January 24th
Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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

1) As a pilgrim upon the earth and a stranger to worldly things, thou, O blessed Xenia, wast daily crucified in homeless wand'ring, in poverty, in mocking, in heat and cold, having nothing on the earth but the love of the Son of God Whobased Himself with a poverty thou hast nobly followed, and Whose glory thou now sharpest in everlasting magnificence.

2) When the blow of thy husband's death blew the vain mist of worldly joys from thy prudent soul, thou didst die to earthly life; and taking on thee the burden of thy yoke mate's unshriven soul, thou didst learn that boundless love of the new Bride-groom thou hadst found and thou didst become a divine intercessor for the suffering, an advocate for sinners, a help to all that invoke thy care.
3) To the people of Petersburg thou didst make known what bitterness lurketh in the sweetness of all the world's delights when thou didst show them the corpse hidden in honey of greatest price; for thy seeming foolishness hid within it the heavenly wisdom of the Lord, Who through sorrows effected thee and made of thee a spring of endless wonders, O noble Xenia, our champion.