August 16th
Icon Not Made With Hands (Holy Napkin)
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: With what fair crowns

Arranged by Basil Crow

1) We who are born of earth, with Byzantine Tone 2
what eyes shall we look on Thy ven-
- rable icon, which even the Angels' divine
- arrays cannot behold without fear,
- O Word, ablaze with the lightnings of
divine light. Departing today the land of
faithless infidels, it cometh,
at the command and summons of our God,

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to the imperial city and a pious people; and upon its entrance, O Christ,

with fear and faith kings draw nigh to

fall down before it joyfully.

2) We that be formed of vile dust and clay, with what hands shall we touch

Thy pure icon? We who are defiled with iniquities, how shall we touch Thee, our sin -
We, sul lied. In trem bling, the dread ful Cher u

bim hide their fac es; Thy glo ry

is more than Ser a phim can look up on;

with fear cre a tion doth serve Thee; do Thou not con

demn us, who un wor thi ly dare to kiss

in faith and with fer vent love Thine

im age most dread, O Christ our God.
3) Come now is the divine day again of the festival of our kind Master. For He that is seated above the heights is come to visit us pensively by means of His fair and allowed icon. And He that is never seen on high by Cherubim is seen through depiction by those like whom He is made,
being ineffably formed by the immaculate
finger of the Father in that likeness.
And we, as we worship it with longing and faith, are sanctified.