

The 2nd Day of May



Our Father among the Saints, Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria; And the Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, whose service is found following this — *incomplete as of 2014.*

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.

3 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Called from on high....”*

Thou wast vouchsafed eternal life /

When thou didst preach Christ the Son, the Word and the Giver of life /

As consubstantial and co-eternal with God, the unoriginate Father. /

Then with thy fiery tongue thou didst burn up the substance of heresies, O
glorious one, /

Expelling Arius from the Church of Christ /

Thus enlightening the hearts of the pious with thy divine words, O wise one, ///

To worship the Trinity, One in essence

Thou wast like unto a divine river /

Filled with the waters of the Spirit. O most wondrous one, /

Overflowing with divine teachings and quenching the thirst of the Church, /

And drowning the assembly of heretics /

In the depths of thy divine teachings and wisdom, O father. /

For thou, O divinely rich and most wise Athanasias, ///

Didst preach Christ the Master, consubstantial and begotten of the Father.

As a hierarch and a preacher of divine mysteries /

Thou didst endure great persecution and suffering, /

Assaults and exiles for thy faith in Christ:

In proclaiming Him as consubstantial and co-eternal /

With the unoriginate and pre-eternal Father.

Therefore He, Himself hath adorned thee with resplendent knowledge ///

Revealing thee and thy splendor to the world.

And 3 stichera in Tone 5: *To the melody, “O venerable father”*

O holy father Athanasias, /

From thine infancy wast thou revealed a shining star of the Church /

Radiant with visions and enriched by the virtues; /

Consuming heresy with thy fiery and divinely inspired words, /

Guiding and instructing the faithful, O venerable one, /

With the brilliant light of the Holy Trinity /

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In One Godhead and consubstantial glory.
Ever entreat and supplicate the Trinity ///
That the world be granted unity of mind, peace, and great mercy.

O holy father Athanasius , /
Rightly art thou the namesake of immortality /
For thou didst walk the path which leads to eternal life, /
Adorning with light thine earthly life; /
And receiving the gift of the Spirit /
And with purity of mind thou didst become a champion of the Word. /
O divinely eloquent Athanasius, /
Being thus inspired by Him thou didst defeat thine enemies, /
And proved invincible being protected by Him,
And being deified by Him thou dost commune with Him. /
Ever entreat and supplicate Him ///
That the world be granted unity of mind, peace, and great mercy.

O holy father Athanasius , /
Having endured great sorrows and tribulations /
Thou art vouchsafed the food of paradise; /
Now abiding in the heavenly mansions, O blessed one, /
Thou hast drawn near to the Tree of Immortality; /
Adorned with crown of victory and bearing the diadem of kingdom on high /
Thou art shining with beauty in thy prayers to Christ,
Ever entreat and supplicate Him ///
That the world be granted unity of mind, peace, and great mercy.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Let us all praise in song /
Athanasius, the holy hierarch of Christ, /
For he overthrew the teachings of Arius, /
He declared the Son to be of One essence with the Father /
He proclaimed the might of the Trinity to the ends of the earth: /
One God in three Persons, indivisible, /
Whom he now implores on behalf of us all ///
Who faithfully celebrate his holy memory.

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Pentecostarion, and

Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 3: *(the composition of Germanus)*

The yearly celebration of thy memory hast come, /
O thou namesake of immortality, /
As the river Nile overflowing with steams of gold /
Bestowing on us the golden blessings of immortality /
Feeding us with the food of everlasting life /
Bringing us joy that never ends /
Through thy lofty wisdom we have been taught to worship the undivided Trinity, /
And the minds of the faithful are refreshed by thy divine teachings ///
Never cease to pray that our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 3:

O holy hierarch Athanasius, /
Thou art a pillar of Orthodoxy, /
Confirming the Church with thine inspired doctrines, /
Teaching that the Son is of One essence with the Father: /
And overthrowing the false teachings of Arius. /
Pray to Christ our God, O ven'rable one, /
That He may grant us great mercy.

Matins

The Canon

The Canon of the Feast, with 6 Troparia including the Irmos,
and that of the Saint, with 6 Troparia, in Tone 8,
having the acrostic: "*O Athanasius, thou art the glory of Orthodoxy,*"
the composition of Theophanes. — incomplete as of 4/21/14

Kontakion of the Saint in Tone 2: *To the melody, "Of Thy blood...."*

Planting the doctrines of Orthodoxy /
Thou didst uproot the evil thorns of heresy, O Athanasius, /
And didst multiply the seeds of faith with the water of the Spirit, ///
Therefore we praise thee, O ven'rable one.

At the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, "As one valiant among the martyrs...."*

Every false teaching of heresy, /
Is consumed as tinder by the fire of thy teachings, O glorious one, /

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And the mighty host of the enemy is drowned /
In the depths of thy wisdom, O ven'rable one, /
And through thy doctrines, O Athanasius, the Church of the faithful /
Is renewed daily, O blessed one, ///
As it joyfully honors thee. *(twice)*

Thou didst drive the irrational wolves away from Christ's holy Church /
With the staff of thy teachings, O most wise one, /
And with thy words of confirmation didst surround her with a strong defense /
Presenting her to Christ unshaken and unbroken. /
Therefore, pray to Him, O Athanasius, /
That we who faithfully celebrate thine honored memory ///
Be delivered from corruption and sorrow.

The whole Church is adorned today /
With the splendor of thy teachings, O most wise one /
And is confirmed by the beauty of thy pious virtues, /
As she rightly honors thy festive memory, /
O great preacher Athanasius, /
Thou glory of the priesthood and the beacon of piety, ///
And the champion of the Holy Trinity.

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

Today the great and true trumpet voice of the Church, /
The much-suffering Athanasius, /
Summons the whole world to celebrate his memory! /
Come, all ye faithful, and let us greet the feast of our good shepherd, /
And let us honor him with hymns of praise /
That through his holy supplications to Christ God ///
We may receive great mercy.

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Pentecostarion, and

Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 3:

Let us worthily sing the praise of Athanasius, /
Our valiant defender; the great adornment of hierarchs! /
For he laid low the legion of heresies by the power of the Holy Spirit, /
Raising high the victorious banner of Orthodoxy throughout the world; /
He defined the mystery of the Trinity /

Explaining the One essence of its Persons /
And their union without confusion /
In their consubstantial nature; /
Now together with the cherubim he sings their angelic hymn ///
Ever praying that our souls may be saved

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

Liturgy

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

The Prokeimenon in Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

The Epistle: (318) Heb. 7:26-8:2

The Alleluia is in Tone 2: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice! *Verse:* The Lord hath chosen Sion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

The Gospel: (11) Matthew 5:14-19

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