

May 2nd

# Recovery of the Relics of St. Athanasius the Great

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.



1) Per - se - cu - tions didst thou en - dure; man - y per - ils didst

E



thou a - bide, right - eous Ath - a - na - sius, thou



man of speech di - vine, 'til thou hadst ban - ished far



off the - god - less er - ror of A - ri - us



and hadst saved the faith - ful flock from his griev - ous im -



- pi - e - ty, when with right be - lief thou didst teach - that the

G



Son - and Spir - it both are one in es - sence with the

E



Fa - ther, O sa - cred min - is - ter blest of God.

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2) With thy preach-ing's bright light - ning-bolts, thou didst drive all de -

E

- cep - tion out, and thou didst en - light - en them

that were in the dark, when for the Faith, thou didst

cast thy - self in dan - gers, O most re - nowned,

as a firm foun - da - tion - stone and true shep - herd of

Christ God's Church. Where - fore, we re - joice as we gath - er to

G

hon - or thee with songs, O stead - fast Fa - ther Ath - a -

E

- na - sius, on this, thy ho - ly me - mo - ri - al.

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E Un.

3) Thou didst zeal - ous - ly train thy - self in all vir - tue, O

E

God - in - spired; and with ho - ly chris - m a -

- noint - ed as a priest by the Good Spir - it, thou

tru - ly wast a most sa - cred min - is - ter,

a de - fend - er of the Faith, and a true shep - herd

of the flock. Where - fore, all the Church glo - ri - fi - eth and

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sa - cred - ly ob - serv - eth thy me - mo - ri - al, O

E

Fa - ther, while glo - ri - fy - ing the Sav - ior Christ.