March 17th
Venerable Alexios, the "Man of God"
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) We know thee to be a man of God both in name and in thy deeds; for thou didst shine forth in virtues while possessing on the earth poverty unbound-ed with all strait-ness and dis-tress;

and through thy signs and won-ders, the faithful were per-suaded of the truth. O Alex-ios, inter-cede with Christ that He grant peace and Great Mer-cy to our souls.

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2) With love which refreshed thee like the dew, thou didst quench all burning fleshly love, exchanging in piety the bridal chamber here for that bridal chamber, trading bodily delights for the divine resemblance of Angels. Hence, Alexios, with their choirs, intercede thou with the Lord our God that He grant peace and Great Mercy to our souls.