August 30th

Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Since thou wast a shep-herd of the Church, O all-bless-ed Alex-

-and-er, and the cham-pion of Or-tho-doxy, thou didst o-ver-turn

Ar-i-us's vaunt-ing by thy strong and earn-est prayers,

pre-sent-ing thy re-quest to the mer-ci-ful Re-

dee-m-er of all men. And do thou now in-ter-cede with Him

that He grant peace and Great Mer-cy to our souls.

2) O ven'-ra-ble John, thou didst ab-hor the corrup-tion of the

flesh; where-fore through tem-per-ance, faith and sleep-less watch-ings through

the

night, and through thy con-fes-sion, thou wast tru-ly found to be

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an angel on the earth and a man whose life was high in Heaven's courts. Do thou therefore intercede with Christ that He grant peace and Great Mercy to our souls.

3) O Paul, since thou didst wisely obey Paul's divine and sacred doctrines, to the third Heaven thou with him didst verily ascend, to the height of virtues, and, O blest one, thou didst hear the Spirit's most divine and unspoken soul-exalting words. Now entreat the Savior ceaselessly, thou unshaken pillar of the Orthodox.