March 18th

Our Father Among the Saints Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

1) Thou hast risen up as a star and enlightened all faithful men with the sacred rays of the doctrines thou didst preach; but thou hast darkened the heresies and turned them back in defeat; as a servant who increased the good talent bestowed on him, thou hast pleased Christ God, thy good Master, O godly-minded Cyril; and with joy thou hast committed thy sacred spirit into His hands.

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2) With the clear wisdom of thy words and the radiance
of thy life, thou didst shine forth notably
like a flashing star amidst the council of
Fathers, O blest Cyril most admirable;
with the cords of grace divine thou didst choke
Macendonius, godless and profane, that transgressor who
senselessly blasphemed in all men's sight the Holy
Spirit, Who giveth life to all living things.

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3) Thou didst shame the accursed mind of deranged Mani mightily, when thou didst most wisely and worthily convict the foul and mire-laden teachings of his forward stupidity, fairest majesty of priests, chief of teachers of piety, godly champion of the whole Church of Christ; hence we keep feast upon thy venerable doction with jubilation and all delight.