

The 20th Day of February
Commemoration of our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of
Catania

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “Standing before the tribunal....”*

Thou didst reveal thy holy hierarch to the world, O Lord, /
As an heir to the apostles by both words and deeds, /
And as a preacher of Orthodox doctrine. /
Therefore, he is truly a teacher of hierarchs ///
And a participant of Thine incorrupt glory.

Thou, O Leo, wast a living pillar of the Church of Christ, /
A preacher guarding the true teachings of the Word.
Now thou dost behold Him, the ever-abiding and eternal Truth /
And thou dost glorify Him, the Lord and Master of all ///
Who hath so glorified thee.

Thou, hast revealed the words of Thy hierarch Leo, O Lord, /
To be a sharp sword of the Orthodox faith against the impious, /
Cutting away the falsehood of their teachings. ///
Therefore, the wisdom of piety was increased in the world through him, O Master.

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

Behold, the groans of my contrite heart, O Bride of God; /
Accept, O Virgin Mary, and reject not the lifting up of my hands, /
O pure, undefiled one, /
As thou lovest goodness, /
So that I may hymn and glorify thee ///
Who hast glorified our human race.

Or this Stavrotheotokion in the same Tone: *(and melody)*

Seeing her Lamb being led to the slaughter, /
The ewe-lamb followed thee, O Word, weeping and crying aloud /
“Where dost Thou hasten, O my child? /
Let me come with you, my sweetest One! ///
For I cannot endure to behold thee suffering, O most-merciful Jesus!”

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Troparion to the Saint, in Tone 4:

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,
A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, /
So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; /
O holy hierarch, father Leo, /
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Matins

The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8

— *incomplete as of 2/2017*

The Kontakion for the Saint, Tone 8:

The Church has thee, O blessèd Leo, as a brightly burning star, /
A shining beacon brighter than the sun. /
Preserve her invincible, unharmed and unshaken by any heresy ///
Through thy prayers, O ever-mem'rable one.

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