

The 15th Day of May



Our Father among the Saints, Pachomius the Great; and our father among the saints, Isaiah, Bp. of Rostov whose service is found following this. — *incomplete as of 4/16/2002*

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.

3 stichera from the Pentecostarion, and

3 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside....”*

Having directed all thy desires toward God /
And forsaking all the fleeting beauty of this world, /
Thou didst offer thyself completely to Christ, O wise one, /
Purifying thyself though abstinence /
Through patient determination amidst the fiery assaults of the passions /
And enduring the torments of the spiritual war. ///
Thus thou didst win the incorruptible crown of victory, O Pachomius, wise in God.

Actively denying the flesh /
Thou didst pierce the veil of darkness /
And cast away thine attachment to the material body. /
Thus thou didst ascend the heights of goodness /
And enter into a divine union with God, /
Thoroughly transformed by the radiance of His grace, /
Resplendent in His light and deified by His command. /
Dwelling now in eternal blessèdness, /
O God-bearing father Pachomius, ///
Earnestly beseech Christ for the salvation of our souls.

Rising above all earthly senses /
Thou didst converse with the Master in purity, /
Passing beyond the flesh, thou didst conquer the passions through the innocence of thy
mind, /
Trampling them underfoot and breaking the arrogance of demons. /
Dwelling now in the heavenly mansions /
Remember us, Pachomius, who honor thy memory, ///
And earnestly beseech Christ for the salvation of our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 6: *(in the Regular Melody)*

Preserving unharmed that which was made in the likeness and image of God /

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Making thy mind, through fasting, master over the passions /
Thou didst ascend to the very presence of God; /
For having courageously constrained thy nature /
Thou didst subject the inferior to that which is superior, /
Making the flesh the servant of the spirit. /
Thus thou didst reach the summit of the ascetic life, /
And become a dweller in the wilderness, /
An instructor of those running the good race, /
And a most-excellent exemplar of the virtues. /
Dwelling now in heaven where thou dost behold the Trinity, /
O most-ven'erable father Pachomius, ///
Earnestly pray for those who faithfully honor thy holy memory.

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Pentecostarion, and

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

O ven'erable father Pachomius /
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..., from the Pentecostarion.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:

Thine abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom /
And thy suffering made thy labors fruitful a hundredfold /
Thou hast become a shining torch over all the world /
O our holy father Pachomius, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Matins

The Canon

**One Canon of the Pentecostarion, with 6 Troparia, including the Irmos;
and that of the Saint with 6 Troparia, in Tone 2,**

PACHOMIUS THE GREAT

having the acrostic: "With love, I weave a song of praise for St. Pachomius"

— incomplete as of 4/2/16

Kontakion of the Saint in Tone 2: *To the melody, "Seeking the highest"*

Thou art a radiant beacon illumining the ends of the earth; /
Thou didst colonize the desert with a multitude of monastics; /
And having taken up thy cross upon the shoulders, /
Thou didst crucify thyself. /
Thou didst mortify thy body through abstinence ///
While praying ceaselessly for us all.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia from the appointed Ode from the Pentecostarion, and 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of the saint.

The Prokeimenon in Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

The Epistle: (176) 2 Cor. 4:6-15

The Alleluia is in Tone 6: Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. *Verse:* **H**is seed shall be mighty in the land.

The Gospel: (77) Luke 14:25-35

The Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.