

The 4th Day of June

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints, Metrophanēs, First Patriarch of Constantinople.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside....”*

Thou wast truly a consecrated bearer of God /
The holy anointed of God, clad in the Holy Spirit. /
Thou didst enter into the splendor of the holy of holies /
Illumined with divine radiance; /
Thou didst partake of the grace of the divine mysteries /
As a true and most glorious hierarch, ///
Praying with boldness on behalf of our souls.

Thy life was illumined with the radiance of the virtues, /
And beaming with light like the bright sun of the truth /
Thou didst enlighten the faithful /
Driving away from them the darkness of delusion. /
And now, O most blessed and holy hierarch Metrophanēs, /
Thou dwellest in the light of the never-waning Light /
Having become a child of the Day through the grace of the Holy Spirit. /
So, celebrating thy divine and luminous memory, ///
We lovingly honor thee.

Thy mind was made beautiful by faith, /
And through thy yearning for God, O divinely wise one, /
Thy mortal and corruptible body wast filled with light, /
And thus, thou didst acquire incorruption /
For by attaining even to the splendor of the bodiless angels; /
Thou didst become a stranger to earthly pleasures and wast adorned with
dispassion, /
O most wise father and hierarch Metrophanēs ///
Thou radiant lamp and intercessor for those who lovingly honor thy precious memory.

Glory... now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion,

Or this Theotokion, in Tone 6:

Rejoice, O thou fulfillment of the law! /
Rejoice, holy temple of the Trinity! /
Rejoice, thou immaculate bride! /

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Rejoice, divine chariot of the King of all! /
Rejoice, immaterial fire, bearing the burning Ember in thine arms! /
Rejoice, new garden of the paradise of Eden closed of old! /
Rejoice, divine and all radiant banquet of the Lord! /
Rejoice, O dove undefiled! /
Rejoice, thou throne of the Most-High! ///
Rejoice, noetic resting place of God sheltered by the shadow of the Holy Spirit.

Or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 6:

Beholding her Lamb upon the Cross, /
The unblemished ewe-lamb, the immaculate Lady, /
Cried out in maternal amazement: /
“What is this new and all-glorious wonder, /
O my Sweetest Child? /
How hath this ungrateful assembly betrayed Thee to Pilate, /
And condemn Thee to death, the Life of all? ///
Yet do I praise Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!”

Or, on a Friday or Saturday Evening, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.

The Troparion of 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 Metrophanēs, ///
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Matins

The Canon

Both Canons from the Octoechos, and this Canon of the Saint, in Tone 4,

Having the acrostic; “I sing the glory of the great Metrophanēs.

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The Kontakion of the Saint in Tone 2:

Thou didst clearly teach the faith of Christ /
And by keeping it, didst truly increase thy flock; /
Therefore, rejoicing now with the angels, O holy father Metrophanēs, ///
Thou dost pray to Christ on behalf of us all.