

The 12th Day of June



The Commemoration of our Venerable Fathers Onuphrius of Egypt and Peter of Mt. Athos; also, the Commemoration of our Venerable Father Arseny of Konevitz, whose service is found following this. — incomplete

as of 4/25/2016

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera,

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

O divinely-wise father Onuphrius, /
Thou didst withdraw from the confusion of the world /
And ascended to the perfection of the spiritual life. /
And seeking the Source of all Goodness /
Thou didst attain the Object of thy love. /
And standing now, radiant, in His brilliant light, ///
Through thine intercessions save us from the darkness of sin.

O divinely-wise father Onuphrius, /
Thou didst endure the cold of night and the burning heat of day /
In the hope of things to come. /
And after mortifying thy flesh on earth /
Thou didst receive life in heaven, /
And joyously thou didst enter the bridal chamber, ///
There to behold the wondrous beauty of thy Creator.

O divinely-wise father Onuphrius, /
Like a hidden treasure, wast thou found in the wilderness /
By the glorious Paphnutius. /
Who proclaimed to the world the wise lessons of thy struggles /
And enriched the faithful with his account of the God-pleasing life. /
Therefore, we ask thee, O father, ///
May we be found worthy, like him, to emulate thy blessèd life.

And 3 stichera to St. Peter, in the same Tone: *(and melody)*

We honor thee, O ven’rable one, as the namesake of Peter, the divine apostle, /
Whom thou didst follow and share in his zeal for the Faith; /
For by truly loving the good commandments of the new Law /
Thy soul, O father Peter, wast adorned with the virtues. ///
Therefore, we bless and honor thy holy memory.

O ven'rable father Peter, rich in blessings divine, /
 Thou art become a temple of the Holy Spirit. /
 Through the earnest efforts of thy soul: /
 For having acquired true patience and love,
 Steadfast hope and profound humility /
 Thou art illuminated by His glory. /
 And the divine purity of thy life ///
 Shines down upon us like a second sun in the heavens.

O ven'rable and divinely-inspired father Peter, /
 Thy life on earth lay hidden for many years /
 Yet didst thou become known through the Spirit in signs and wonders, /
 And by the sweet fragrance of myrrh. /
 For a living radiance and holiness poured forth from thee, ///
 Truly revealing the grace of the divine Spirit to those who love thee.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

O ven'rable fathers Peter and Onuphrius, /
 The sounds of your teachings have gone out into all the earth, /
 Through them you found the reward of your labors in heaven; /
 And having destroyed hordes of demons you attained to the ranks of the angels /
 Whom you didst earnestly emulate. /
 As you now have boldness before the Lord, ///
 Intercede that peace may be granted to our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, from the Pentecostarion, or that in Tone 6,

Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, "On the third day...."*

Beholding Thee unjustly nailed to the Tree /
 O Giver of light, /
 The sun hid its rays and the earth quaked in fear ///
 At the pitiless deeds of lawless men.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a resurrection service.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and

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

Having preserved intact the image in which you were created, O fathers, /
 You established your minds as master over your mortal passions; /
 For by courageously defeating thy nature through fasting /

You strove to subject that which is lower to that which is higher, /
And to enslave the flesh to the spirit. /
Therefore, you were shown to be the greatest of monastics, O dwellers in the
wilderness, /
The trainers of those who run the good race, and the most excellent examples of virtue. /
And now, with perfected vision in the heavens, you both gazest in purity upon the Holy
Trinity, ///
Praying ceaselessly for those who honor you with faith, O Peter and Onuphrius.

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion, or the Theotokion, in Tone 6,

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

Pondering thy seedless conception and ineffable birth, /
The all-pure Virgin wept and cried aloud: /
'How is it that in Thy good pleasure, O my Son, /
Thou dost die unjustly nailed to the Cross.'

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

The Canon

One Canon of the Octoechos; and two Canons, one of each Saint, with 8 Troparia:

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Kontakion of Saint Onuphrius, in Tone 3: *To the melody, "Today the Virgin...."*

Being illumined by the radiance of the All Holy Spirit /
Thou didst forsake all the cares of this world, O divinely-wise one; /
And on reaching the wilderness, O father, /
Thou didst bring joy to God the Creator /
Who ruleth over all things. /
Therefore, Christ, the Bestower of all blessings ///
Hath glorified thee, O blessèd one.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and

Glory..., of the Saints, in Tone 8:

We honor you, O blessèd fathers /
As the instructors of many monastics —
By them we have learned to walk the path of righteousness. /
Blessèd are you who have labored for Christ; /
[Blessèd are you] for destroying the power of the enemy; /
[Blessèd are you], O favorites of Christ and companions of the angels. ///
With them pray to the Lord that mercy may be granted to our souls

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

Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, “Thy martyrs....”*

Behold her Child upon the Tree /
As a willing sacrifice, /
The unblemished Maiden wept bitterly /
And she cried lamenting: /
“Woe is me, my beloved Child /
What hath the ungrateful people done to Thee? ///
Wishing to leave me childless, O my beloved One.”