

The 27th Day of June

Commemoration of our Venerable Father among the Saints, Sampson the Hospitable.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

O father Sampson /
Having quenched the flaming desires of the flesh with abstinence /
Thou didst go and make thine abode in the desert like Elijah of old, /
Cleansing thy mind with ceaseless prayer to God. ///
Beseech Him now to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

O father Sampson /
Having adorned thyself with dispassion, /
Thou didst number thyself with the ranks of ascetics; /
And dwelling with them now in the mansions of the righteous, /
In the presence of the never-waning Light and the Tree of Life. ///
Beseech Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

O divinely-inspired father Sampson /
Thou didst shine forth like a lamp unto all the world /
Enlightening all with the brightness of thy miracles, /
Dispelling the darkness of soul-corrupting infirmities /
And driving away the gloominess of the demons. ///
Beseech Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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

Oh, woe is me, what shall I do? /
My mind and soul and body are polluted by my transgressions; /
What can I do to avoid the unquenchable flames and the eternal chains? /
But do thou help me, O all-pure one ///
Before the end, beseech thy Son to grant unto me the remission of my sins.

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

As she beheld her Lamb upon the Cross, /
Bereft of form or comeliness, /
The unblemished Ewe-lamb, the sovereign Lady, cried lamenting: /
Woe is me! Where hath Thy beauty fled? /
Where is Thy splendor, O most Sweet One? ///
Where is the radiant grace of Thine image, O my most beloved Son?

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Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:

Patiently didst thou reap thy reward, O ven'erable father, /
Living a life of constant prayer, loving, and feeding the poor. /
Now we beseech thee, O merciful and hospitable father Sampson, ///
To entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Matins

The Canon

The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 2,
having the acrostic; "With faith and divine words I praise thee, O Sampson."
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After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 8: *To the melody, "As the first fruits...."*

We rejoice today with psalms and hymns, O venerable father Sampson, /
As we hasten with thanksgiving to the holy shrine, /
And as we glorify thee as an excellent physician and powerful intercessor before God, /
So we glorify Christ who hath granted the grace of healing to thee.

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