

The 24th Day of May



Our Father among the Saints, Simeon the Stylite of the Wondrous Mountain; also, the Commemoration of our venerable father Nikita the Stylite of Peryaslavl', whose service is found following this. — incomplete.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

Thou didst cultivate the virtues, O bountiful Simeon, /
With thy foresight and actions; /
And thou didst clothe thy mortality in life-giving garments /
Thus defeating the assaults of the flesh. /
Thou didst build thy soul into a pillar inscribed, /
And from atop didst shine as a guiding light ///
Illuminating all the ends of the earth with grace. *(twice)*

Mounted upon wings of desire for God /
While yet clothed in the dust of mortality /
Thou didst truly come to dwell with the angels. /
For, in abandoning all earthly cares, /
And aspiring only towards the heavenly, /
Ascending high upon thy pillar towards God, ///
Thou didst shine with light, O father Simeon. *(twice)*

Governing thy flesh through abstinence /
Thy soul drew ever nearer to God /
And was revealed as a companion of the Spirit; /
And through His great power, O Simeon, /
Thou wast accounted worthy to perform /
Beyond reason and understanding, ///
Thy truly great and ineffable miracles. *(twice)*

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Our wondrous father and defender Simeon, /
Truly thou art the good fruit of the wilderness /
For there didst thou attain to thy desire, the heights of heaven, /
And there wast thou found worthy to obtain /
The grace of healing from the eternal treasures of the Spirit, /
And through them both hath Christ enriched thee,
And revealed thee as a worker of miracles. ///
O venerable Simeon, pray that our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone,

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody “On the third day....”*

Beholding our Life hanging on the Tree, /
The all-pure Theotokos cried aloud /
With maternal sorrow: /
“My Son and my God, ///
Save those who sing to Thee with love.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a resurrection service.

At the Aposticha, the stichera of the day, and

Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 2: *(the composition of Germanus)*

Ascending the heights of the wondrous mountain /
Through thy lofty vision and actions, /
Passing mystically through the impassable, /
Thou didst come into thine honorable refuge. /
Adorning thy life and thy chains as if with coins of gold /
Beholding God and being seen by Him, /
And conversing with Him alone, ///
Entreat Him, O honorable Simeon, on behalf of our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone,

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody “Down from the tree....”*

The sacred Ember of fire whom the glorious Isaiah foresaw /
Became incarnate of His Mother
Who knew no wedlock /
By the will and the command of the Father; /
And was born and led to slaughter of His own will /
As the pure Lamb taking away the sins of the world. /
Therefore, the ewe-lamb and Virgin
Was pierced with the sword of grief ///
When she beheld Him on the Cross.

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 Simeon. /

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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

The Canon of the Saint, with 6 Troparia, in Tone 8,
having the acrostic: *"I sing the praises of thy grace, O wondrous Simeon,"*
incomplete as of 2/10/2015

Kontakion of the Saint in Tone 2: To the melody, "Seeking the highest...."

Desiring to attain the things on high /
Thou didst abandon the things below /
And didst fashion a pillar like unto heaven. /
By this, shining forth with the light of miracles ///
And praying for us to Christ the God of all.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and

Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 6:

O ven'erable father Simeon, /
Thine instructions have gone out into all the earth; /
Destroying the legions of demons; /
By this thou hast found the reward of thy labors in heaven; /
And attained to the ranks of the angels, /
Whose life thou didst blamelessly emulate. /
And having great boldness before Christ God ///
Entreat Him that peace be granted to our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone,

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:

Standing with Thy pure disciple before the Tree /
At Thy crucifixion, /
The all-pure Virgin cried aloud: /

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‘Woe is me, why dost Thou suffer, O Christ, ///
Who art the dispassion of all?’

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the appointed Ode of the Canon from the Pentecostarion; and 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of Saint.

1-4. From the appointed Canon.

5. From thine infancy thou hast grown to be a man of great labors and a fervent lover of divine beauty, for the Master, fore-knowing thee from thy mother’s womb, hath sanctified thee, O most glorious father Simeon.

6. Growing in true wisdom from thine earliest years thou wast vouchsafed to be an eye-witness of the unapproachable Spirit surrounded by the powers of heaven, O venerable and wonderworking father Simeon.

7. With the senses of thy soul illumined by this awesome sight, thou didst acquire a wondrous understanding of that which is good, and didst live a blameless life as a good example to all, O venerable father Simeon.

8. Thou didst joyfully kiss the feet of the angel as he stood before thee with the news imparting thee an angelic life, O God-bearing father Simeon.

The Prokeimenon in Tone 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him. *Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee!

The Epistle: (258) Col. 3:12-16

The Alleluia is in Tone 6: Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. *Verse:* His seed shall be mighty in the land.

The Gospel: (43) Matt. 11:27-30

The Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

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