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 worldly strength and wisdom did the Lord find His messenger, but in bondage and nakedness; yet

clothed with a noble mind, fortitude, and fervor.

Wherefore He Who sent rustic Galileans forth as lights
gave thee their burden and sacred dignity; and

thou, through years of diligence, didst show thyself worthy

of His grace. Now, O Patrick, attend to us,

who exalt 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.