

The 27th Day of May

Holy Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis; also, the Commemoration of the Translation of the Relics of our Venerable Father Nilus of Stolbensk, the New Wonderworker, whose service is found on the 7th of December. — *incomplete as of 12/9/2017.*

Vespers

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

Illumined by divine deeds /

Therapon the glorious was granted to behold the beauty of Christ /

With the eyes of his heart, /

For by his suffering he hath pleased the Lord. /

Therefore, he heals, be grace, the passions of the souls and bodies ///

Of those hastening to him with faith.

As a well-spring of living water /

Therapon the richly-blest pours streams of healing /

And cleans away the filth of the infirmities of those coming to him with faith. ///

By his prayers, O Lord, grant us all Thy great mercy.

Therapon the wondrous, soaked in the purple of his blood /

Fashioned for himself a truly splendid garment of sanctity, /

And thus arrayed, he entered the Holies of heaven. ///

By his prayers, O Lord, grant us all Thy great mercy.

***Note:** But if this day falls within the fast, the following 3 stichera of the Theotokos are sung at Vespers, at “Lord I call,” before the above stichera of the Saint, in the same Tone and melody:*

Rescue me, O Lady, from the clutches of the ravenous serpent, /

Who seeks to devour me through his deceit. /

Crush his head, I pray, and destroy his plans. /

That being delivered from his grasp ///

I may praise thy power.

I am a barren tree, O Lady /

Bearing not the fruit of salvation. /

I tremble at the thought of being cut down in my wretchedness /

And being cast into the unquenchable flames. /

But I hasten and fall down before thee, /

Deliver me from this, O all-pure one, ///

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And through thy prayers, show me to be fruitful to thy Son.

The deadly dart of desire hath pierced my heart, /
And I am wounded by folly and suffer from incurable pain. /
But grant me healing, O Mother of God,
Despise me not, the wretch that I am, /
In that thou gavest birth to the Savior and Lord, ///
Who is the only Compassionate One.

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)

“O my Child, I cannot bear to look upon Thee /
Asleep in death upon the Tree, /
Who grantest life to all mankind, /
That Thou mayest impart divine and saving life to Adam /
Who through disobedience fell into the sleep of destruction” /
Cried the weeping Virgin, whom we magnify.

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

The General Troparion for a Hieromartyr, in Tone 4: (No Troparion 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 /
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O Hieromartyr Therapon, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

[No Kontakion is given in the Menaion]

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