

The 4th Day of March

Commemoration of our Venerable Father, Gerasimus of the Jordan; and the Commemoration of the Right-believing Prince Daniel of Moscow, whose service is found immediately after this. —incomplete as of 1/31/17)

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

O divinely-wise father Gerasimus, /
Through thy great abstinence and prayer /
Thou didst unite thyself to God. /
And standing fast against the wiles of the enemy /
Thou didst reveal thyself to be /
A faithful servant of the Almighty. /
Therefore, we faithfully praise and honor thee, ///
And we joyfully celebrate thy divine memory.

O ven’rable father Gerasimus, /
Living in the caves and mountains of the wilderness, /
Ever didst thou seek after God. /
And strengthened by the yearnings of thy soul /
Thou didst attain thy greatest desire ///
And led to God a multitude of monastics who found salvation.

Submitting to the will of God /
Who knowest all things, /
From Him didst thou receive the grace of working miracles: /
Of driving evil spirits away, /
And taming beasts by the purity of thy mind. /
Therefore, we rightly praise and honor thee, ///
And we faithfully celebrate thy divine memory.

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

We beseech thee, our benefactress and most-pure Lady: /
Spurn not thy servants until the end, /
That we not perish shaken by sorrows. /
But come and quickly rescue us from the present danger and affliction /
O most-holy one, rejoicing in God, ///
For thou art our haven and invincible protection.

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

Behold Thee, O Jesus, nailed to the Cross /
And accepting suffering of Thine own will, /
The Virgin, Thy Mother, O Master, cried aloud: /
“Woe is me, O my sweet Child! /
How is it that Thou dost endure unjust wounding, /
O Physician who healeth the infirmities of mankind ///
And by Thy loving-kindness dost deliver all from corruption?”

The General Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 1: *(None given in the Menaion)*

O dweller in the wilderness and angel in the body, /
Thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing father Gerasimus. /
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 of the Saint

— incomplete as of 2/2016

The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As Thou wast voluntarily crucified....”*

Burning with divine zeal, /
Thou didst prefer the harshness of Jordan’s wilderness to any delight of the world. /
And even a wild beast of the desert /
Was obedient to thee until thy falling asleep, O ven’rable one, /
When it glorified thee before God
By dying from sorrow on thy grave. /
Remember us in thy prayers to God, O father Gerasimus!