

The 21st Day of February
Our Venerable Father Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia; and
Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.

3 stichera to St. Timothy, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

O divinely-wise father Timothy, /
Thou didst assuage the turmoil of the passions /
Through great abstinence and the strength of thy prayers. /
And receiving the grace of dispassion, /
The Holy Spirit came to dwell in thee /
Therefore, while alive and even after thy death ///
Thou drivest away the spirits of evil, O divinely-blessed one.

O divinely-wise father Timothy, /
Faithfully didst thou follow the example of Abraham /
Healing every stranger who came to thee; /
Acquiring the strength of Job in all thine afflictions, /
And like David in all his meekness, /
Thou didst live the life of an angel upon the earth. /
And now, having achieved thy greatest desire, ///
Pray for us, O blessed one.

O divinely-wise father Timothy, /
Thou didst reveal thyself as a model of chastity, /
A model of abstinence; /
A manifestation of piety, /
A fountain of humility, /
An unshakeable fortress of Orthodoxy; /
An ever-flowing stream of healing, /
A never-setting Sun, /
A child of divine grace; ///
And the enrichment of all monastics, O most-hon’rable one!

And 3 stichera to St. Eustathius, in the same Tone: *To the melody, “What shall we call thee?...”*

Having attained to heavenly life on earth /
Thou didst truly receive grace from God /
To worship Him as a priest with the purity of thy mind. /

Great was thy suffering, O blessed Eustathius, /
 Many were the misfortunes thou didst endure /
 For the witness of thy preaching in defense of the Truth /
 Which thou didst confirm by the strength of thy words, ///
 Clearly exposing the senseless errors of heresy.

With the fire of thy sacred words, /
 Like kindling, thou didst consume /
 The impious blasphemy of Arius, /
 Who denied that the Son is equal to the Father, O holy Eustathius, /
 Thus enlightening the hearts of the faithful /
 Who celebrate thy holy memory, ///
 Strengthening them with the truth.

Wielding thy words like a shepherd's staff, O holy pastor, /
 Thou didst protect the spiritual flock of God /
 From the ravenous attacks of all the wolves. /
 Therefore, the Good Shepherd led thee into His heavenly fold /
 Where the spirits of the elect and righteous fathers repose, ///
 O God-bearing and all-blessed Eustathius.

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

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!"

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

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 He, Who giveth life to all as Lord, /
 Is put to death by longsuffering, /
 While granting the earthborn the resurrection? ///
 O my God, I glorify Thy great condescension!"

Or, on Friday or Saturday Evening, the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.

The Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 4:

O God of our fathers /
Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us /
But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives along the way of peace.

Matins

—incomplete as of 1/2016

Kontakion of St. Timothy, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

Thou hast shone as a radiant star from the East /
Illumining the hearts of the faithful with the miracles of thy virtues, ///
O most-blessèd and wonder-working Timothy.

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