November 19: Holy Martyr Barlaam  
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"  
Tone 4, Special Melody "As one valiant among the martyrs..."  
Optina Hermitage Melody

(3) Reader:  In the 4th Tone, Special Melody "As one valiant among martyrs"  
For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Firm er than a pillar, stronger than brass,

..and mightier than iron wast thou; for, when heated by fire,

each of them doth disintegrate and is straight way destroyed, overcome

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St. John of Kronstadt Press. The complete service may be purchased through: sjkp.org  
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by the force there-of; but thine unwavering right hand, out-stretched

over the burning coals, O most wise one, did tri-umph most glo-rious-ly.

(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

As though thou wast a priest stand-ing be-fore God

and com-ing be-fore Him, not with an-oth-er's blood,
but with thine own most of all, O blessed one,

thou didst offer an incense of sweet savor with thy martyr's hand,

not to demonic illusions, but to Christ, the Saviour

and Master, Who reigneth forever.

(I) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.
A priest who offereth and a lamb which is offered:

both do we joyously call thee, O most lauded one;

for as both wast thou immolated in the fire of torment

as an unblemished sacrifice to God. Him do thou entreat,

that He save those who ever honor thy most glorious memory.