October 8th
Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Pel-a-gi-a most ven-ra-ble, with all tem-prance and
toil didst thou mor-ti-fy thy bod-y while
quick-en-ing thy soul, mak-ing it fair; and be-
com-ing an a-bode of the Com-fort-er,

thou wast mys-ti-c'lly made one, with thy Bride-groom and

Fash-ion-er. Him do thou en-treat to de-liv-er from

per-ils and corrup-tion them that faith-ful-ly do

hon-or thine ev-er-mem-ra-ble mem-o-ry.
2) Pelagia most glorious, thy corporeal love-li-ness didst thou form anew in that primal dig-ni-ty; not with bright paint or with flow-ers but with vir-tue's em-bellishments didst thou deck thy-self right fair in the image and like-ness of thine Artif-i-cer, while most earn-est ly pray-ing and im-plor-ing for all faith-fully ob-serv-ing thine ev-er-men-m'a-ble mem-ory.
3) Daily pouring out the divine alabaster jar

of thy tears, thou didst fill the Heavens with scents exceeding sweet; and they were offered to Christ as greatly precious and costly myrrh, shed with heartfelt fervency as the sweet mystic fragrance of thy love for Him. Do thou therefore be-

seech Him and implore Him for all faithfully ob-

serv ing thine ever mem’ra ble mem’ry.