

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

E Un.

1) As a pil - grim up - on th _ earth and a strang - er to

E

world - ly things, thou, O bless - ed Xen - ia, wast

dai - ly cru - ci - fied in home - less wan - d'rings, in

pov - er - ty, in mock - ing, in heat and cold,

hav - ing noth - ing on th earth but the love___ of the

Son of God Who a - based Him - self with a pov - er - ty

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thou hast no - bly fol - lowed, and Whose glo - ry thou now

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shar - est in ev - er - last - ing mag - nif - i - cence.

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2) When the blow of thy hus - band's death blew the vain mist of

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world - ly joys from thy pru - dent soul, — thou didst



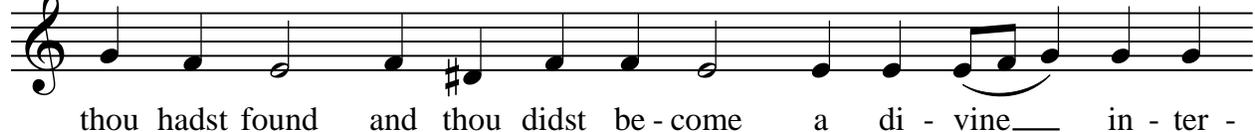
die to earth - ly life; and tak - ing on thee the



bur - den_ of thy yoke - mate's un - shriv - en soul,

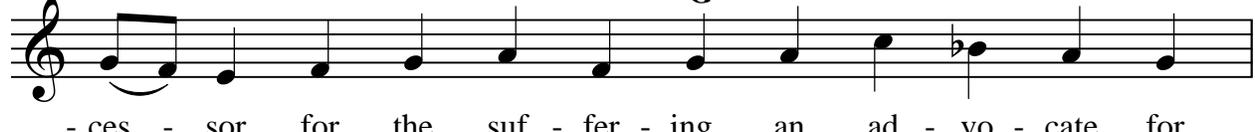


thou didst learn that bound - less love of the new — Bride-groom



thou hadst found and thou didst be - come a di - vine_ in - ter -

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- ces - sor for the suf - fer - ing, an ad - vo - cate for

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sin - ers, a help to all_ that in - voke thy care.

E **Un.**

3) To the peo - ple of Pe - ters - burg thou didst make known what

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bit - ter - ness lurk - eth in the sweet - ness of

all the world's de - lights when thou didst show them the

corpse hid - den in hon - ey of great - est price;

for thy seem - ing fool - ish - ness hid with - in it the

heav - en - ly wis - dom of the Lord, Who through sor - rows per -

G

- fect - ed thee and made of thee a spring of end - less

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won - ders, O no - ble Xen - ia, our cham - pi - on.