

The 1st Day of September

✦ Church New Year (Indiction); Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, St. Martha; the Holy Forty Women Martyrs.

Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Antiphon. (If Saturday, the entire Kathisma).

At “Lord, I call...,” 10 stichera:

3 stichera of the New Year, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”*

As we have learned to pray the divine and glorious prayer from Christ Himself /
Let us cry aloud each day to the Creator: /
Our Father, Who dwellest in the heavens /
Give us this day our daily bread ///
Overlooking all our transgressions.

Thou, Who once upon Mount Sinai /
Wrote the tablets of the Law, O Christ God /
In the flesh, now in the city of Nazareth /
Hast consented to read the book of the prophecy; /
And closing it, Thou hast taught the people ///
Of the fulfillment of the Scripture concerning Thee.

Just as once, the bodies of the Hebrews /
Who did not truly submit to Thee, O Master of all, /
Were cast down in the wilderness, /
Scatter now the bones of our impious and unbelieving foes ///
At the gates of Hades, according to the Psalm, O Christ.

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

O venerable father, /
Were it possible for thy pillar to speak, /
It would not cease to cry aloud describing thy labors, /
All thy hardships and lamentations. /
For indeed, it did not bear thee, but was borne by thee; /
Like a tree, it was abundantly watered by thee. /
Angels were astonished, and men marveled at thee /
And the demons cowered at thy enduring patience beholding thee ///
O venerable Simeon, pray that our souls may be saved.

O ven'rable father, /
By the power of the divine Spirit thou didst imitate thy Master, /
Ascending a pillar as upon a cross; /
He blotted out the handwriting of the sins of all /
Whilst thou destroyed the uprising of the passion; /
He, as the Lamb, and thou as an offering; /
He, on the Cross, thou, the pillar. ///
O venerable Simeon, intercede that our souls may be saved.

O ven'rable father, /
With thy tears thou didst drench thy body and cleanse thy soul, /
As thou didst ascend upon the height of virtues. /
According to the senses, thou had thy dwelling on thy pillar, /
But in mind, the heavenly city of Sion on-high. /
Angels were astonished, men were amazed /
And demons were put to shame by thy virtues. ///
O venerable Simeon, intercede that our souls may be saved.

And these stichera, also to Saint Simeon, in Tone 2:

Springing forth as good fruit from a godly tree /
The saintly Simeon was nurtured from his infancy /
More by grace than by his mother's milk /
And by lifting up his body on the pillar of stone /
He lifted up his mind to God, /
And through virtues, he fashioned for himself a place in heaven /
Where he rejoices together with all the heavenly hosts, ///
Being himself an abode of Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

The memory of thy deeds abideth forever /
O venerable father Simeon, /
As does the meekness of thy heart, O blessed favorite of Christ /
For in departing from us, O good pastor, thou dost not leave us in spirit, /
And with love thou standest before God rejoicing with all the angels ///
Together with them intercede that our souls may be saved.

(in the same Tone, the composition of Cyprian):

O all-praised father, /
Streams of healing flow from the shrine of thy holy relics /
While thy soul rejoices worthily as it abideth with the angels; /
Therefore, O venerable one, having boldness before the Lord ///
Together with them intercede that our souls may be saved.

(the composition of Germanus):

O God-bearing father /
Thou didst embrace with love the highest wisdom; /
And by dwelling outside the world /
Thou didst become an undefiled mirror of God; /
By living above things visible /
Ever uniting thyself with light thou didst receive the Light /
And didst achieve a blessed repose. ///
O wise Simeon, pray for our souls.

Glory..., Tone 6: *the composition of Germanus:*

The shrine of thy relics, O saint Simeon /
Is shaded by the grace of God /
And being drawn to them by the fragrant myrrh of thy miracles /
We draw from them the healing of our infirmities. ///
Therefore , O venerable father, pray to Christ God for our souls.

Now and ever..., of the New Year, in the same Tone: *the composition of Byzantius:*

O Son Who art without beginning, /
And Word united with the Spirit, /
Creator and fashioner of all things visible and invisible, /
Bless Thou this crown of the year /
And preserve the multitudes of the Orthodox in peace /
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, ///
And of all thy saints.

Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the Day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-9):

^{61:1} **T**he spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me: He hath sent me to preach to the meek, to heal the contrite of heart, and to preach a release to the captives, and deliverance to them that are shut up. ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God: to comfort all that mourn: ³To appoint to the mourners of Zion, and to give them a crown for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, a garment of praise

for the spirit of grief: and they shall be called in it the mighty oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. ⁴And they shall build the places that have been waste from of old, and shall raise up ancient ruins, and shall repair the desolate cities, that were destroyed for generation and generation. ⁵And strangers shall stand and shall feed your flocks: and the sons of strangers shall be your husbandmen, and the dressers of your vines. ⁶But you shall be called the priests of the Lord: to you it shall be said: Ye ministers of our God: you shall

eat the riches of the Gentiles, and you shall pride yourselves in their glory. ⁷For your double confusion and shame, they shall praise their part: therefore shall they receive double in their land, everlasting joy shall be unto them. ⁸For I am the Lord that love justice, and hate robbery and wrong: I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹And they shall know their seed among the Gentiles, and their offspring in the midst of peoples: all that shall see them, shall know them, that these are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

The Reading from Leviticus (Composite 24: Lev 26:3-12, 14-17, 19-24):

The Lord spoke to the sons of Israel, saying: ^{26:3} “If ye walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them, ⁴then I will give you the rain in due season, and the land shall yield her fruits, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵And your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and your vintage shall overtake your seed time. And ye shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land safely, and war shall not go through the land. ⁶And I will give peace in your land, and ye shall sleep, and none shall make you afraid. And I will destroy the evil beasts out of your land, ⁷and ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase tens of thousands, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ⁹And I will have respect unto you and increase you

and multiply you and establish My covenant with you. ¹⁰And ye shall eat the old and bring the old out of the new. ¹¹And I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you, ¹²and I will walk among you and will be your God, and ye shall be My people. ^{26:14}But if ye will not hearken unto Me nor obey these Mine ordinances ¹⁵but disobey them, and your soul abhor My judgments that ye keep not all My commandments to break My covenant, ¹⁶then will I do thus unto you: I will even bring upon you perplexity and the scab and the fever which causeth your eyes to waste away and consumeth your life. And ye shall sow your seeds in vain, and your enemies shall eat them. ¹⁷And I will set My face against you, and ye shall fail before your enemies, and they that hate you shall pursue you, and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. ^{26:19}And I will

break down the haughtiness of your pride, and I will make your heaven iron and your earth as it were brass. ²⁰And your strength shall be in vain, and your land shall not yield her seed, neither shall the tree of your field yield the fruit thereof. ²¹And if after this ye walk perversely and be not willing to obey Me, I will further bring seven plagues according to your sins. ²²And I will send upon you the wild beasts of the land, and they shall devour you and

consume your cattle. And I will make you few in number, and your highways shall be desolate. ²³And if hereupon ye be not chastened, but walk perversely toward Me, ²⁴then will I walk with you with a perverse spirit, and I will also smite you seven times for your sins," saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15):

^{4:7} **T**he righteous man, though he die early yet shall he be at rest. ⁸For old age is not honored for length of time, nor is it measured by number of years; ⁹but wisdom is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age. ¹⁰There was one who pleased God and was so beloved of Him, that while living among sinners he was taken up. ¹¹He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul. ¹²For the fascination of wickedness

obscures that which is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. ¹³Being so perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; ¹⁴for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore He took him quickly from the midst of wickedness. ¹⁵Yet this the peoples saw and did not understand, neither did they take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are upon His holy ones, and He hath care for His elect.

At the Aposticha, these stichera of the New Year, in Tone 1: *the composition of the Monk, John*

The beginning of the year approaches /
 Summoning all to honor those who have instructed us /
 Callísta, Evódus, and Hermógenes, /
 The blessèd sibling martyrs; /
 Simeon, the equal-to-the-angels; and Joshua, the son of Nun; /
 The seven youths of Ephesus; /
 And the ranks of the forty women martyrs /
 Whom we commemorate today. /
 Come, O lovers of the feast, and cry out piously: /
 O Lord, bless the works of Thy hands, ///
 And grant us to pass the coming year in blessedness.

Verse: To Thee, O God, is due a song in Sion; and prayers shall be lifted up to Thee in Jerusalem.

O Christ our God, in Wisdom hast Thou made all things /
Bringing out of nothing all into existence, /
Bless the crown of the year and preserve our lands in peace, /
Gladdening Thy Orthodox faithful by the power of Thy might. /
Grant them victories over their adversaries, /
And, for the sake of the Theotokos ///
Grant peace to the world and great mercy.

Verse: We shall be filled with the goodness of Thy house; Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness.

In Tone 2: *the composition of Cyprian:*

Most wondrous art Thou and marvelous are Thy works /
And inscrutable are Thy ways, /
For Thou art the Wisdom of God, the perfect Hypostasis and Power /
Together without beginning and together ever-being; /
Thou camest into the world with Thine almighty and creating power, /
To make perfect Thy creation; /
Borne ineffably of Thy Virgin Mother who kneweth no wedlock, /
And not altering Thy divinity /
Thou didst appoint the times and seasons for our salvation. /
Therefore, we cry out to Thee: ///
O our blessed Lord, Glory to Thee!

Verse: Thou shalt bless the crown of Thy year with bounty, O Lord.

(The composition of the monk, John):

O Pre-eternal Word of the Father /
Who with Wisdom created all things, /
And fashioned every creature by Thine almighty word, /
Bless the crown of the year with Thy bounty
And, for the sake of the Theotokos destroy all heresies ///
For Thou art good and lovest mankind.

Glory..., to Saint Simeon, in Tone 5:

O ven'erable father, /
Thou didst find a good ladder /
And made thine ascent into the heights /

Like Elijah in the chariot of fire; /
But he left no means of ascent to others. /
Whilst thou, after death, left thy pillar. /
O heavenly man and earthly angel, /
O unsleeping luminary of the inhabited earth, /
O holy father Simeon ///
Intercede that our souls may be saved.

Now and ever..., of the New Year, in the same Tone: *the composition of the Monk, John*

O King of all Thou art He Who is and Who abidest unto all ages , /
Accept the prayers of sinners who ask for salvation; /
Grant abundance to Thine earth, O Lover of mankind; /
And bestow temperate weather; /
Assist Thy people as they battle against the enemy /
As once Thou didst for David when they entered into Thy dwellings /
And defiled that Holy place, O Savior. /
Grant us victories, O Christ God, /
Through the prayers of the Theotokos ///
For Thou art the victory and the boast of the Orthodox.

The Troparion of the New Year, in Tone 2:

O Thou, the Fashioner of all creation /
Who in Thy power hast established the times and seasons /
Bless the crown of the year with Thy bounty, O Lord /
Preserving our rulers and our cities in peace ///
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, and save us.

Glory..., the Troparion of Saint Simeon, in Tone 1:

Thou wast a pillar of patience, O ven'rable one /
Having imitated the forefathers of old: /
Job in suffering, Joseph in temptations, /
And living as a bodiless angel while being in the flesh. /
O Simeon, our ven'erable father ///
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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

Rejoice, most blessed Virgin Mary /
Haven and protectress of the human race; /

SEPTEMBER 1

For from thee the Savior of the world became incarnate /
For thou alone are the Mother and Virgin /
Ever-blessed and most glorified: ///
Beseech Christ God to grant peace to all the world.

Matins

At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion of the New Year, twice; Glory..., St. Simeon; Now and ever..., Theotokion.

The Canon

The Canon of the New Year (*Indiction*), with 6 Troparia, including the Irmos, which is sung twice, Tone 1:

*(the composition of the Monk John of Damascus)
— incomplete as of 7/2013*

The Kontakion of the New Year, in Tone 2:

Living in the Highest, O Christ the King, /
Creator and fashioner of all things visible and invisible, /
Who makest the days and the nights, the times and seasons /
Bless now the crown of the year; /
Preserve in peace this land and all Orthodox people ///
O greatly merciful One.

The Kontakion of Saint Simeon, in Tone 2:

Seeking the things on high, /
And having made thy pillar a fiery chariot /
Thou wast united to the heights, becoming a companion of the angels; /
With them pray for us without ceasing ///
To Christ God, O ven’rable one.

At the Praises, 4 stichera of the New Year: *the composition of Monk John of Damascus.*

In Tone 3:

O pre-eternal Word of the Father /
Who as the very image of God, and in Thine authority /
Hast established the times and seasons /
Bless the crown of the year with Thy bounty, O Lord, /
Grant peace to Thy churches and victories to the Orthodox Christians, /
And abundance to the fruit of the earth, ///

And on us great mercy.

In Tone 4:

Thy kingdom is of the ages, O Christ God /
And Thy rule is from generation to generation /
For in Wisdom hast Thou made all things /
Establishing for us both the times and the seasons /
Therefore giving thanks for all we cry aloud and say, /
Bless the crown of the year with Thy bounty, ///
And grant that we may without condemnation sing Thy praises.

In the same Tone: *the composition of Andrew Pyrrhus:*

Great and wondrous are Thy ways, O God /
Wherefore we exalt the power of Thy dispensation, /
For as Light from Light Thou didst come into Thy fallen world /
And destroyed the primeval curse of ancient Adam, /
According to Thy Will. /
And in Thy Wisdom Thou didst appoint our times and seasons, O Word, /
That we may glorify Thine all-loving kindness. ///
O Lord, Glory to Thee.

In Tone 2: The sticheron of the 40 Women Martyrs, *the composition of Germanus:*

When Thou didst confirm the universe by Thy Passions, O Lord, /
Then the powerless were girded with strength. /
And one day, the women stood manfully against the cruel tyrant /
And won a maternal victory /
And they entered into the joys of paradise, /
Unto the glory of Thee Who wast born if a woman ///
For the salvation of the human race.

Glory..., of Saint Simeon, in the Same Tone:

Springing forth as good fruit from a godly tree /
The saintly Simeon was nurtured from his infancy /
More by grace than by his mother's milk /
And by lifting up his body on the pillar of stone /
He lifted up his mind to God, /
And through virtues, he fashioned for himself a place in heaven /
Where he rejoices together with all the heavenly hosts, ///

SEPTEMBER 1

Being himself an abode of Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

Now and ever..., of the New Year, in Tone 8: *the composition of Germanus:*

O Christ, God the Word, Who in Thine ineffable Wisdom /
Hast created all things /
And established for us our times and seasons, /
Bless Thou the work of Thy hands /
And gladden Thy faithful people with the power of Thy might /
Granting them strength against the enemies ///
For Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

The Great Doxology.

After the Trisagion, the Troparia of the New Year; Glory..., St. Simeon; Now and ever..., Theotokion. Then the usual litanies, dismissal and the First Hour.

Liturgy

After the Entrance, the Troparia of the New Year, Theotokos and St. Simeon. Kontakia: Glory..., St. Simeon; Now and ever..., New Year. But if a church of the Theotokos: Kontakia: New Year; Glory..., St. Simeon; Now and ever..., Church (of Theotokos).

Prokeimenon (New Year), Tone 3: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure. *Verse:* Praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God.

Prokeimenon (Saints), Tone 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

The Epistles: (282) Timothy 2:1-7; (258) Colossians 3:12-16

The Alleluia (New Year), Tone 4: To Thee, O God, is due a song as in Sion; and prayers shall be lifted up to Thee in Jerusalem. *Verse:* Thou shalt bless the crown of the year with Thy bounty.

The Alleluia (Saints), Tone 4: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

The Gospel: (24) Luke 4:16-22

Communion Hymns: Thou shalt bless the crown of the year with Thy bounty.
And also: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

INDICTION; ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE (THE ELDER)

RLE 12/22/13 SDA
UPDATED 3/4/2016 SDA
9/15/2022 SDA