feet; who dwell eth in Heaven's bina-

dal chambers and leap eth for joy and danc eth

in divine delight, confess ing

the Holy Trinity as Cause of all

with the divine hosts of Angels; by her medi-

ations grant Thy peace and mercy, O Christ,

to us who now honor or her with

long ing and pi ous rever ence.

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3) With what sweet words of high hymn - - -

-nobody shall we honor the Queen

with our praises, lauding all-wise Kath'rine in song

today, the Virgin Martyr replete

with grace? that valiant destroyer of

deception, who struck down all the philosophers with wonderment and shattered

the vaunting boldness of Maxentius,

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and in the midst of the lawless, nerved with steadfast courage, preached of Christ before the whole world as man wholly free of sin, and God Who was eternally.