

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

E Un. E

1) Not in world - ly strength and wis - dom did the Lord find His

mes - sen - ger, but in bond - age and na - ked - ness; yet

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clothed with a no - ble mind, for - ti - tude, and fer - vor.

Where-fore He Who sent rus - tic Gal - i - le - ans forth as lights

gave thee their bur - den and sa - cred dig - ni - ty; and

thou, through years of dil - i - gence, didst show thy - self wor - thy

G E

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 ap - os - tol - ic toils, thy tears shed in

fer - vent prayer, and with streams of bap - tis - mal grace didst

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thou make a hea - then land, which was dry and bar - ren,

rich - ly to sprout forth with the ver - dure of the Faith of Christ;

then em - 'rald Ire - land ex - ult - ed to be - hold a

new - ly hal - lowed Chris - tian folk that grew and flour - ished be -

G E

-cause of thee, her A - pos - tle and man of God,

whom thē An - gels them - selves re - vere.