

January 26th

Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons,  
Arkadios and John, of Constantinople

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2  
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

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1) Shin - ing with high dig - ni - ty of soul, thou didst make thy -  
- self more il - lus - tri - ous through thine alms - deeds and faith;  
for with joy didst thou dis - perse thy rich - es  
to the poor. Hence, O Fa - ther, thy right - eous - ness  
a - bid - eth for ev - er, shin - ing on thy soul that fair and  
nev - er - set - ting light,  
where thou see - st thy right - eous chil - dren  
and their bless - ed moth - er now dwell - ing  
in the heav - 'nly cit - y, O wise Xen - o - phon.

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2) Per - ish - a - ble glo - ry did ye scorn, and ye were vouch -  
-safed thē un - per - ish - ing grace and glo - ry of God  
for ye tram - pled un - der - foot ev - 'ry de -  
- light of life, long - ing ar - dent - ly af - ter Christ,  
the tru - ly de - light - ful, Who hath saved you from the storm and  
bil - lows of the world  
and hath brought you forth to cast an - chor  
in that peace - ful life filled with bright - ness,  
O God - bear - ers who are bless - ed in all things.

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3) Hav - ing slain the pas - sions of the flesh, ye ar - rayed your -  
- selves in the gar - ment of true dis - pas - sion, O Saints,  
which by spot - less pu - ri - ty of life ye  
wove with skill; and for liv - ing the An - gels' life  
while yet in the bod - y, ye have been vouch-safed an - gel - ic  
glo - ry in the heights,  
where ye all re - jice and take pleas - ure  
in div - ine and heav - en - ly splen - dor,  
O ye great of spir - it, who strove val - iant - ly.