December 9th
Consecration of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6
Special Melody: Ye angelic hosts

1) Sov'reign Master Christ, Thou divine immortal Wisdom,

by Thy gracious gaze, do Thou visit us from Heaven

in this, Thy holy temple, and preserve it unshakeable till the consummation

of the world, O compassionate Christ God, our Savior;

and to all who flee there to with faith, do Thou vouchsafe

Thy light unapproachable.

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2) Solomon of old, when he built the holy temple,
offered blood of beasts unto Thee for sacrifices,
as types of Thine own temple, which Thou willingly didst acquire with Thy very Blood, O Friend of man; and together with him, we implore Thee,
that Thou ever send Thine Upright Spirit here into,
Thou only Compassionate.
3) Filled with festive joy, come let us rejoice, ye brethren;

let us form a chorus that singeth in the spirit;

and let us make the lantern of our soul bright with oil today; for thus is the Consecration honored, and glory rendered our Creator, by Whom every man is raised aloft to Heaven's heights through being renewed in soul.

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