

## **The 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June**

### **Commemoration of our Venerable Father among the Saints, David of Thessalonica.**

#### **Vespers**

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

**O** blessèd father David, /  
Thy mind was illumined through abstinence /  
And mounted on wings thou didst take flight toward the Source of all good things. /  
Thou art become a shining pillar of light /  
Enlightening by thy divine words and miracles /  
All who draw near to thee. ///  
Therefore, we honor and bless thee

**O** ven'rable father David, /  
Like a melodious sparrow, thou didst take shelter in the branches of a tree, /  
Chilled by the cold and burned by the heat; /  
For this thou didst receive golden wings of dispassion and perfection. /  
Now thine abode is in the heights of heaven, ///  
Ever praying for us who praise thee.

**O** ven'rable and divinely-inspired father David, /  
Thou didst burn up the pleasures of the flesh on the coals of abstinence /  
Thyself remaining unconsumed; /  
Thou didst hold in thy hand a burning ember before the presence of the Emperor /  
Who stood in amazement and granted thy prayer /  
Since by the grace of God great favor hath been given to thee ///  
To be a fervent intercessor.

#### **Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 6:**

**O** ven'rable father David, /  
Thine instructions have gone out into all the earth; /  
Destroying the legions of demons; /  
By this thou hast found the reward of thy labors in heaven; /  
And attained to the ranks of the angels, /  
Whose life thou didst blamelessly emulate. /  
And having great boldness before Christ God ///  
Entreat Him that peace be granted to our souls.

**Now and ever..., the Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, “On the third day....”***

**P**ondering thy seedless conception and ineffable birth, /  
The all-pure Virgin wept and cried aloud: /  
‘How is it that in Thy good pleasure, O my Son, /  
Thou dost die unjustly nailed to the Cross.

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

**The Apostikha from the Octoechos, then:**

**Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 8:**

**W**e honor thee as the instructor of a multitude of monastics, /  
O our father David; /  
For truly we have learned to walk aright by following in thy steps. /  
Blessèd art thou, for having labored for Christ, /  
Thou hast destroyed the power of the enemy, /  
O converser with the angels and companion of the righteous, ///  
Pray with them to the Lord that He grant our souls great mercy.

**Now and ever..., the Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”**

**B**eholding her Child upon the Tree /  
As a willing sacrifice, /  
The unblemished Maiden wept bitterly /  
And she cried lamenting: /  
“Woe is me, my beloved Child /  
What hath the ungrateful people done to Thee? ///  
Wishing to leave me childless, O my beloved One.”

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:**

**T**he image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, /  
For thou didst take up thy cross and follow Christ /  
By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away /  
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal ///  
Therefore thy spirit, O holy David, rejoices with the angels.

**Matins**

**The Canon**

**The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 5.**

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**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “The choir of angels....”***

**P**erched in a tree like a melodious sparrow, O blessèd David, /  
Thou wast an ever-flowering branch bearing the fruits of the virtues; /  
And thou didst become like a new Paradise /  
Wisely nurturing in thy heart that tree [of Life which is Christ our God. /  
And having tended it, thou hast nourished us with grace. ///  
Cease not to pray for us, O divinely-wise one.

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