

The 28th Day of August

Commemoration of our Venerable Father Moses the Black; and the Uncovering of the Relics of St. Job of Pochaev, whose service is found on the 28th Day of October.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “Thy martyrs...”*

Having wisely abandoned the adornments and temptations of this world, /
Moses, the great ascetic, subdued the carnal passions /
And by his mighty accomplishments he cast down the crafty enemy, /
And thus, he received a crown of victory. /
Through his prayers, we now beseech Thee, O Lord, ///
To grant great mercy to our souls.

By standing in obedience and humility and keeping all-night vigilance in prayer,
Thou didst perceive the true beauty of God, O ven’rable one. /
Therefore, thou didst receive the grace of healing to cure the suffering of all. /
And now, we implore thee, O father Moses, ///
To beseech the Lord that He may grant great mercy to our souls.

Protected by the very hand of God /
And being adorned with dispassion, /
Thou didst pass unscathed through the assaults and pursuit of the demons. /
Therefore, thou art now numbered together with all the ven’rable saints of God, /
So now, we implore thee, O father Moses, ///
To beseech the Lord that He may grant great mercy to our souls.

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

With mine unclean thoughts, and wicked lips, and shameful deeds /
What shall I do? /
How shall I stand before the Judge? /
But I pray thee, O Virgin and sovereign Lady, /
Beseech thy Son and Creator and Lord, /
That He receive my soul in repentance ///
For He is the only Compassionate One.

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

“I cannot bear to look upon Thee, O my Child, /
Asleep in death upon the Tree, /
Who grantest life to all mankind, /

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Imparting divine and saving life to those /
Who in ancient times fell into the sleep of perdition /
Through the fruit of transgression.” /
Cried the weeping Virgin, whom we magnify.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 1:

O dweller in the wilderness and angel in the body, /
Thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing father Moses. /
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts /
Through fasting, vigil and prayer: /
Healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. /
Glory to Him who gave thee strength! /
Glory to Him who hath granted thee a crown! ///
Glory to Him who through thee grants healing to all!

Matins

The Canon

Both Canons of the Octoechos, and that of the Saint, with 4 Troparia, in Tone 8.
— incomplete as of 6/7/2023

After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 4:

Having defeated the forces of evil, /
And having spat into the faces of demons, /
Thou didst shine forth noetically, /
And like the most-radiant sun, ///
Thou dost direct our lives by the light of thy life and thy teachings.

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