

## **The 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March**

### **Translation of the Relics of our Father among the Saints Nicephorus (*Nikiphorus*), Patriarch of Constantinople.**

#### **Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”***

**T**he billowing clouds of thy wisdom /  
Shower down upon the earth a fountain of truth /  
From which we the faithful draw sweetness /  
Spurning the pollution of heresies, ///  
Like the waters at the fountain of Meribah.

**T**hy most pure body in the grave /  
Did not suffer corruption /  
But appeared whole, O all blessèd Nikiphorus, /  
Presenting it with care the Orthodox faithful rejoiced ///  
As they blessed thee, O divinely wise one.

**B**y thy divine deeds thou didst become a temple of God, /  
And now the Church named after the Apostles has received thee /  
Who wast called to share in the apostolic honor, O all-blessèd one ///  
For in a sacred manner thou didst bury the foul deceit of heresy.

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

**I** am tossed about on the sea of transgressions /  
And with recourse to the calm harbor of thy prayers /  
I cry out to thee, O Mother of God: /  
Stretch out the right hand of thy might to thy servant, ///  
O all-pure one, and save me.

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

**W**hen she beheld the Lamb lifted up upon the Cross, /  
The most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: /  
O my Sweet Child /  
What is this new and all-glorious wonder? /  
How is it that Thou who holdest all things in the hollow of Thy hand, ///  
Art nailed to the tree in the flesh?

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**The General Troparion of the Hierarchs, in Tone 4:** *(none given in the Menaion)*

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 Nikiphorus, /  
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls

**Matins**

**The Canon of Saint Nicephorus, in Tone 2,**

*the composition of Ignatius.*

*— incomplete as of 1/1/2014*

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

The assembly of patriarchs honors thy holy memory, /  
With hymns of praise, O Nikiphorus, /  
For it welcomed thy soul at thy repose, O glorious one. /  
Together with them the holy Church magnifies Christ the King ///  
Glorifying Him who alone loveth mankind.

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