March 17th

Patrick, Bishop of Armagh and Enlightener of Ireland

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Not in world - ly strength and wis - dom did the Lord find His
mess - sen - ger, but in bond - age and na - ked - ness; yet
clothed with a no - ble mind, for - ti - tude, and fer - vor.

Wherefore He Who sent rus - tic Gal - i - le - ans forth as lights
gave thee their bur - den and sac - red dig - ni - ty; and
thou, through years of dil - i - gence, didst show thy - self wor - thy
of His grace. Now, O Pat - rick, at - tend to us,

who ex - tol - thee with joy of heart.

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2) With thy sweat of apostolic toils, thy tears shed in fervent prayer, and with streams of baptismal grace didst thou make a heathen land, which was dry and barren, richly to sprout forth with the verdure of the Faith of Christ; then emerald Ireland exulted to behold a newly hallowed Christian folk that grew and flourished because of thee, her Apostle and man of God, whom the Angels themselves revere.