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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1) Persecutions didst thou endure; many perils didst thou abide, righteous Athanasius, thou man of speech divine, 'til thou hadst banished far off the godless error of Arius and hadst saved the faithful flock from his grievous impiety, when with right belief thou didst teach that the Son and Spirit both are one in essence with the Father, O sacred minister blest of God.

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2) With thy preaching's bright lightning-bolts, thou didst drive all deception out, and thou didst enlighten them that were in the dark, when for the Faith, thou didst cast thyself in dangers, O most renowned, as a firm foundation-stone and true shepherd of Christ God's Church. Wherefore, we rejoice as we gather to honor thee with songs, O steadfast Father Athanasius, on this, thy holy memorial.
3) Thou didst zealously train thyself in all virtue, O God inspired; and with holy chrism anointed as a priest by the Good Spirit, thou truly wast a most sacred minister, a defender of the Faith, and a true shepherd of the flock. Wherefore, all the Church glorifieth and sacredly observeth thy memorial, O Father, while glorifying the Savior Christ.