

The 16th Day of May

**Commemoration of our Venerable Father Theodore, the
Sanctified, the Disciple of Venerable Pachomius the Great.**

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside....”*

He, who as Master ascended upon a cloud of old /
Has come down to Egypt upon a wisp of a cloud /
And enlightened His chosen ones as was once foretold, /
To the delight of the divinely-wise ones abiding in heaven; /
Now, together with them our venerable father, Theodore the Sanctified, /
That unshakable pillar, steadfast in virtues, /
Shines in the brilliant radiance of Christ ///
And prays with boldness on behalf of our souls

Egypt, once beset with demonic passions and sacrifice /
Is now adorned with divine virtues and beauty, /
And a multitude of monastics, /
Among whom has shone forth our venerable and God-pleasing Theodore, /
The namesake of the gifts of God, /
Who hast beheld God Himself /
And hast emulated Christ with wondrous humility, ///
And who prays with boldness on behalf of our souls.

From his youth the great ascetic Theodore /
Became a receptacle of the virtues, /
And through fasting, temperance, humility, patience and abstinence from evil
things, /
He wast filled with the fervent love for God; /
And having wondrously transcended all the visible things of this life /
He ascended to the heights of the heavenly mansions, ///
Where, conversing with God, he prays with boldness on behalf of our souls.

Glory..., now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service

The Troparion to the Saint, in Tone 1:

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

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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

— *incomplete as of 5/2015*

Kontakion to the Saint, in Tone 2:

Having flourished like a palm tree in the courts of God /
Thou didst present to Him the fruit of virtue through thine excellent ascetic labor. /
Therefore, thou standest now together with the bodiless angels ///
And art truly bless't, O ven'erable father Theodore.

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