May 21st

Equals-to-the-Apostles Constantine & Helen

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) As a might-y weap-on Thou hast giv-en un-to our

Em-per-or Thy most hon-o-red and pre-cious Cross, by

which he reigned on the earth right-eous-ly and just-ly,

shin- ing forth in pi-e-ty; and Thy mer-cy hath vouch-safed

to him the King-dom of Heav-en by Thy grace. With

him, we all now glo-ri fy Thy man-be-friend-ing é-

con-o-my, O my Je-sus, Al-might-y Lord,

Thou di-vine Sav-ior of our souls.
2) Thou hast richly given to Thy pious servant, O Friend of man, David's meekness and gentleness, the wisdom of Solomon, and the Orthodoxy of Thy Twelve Apostles, since Thou art alone King of kings and Lord of lords, Who dost govern all that is. On this account, we glorify Thy manifold economy, O my Jesus, Almighty Lord, Thou divine Savior of our souls.
3) Thou wast first to submit the scepter un to Christ willingly, ever mem'ra ble Emperor, per receiv ing Him to be God and the King of all things, He Who giv eth vic 'try, the Benefactor un to all, above all power and princip ality. O thou who lov est Christ, for this cause was thy kingdom made prosperous by Christ Jesus, the Friend of man, the divine Savior of our souls.