

The 8th Day of March

Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

O father Theophylactus /

Being preserved by divine guardians, thou wast kept unharmed. /

Revealing thyself as a firm pillar of the Church, /

Being inflexible against the temptations of heretical snares. ///

Pray now that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

O father Theophylactus /

Seeing God visibly and understandably, /

And being satiated with Him in a better union, O blessèd one, /

Thou didst commune of Him who is worshipped, rejoicing, /

For He is the only desired Holy One. ///

And now, O honorable hierarch, thou art ever with the angels.

O father Theophylactus /

Having been translated from the earth thou didst hasten to heaven, /

And wast vouchsafed to live in the heavenly mansions, O blessèd one, /

For the sake of the exile thou didst endure for Christ. ///

Beseech Him now to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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

Heal my soul, O most-pure Virgin, /

Which is being cruelly seized with sickness by evil passions, /

O thou, who gave birth to Christ, the Healer and Savior of all, /

Who heals the wounds inflicted by the malicious and evil thoughts of the devil, ///

And who delivers us from death.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:

As she beheld her Lamb upon the Cross, /

Bereft of form or comeliness, /

The unblemished Ewe-lamb, the sovereign Lady, cried lamenting: /

Woe is me! Where hath Thy beauty fled? /

Where is Thy splendor, O most Sweet One? ///

Where is the radiant grace of Thine image, O my most belovèd Son?

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The General Troparion of the Hierarch, in Tone 4: *(none given in the Menaion)*

In 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 Theophylactus, /
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls

Matins

The Canon of Saint Theophylactus, in Tone 8,

having the acrostic, "I will hymn the blessed Theophylactus in songs of praise."

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The Kontakion of the Hierarch, in Tone 2: *To the melody, "Seeking the highest...."*

Thou wast revealed as a beacon to all the ends of the earth, /
O holy hierarch Theophylactus. /
By preaching the Word, who is of one essence with the Father and the Spirit, /
Thou didst enlighten the council of the holy fathers /
And wast shown a favorite of the Holy Trinity. ///
Standing now before God ceaselessly pray for us all.

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