

The 12th Day of March

Commemoration of our Venerable Father, Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder...”*

O divinely-wise father Theophanes, /
Named for the Theophany of Christ, /
Thou didst follow in His life-bearing footsteps /
And abandoning all the beautiful things of this life /
Thou didst come to look upon Him with divine zeal ///
As the greatest inspiration of thy life.

O divinely-wise father Theophanes, /
Thou didst endure the bitterness of exile and poverty /
Not sparing thy body for the sake of defending the precious icons. /
And being shut in prison by Leo in his fury,
Thou didst make feeble his vain counsels and malicious thoughts, ///
O all-praised Theophanes.

Truely our beneficent Lord hath granted thee, O Theophanes, /
Rich rewards for all thy suffering, /
By giving thee the power to drive away demons and to heal the sick. /
And He vouchsafed to thee, O all-blessèd one, /
The unspeakable joy of abiding with the angels /
And with them to ceaselessly rejoice ///
While gazing upon the face of the Almighty

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)*

Rejoice, O receptacle of the light divine, /
For His Light hath risen upon us from thy most-pure womb! /
Rejoice, O brilliant star and veil of holiness, /
For thy radiance illumines all the ends of the earth with thy grace! /
Rejoice, O pure beginning of our salvation, ///
For thou art an awesome mystery, beyond all words, to those who hope in thee!

Or the Stavrotheotokion: *(in the same Tone)*

“What is this sight that I see, /
What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /
Thou, Who sustainest all creation, lifted up on the Tree, /

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Dost die granting life to all,” /
Cried the Theotokos, weeping, when she beheld upon the Cross ///
The God-man Who had ineffably shone forth from her.

The General Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8: *(none given in the Slav Menaion)*

As an instructor of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and purity, /
A lamp of the universe, and divinely-inspired enrichment of monastics, /
O most-wise Theophanes, by thy teachings thou didst enlighten all. ///
O spirit-filled voice, beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Matins

The Canon of Saint Theophanes, in Tone 4,

Having the acrostic: “I, Theophanes, praise thee, O Theophanes”

the composition of Theophanes the Branded.

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The Kontakion of St. Theophanes, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Seeking the highest....”*

Receiving a divine revelation from on high /
Thou didst straightway abandon all the cares of this world, /
And taking up the solitary life, O ven’rable one, /
In exchange for wealth and family life ///
Thou didst receive the gifts of working wonders and of prophecy.

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