

## The 27<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> of December. — *incomplete as of 12/9/2017.*

### Vespers

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

**I**llumined 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.

**A**s a well-spring of living water /  
Therapon the richly-bless’t 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.

**T**herapon 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:*

**R**escue 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, ///

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

**T**he 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.***

**W**ith 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)***

**L**ike 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]**