

January 16th

# Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter

## Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4  
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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E Un. E

1) Come ye, let us wor - ship now the pre - cious chains where - by

all the bonds of the pas - sions have been de - stroyed; for

G E

through th in - ef - fa - ble gifts of all - wise Pe - ter

have his chains been sol - emn - ly sanc - ti - fied in ver - y truth

and have re - ceived from him ev - er - flow - ing grace. They

cut a - sun - der all the bind - ing cords of sor - rows and

G E

tres - pas - ses, grant - ing loos - ing from ev - 'ry ill

through the grace — God hath giv - en him.

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9 **E** **Un.** **E**

2) O all - laud - ed Pe - ter, Chief of th A - pos - tles, thy

chain doth shine like a line reach - ing to the heights, by

**G** **E**

which we are led from earth to the gates of Heav - en;

and in faith we come to thee, O thou won - drous and most wise,

as th il - lus - tri - ous keep - er of the keys. En -

-trust - ed with the keys, then, of the King - dom, o - pen thou

**G** **E**

un - to us in thy mer - cy th en - try - way

to sal - va - tion and bless - ed - ness.

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17 **E** **Un.** **E**

3) On this day the ranks of \_\_\_ An - gels join with mor - tals and

joy - ous - ly sing thy prais - es with one ac - cord. For

**G** **E**

when the Lord's An - gel came, smote thy side, and woke \_\_\_ thee,

thou didst flee the guard and the chain of thy cap - tiv - i - ty,

leav - ing thy bonds un - to them that bound thee up. And

now, O all - wise Pe - ter, as thou dost be - stow this great

**G** **E**

joy on us, thou dost break th un - break - a - ble

bond of sin \_\_\_\_\_ that con - demned us once.