December 5th

God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special melody: O Righteous Father

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and thou unceasingly delightest in His beauty. Do thou entreat Christ, do thou plead with Christ, O righteous one, that the Church may be granted concord, tranquility, great mercy, and lasting unity.

O blessed Sabbas, lamp of abstinence that nought could quench, far-shining luminary of monks and treasury of cures that beameth with the splendor of love most fiery; tower of patience never shah...

ken or moved, strength and firm foundation for them that show thee honor; O thou who madest the wilderness a great and populous city and in all truth didst show it forth to be a Paradise most godly, which bringeth forth the saved as fruits divine and come ly. Do thou entreat Christ, do thou plead with Christ, O righteous one, that the Church may be granted concord, tranquility, great mercy, and lasting unity.
O godly Sabbas, blazing pillar bright with virtues’ fire, and beacon-light that show-eth peoples the way leading through the sea of the wide world unto that divine port: spirits of error hast thou cast to the ground, O thou purest vessel of God the Holy Spirit; unto monastics thou art a guide, and an exact rule and standard of abstinence; outstanding height of true humility and meekness,
and fountain gushing forth with seas of cures and healings. Do thou entreat Christ, do thou plead with Christ, O righteous one, that the Church may be granted concord, tranquility, great mercy, and lasting unity.