

## **The 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May**

**Our Father among the Saints, Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople; and the Holy Hieromartyr Germogen, whose service is found on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.**

### **Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.**

**3 stichera of St. Epiphanius in Tone 5: *To the melody, “Rejoice....”***

**Rejoice**, O teacher of the ascetics, /  
Who tended the sheep of Christ, /  
With the staff of thy wise teachings in the pastures of true Orthodoxy. /  
O Epiphanius, thou meek lamb of Christ the Chief Shepherd, /  
Thyself instructed in school of abstinence /  
Hath now taken up thine abode in the heavenly fold of life: /  
Where in chorus together with the martyrs and the holy hierarchs /  
Thou dost ever pray that those who celebrate with love thy holy memory ///  
Be granted peace and great mercy.

**Rejoice**, O beacon of piety /  
Who hast illumined the universe with the rays of thy fiery words /  
That, like kindling, consumed with the teachings of the enemy, /  
Guiding those caught in the storm of ignorance to the tranquil haven of divine  
knowledge; /  
O thou instrument divine, inspired by the Spirit; /  
O thou, whose flowering of miracles delivers mankind from death ///  
Entreat Christ the He grant our souls great mercy.

**Rejoice**, O river of noetic reason, /  
Flowing with the waters of the Spirit, /  
Adornment of the Church and rule of priestly piety, /  
O Epiphanius, thou pillar of monastics and foundation of the Orthodox, /  
Thou rampart of the Church and its tower of strength, /  
Opponent of impiety and horn of grace, /  
Which sounds forth with blessed glory, /  
O heavenly mind and stalwart tongue, /  
That didst learn the Law of God through the grace of Christ; ///  
Him do we beseech to grant great mercy to our souls.

**And 3 stichera of St. Germanus, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”***

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**T**hy revelatory words, O Germanus /  
Soundly destroyed the impious reasonings of Leo /  
For he rejected the veneration of the precious icons of Christ and all the saints, ///  
And he was shown to be both mindless and heedless.

**L**eo became a forerunner of the Antichrist /  
For like a godless beast he hated God. /  
And rejected the veneration of the icon of Christ /  
Thus he excluded himself from the inheritance of faithful.  
Therefore, we entreat thee, O ven'erable one ///  
Through thy prayers dispel from us the confusion that beset him.

**T**hou didst attain that which thou didst most desire /  
From thy earliest years, O godly hierarchy, /  
And with boldness thou hast now come to stand before thy Lord in heaven /  
Rejoicing in the sweetness of divinity ///  
And entreating Him for the peace of world.

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

**Troparion of both Saints, in Tone 4:**

**O** God of our fathers /  
Deal with us according to Thy compassion /  
Take not away Thy mercy from us /  
But through the prayers of the hierarchs Epiphanius and Germanus ///  
Guide our lives in peace.

**Matins**

**Two Canons, one of each Saint, each with 4 Troparia.**

— *incomplete as of 4/12/13*

**Kontakion of both Saints in Tone 4: *To the melody, "Having been lifted up..."***

**L**et us, the faithful, worthily praise the two hierarchs, /  
Germanus and the pious Epiphanius /  
For, like fire, they burned up the tongues of the ungodly /  
And set forth the doctrines of wisdom for all ///  
Who rightly praise the great mystery of holiness.