January 18th

Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius, Patriarch of Alexandria
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Per-se-cu-tions didst thou en-dure; man-y per-ils didst
thou a-bide, right-eous Ath-a-na-sius, thou
man of speech di- vine till thou hadst ban-ished far
off the god-less er-ror of Ar-i-us
and hadst saved the faith-ful flock from his griev-ous im-
pi-e-ty, when with right be-lief thou didst teach that the
Son and Spir-it both are one in es-sence with the
Fa-ther, O sa-cred min-is-ter blest of God.

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2) With thy preaching's bright lightning-bolts, thou didst drive all deception out, and thou didst enlighten them that were in the dark, when for the Faith, thou didst cast thyself in dangers, O most renowned, as a firm foundation-stone and true shepherd of Christ God's Church. Wherefore, we rejoice as we gather to honor thee with songs, O steadfast Father Athanasius, on this, thy holy memorial.
3) Thou didst zealously train thyself in all virtue, O God-inspired; and with holy chrism anointed as a priest by the Good Spirit, thou truly wast a most sacred minister, a defender of the Faith, and a true shepherd of the flock. Wherefore, all the Church glorifieth and sacredly observeth thy memorial, O Father, while glorifying the Savior Christ.