July 5th
Venerable Athanasius the Athonite
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) What _ hymns and _ sweet-ly - sung _ songs _

Of _ praise shall we _ offer _ di - vine _

Ath - a - na - sius, who was fair _ ad - orned _ with all right _ -

- eous _ deeds and rich - ly flour _ ished _ in ev -

- ry _ grace that pour - eth _ in _ streams _ from _

di - vine _ light; _ that _ sword _ which cut through the pas - sions'

fu - ry _ and _ as - saults; _ that _ pil - lar

which shone like _ light - ning _ with _ di - vine _ vi - sion;
that lamp of temperance and fasting, which upon the
lampstand of his soul shone forth brightly with
the holy decrees and laws of God, Who bestoweth life on all.

2) We who are vain and vile, with
what wreaths wrought of words shall we crown
Athanasius, that swift falcon piercing the upper air, lifted to Heaven while soaring

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- ing up on God-given wings of myst-
- tic vi-sion; that firm and un-yield-ing tow-
- er of hu-mil-i-ty; the ram-
- part of true dis-
- cre-tion nev-
- er breached or moved;

the state-
- ly gem and the beau-
- ty of the mor-
- al or-
- der; who doth in-
- ter-cede with Christ God,

thē on-
- ly Com-
- pas-
- sion-
- ate, in

prayer for his chil-
- dren in the Lord.

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3) Thou wast a morn whose light never ceased, righteous Father, divine Athanasius; and them that were blind with the passions' gloom, thou drewest unto unwaning light with thy shining beacon fire of graces; and so when thou hadst increased the talent given thee, Christ showed thee to be a healer of afflicted souls,
who with the sword of thy counsels cut-test out the fester of incurable sores and wounds,

while giving a saving health to all them that draw nigh unto thee.