

July 21st

Righteous Fathers John of Edessa in Mesopotamia & Simeon of Homs (Emesa), the Fool-for-Christ

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Dwell-ing in the wil - der - ness in ho - ly con - cord, ye
gave your - selves to di - vine and un - ceas - ing prayer and
splen - did - ly ra - di - ant vi - sions sent from Heav - en,
by the which ye wise - ly quelled all the stir - rings of the flesh
and made your hearts bright - ly shine with won - drous light, per -
fect - ing them as ves - sels for the Spir - it's gifts rich - ly
giv - en out, O ye might - y sup - ports of monks,
John and Sim - e - on blest of God.

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2) While pre - tend - ing fool - ish - ness, O Fa - ther, thou thus didst

make a fool of thē au - thor of wick - ed - ness, O

G E

Sim - e - on, work - ing signs, do - ing ver - y strange things,

driv - ing de - mons off, and be - stow - ing sav - ing light to guide

them that were found in the bit - ter night of sin; and

in the midst of world - ly tu - mulds, thou didst keep thy mind

G E

un - dis - turbed, since dis - pas - sion was giv - en thee

from thy God, O di - vine - ly blest.

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3) Low - ly in thy think - ing, filled with love for God, great in
 sym - pa - thy, brim - ming o - ver with char - i - ty wast
 thou, O blest Sim - e - on, meek and ver - y hum - ble,
 liv - ing all thy days like an an - gel walk - ing on thē earth,
 hav - ing a life that was tru - ly heav - en - ly. Hence,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it came and took up Their
 rest in thee, since, O Fa - ther in - spired of God,
 thou wast pure and be - yond re - proach.