

The 12th 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 17th 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....”*

12 MAY

Thy 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.

Leo 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' rable one ///
Through thy prayers dispel from us the confusion that beset him.

Thou 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..."*

Let 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.