

**The 25<sup>th</sup> Day of February**  
**Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Tarasius,**  
**Archbishop of Constantinople**

**Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Down from the tree ....”***

**C**ome, O ye faithful who love all things divine, /  
Let us behold today the banquet of the sweet savor of abstinence /  
Which Tarasius, our father, hath spiritually prepared for us /  
Through the effect of his immaterial virtues; /  
And with confidence let us all cry out to him, ///  
Pray, we entreat thee, that we be granted forgiveness of our transgressions.

**T**hy written words truly revealed the Faith to the world, /  
O wise and blessed hierarch, /  
For by following the teachings of the apostles of Christ /  
They cleansed the filth of heresy /  
And confirmed the beauty of the Church. /  
Therefore, with them we all cry out to thee: ///  
Pray that our souls may be saved, O father Tarasius.

**T**hou, didst receive all the fullness of Christ, /  
His grace of mercy and giving alms to the poor, /  
For by this thou hast received the mercy of the promise, /  
And mercy given will cry out to be praised on Judgement Day. /  
Therefore, as thou hast now gone from this life unto Life /  
Pray, we entreat thee, that we be granted forgiveness of our transgressions.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**T**hou alone didst bear within thy womb /  
The uncontainable God without confining Him, /  
Who in His goodness became a man. /  
Therefore, I beseech thee, O All-holy Bride of God, /  
Set me free of the passions which confine me /  
That walking the straight and narrow path I may reach that which leads to Life, O  
Lády.

**Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**B**ehold the ripened Cluster of grapes, /

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Which thou didst chastely bear in thy womb,  
Hanging on the Tree, O pure one, /  
Thou didst cry out lamenting: /  
“O my Child, let the drops of Thy sweetness /  
Drop down like new wine /  
And abolish the drunkenness of every passion.  
This I entreat of Thine own loving-kindness, ///  
For my sake, who bore Thee, O Benefactor of all!”

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

**The Troparion to the Saint, in Tone 4:**

**I**n truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,  
A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, /  
So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; /  
O holy hierarch, father Tarasius, /  
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

**Matins**

**The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 2**

— incomplete as of 2/2017

**The Kontakion for the Saint, Tone 3: To the melody, “Today the Virgin....”**

**H**aving illuminated the Church with Orthodox teachings, /  
Instructing all to honor and bow in worship before the icon of Christ, /  
Thou didst denounce the godless decrees of the iconoclasts. /  
Therefore, we cry out to thee: ///  
Rejoice, O wise father Tarasius!

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