

## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of June

### Commemoration of the Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, “What shall we call thee?....”*

**What** shall we call thee, O glorious one? /  
A true hierarch and holy teacher? /  
The confirmation of the Orthodox?  
A visionary of the Church, or a beacon of noetic light? /  
One who is glorious among the martyrs? /  
O champ’ion of Truth, and great accuser of deception, /  
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

**What** shall we call thee, O holy hierarch? /  
A river flowing from the noetic Eden /  
Which quenches the earth with spiritual water? /  
A flood which drowns the followers of Arius? /  
A pillar of fire guiding the new people by divine grace? ///  
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

**What** shall we call thee, O Eusebius? /  
A teacher of piety /  
Who destroyeth impiety? /  
The adornment of martyrs and the joy of priests? /  
A sickle cutting down weeds and gathering the wheat of heaven? /  
An ever-flowing fountain of miracles /  
Providing relief from the burning heat of infirmities? /  
Pray now that our souls may be saved.

*Note: But if we sing “Alleluia” at Matins instead of “God is the Lord,” then these 3 stichera to the Theotokos are sung at Vespers, at “Lord I call,” before the above stichera of the Saint, in the same Tone and melody.*

**Strange** and awesome is the mystery /  
Of thy seedless conception, /  
That surpasses the thoughts of all, O pure Virgin. /  
For thou has given birth to Him who is of one essence with the Father, /  
Upon whom the many-eyed cherubim dare not gaze /  
And before whom all the ranks of angels tremble. ///  
We glorify thee who hath given Him birth, O Bride of God.

**Whom** art thou emulating, O wretched soul? /  
 One who never rises to repentance? /  
 One not afraid of the fire awaiting the wicked? /  
 Arise, and quickly call on her who is our lone defense, /  
 And cry out: “O Virgin Mother! /  
 Entreat thy Son and our God ///  
 That He deliver my soul from the snare of the deceiver!”

**O** Sovereign Lady, thou helper of all in need, /  
 Send down a drop of thy myrrh and have mercy on me /  
 Who am tossed by the tempest on the sea of darkness /  
 Surrounded by the billowing waves of the evils of this life. /  
 O, stretch out thy helping hand to me, /  
 That I may obtain the portion of the righteous and chosen, ///  
 For thou hast given birth to the Lover of mankind!

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Tone 8:**

**O** immaculate and most-pure Lady, /  
 Who gavest birth to the Ember of divine fire /  
 Which consumeth all sins and sprinkles the faithful with dew: /  
 Burn up the chaff of my countless offenses /  
 And cool my soul with the dew of thy grace /  
 For she hath been withered by my passions, ///  
 So that I, thy servant, may ever glorify thy mercy and thy power!

**Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone :**

**When** she beheld the Lamb /  
 Stretched out by His own will upon the Tree of the Cross, /  
 With maternal tears the Ewe-lamb cried aloud: /  
 “Oh, my Son, what is this strange sight that I see? /  
 How is it that Thou, who giveth life to all as Lord, /  
 Is put to death, O longsuffering One, /  
 While granting the earthborn the resurrection? ///  
 I glorify Thy great condescension, O my God!”

**The General Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4: (None given in the Menaion)**

**Like** the apostles in character, /  
 A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /  
 Through visions thou didst find thy work /

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Rightly dividing the word of truth. /  
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /  
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///  
O hieromartyr Eusebius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Matins**

**The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8,**

*Having the acrostic: "I honor the namesake of piety," the composition of Joseph.  
—incomplete as of 2/2015*

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 4: *Thou hast appeared today ....***"

**T**hou didst live piously as a hierarch, /  
And didst travel the path of martyrdom; /  
Thou didst extinguish the sacrifices to idols, /  
O holy hierarch Eusebius. /  
As thou hast acquired great boldness before Christ God, ///  
Pray to Him that our souls may be saved.

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