The 15th Day of June

The Holy Prophet Amos; and the Commemoration of our Venerable Fathers Jerome (Hieronymus) of Stridon, and St. Augustine of Hippo, and our Father among the Saints Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow, whose services all follow after this. — *incomplete as of 5/2023*

Vespers

At "Lord, I call...," 3 stichera of the Prophet, in Tone 2: To the melody, "Down from the tree...." The spiritual splendor of thy mind, / O most-wondrous Prophet Amos, / Hath revealed thy purity which shineth like a mirror, / Illumining the world with the brilliant radiance / Of thy divine foreknowledge and images of the divine mysteries /// As it bestows grace upon all mankind. Being truly the mouth of God preaching righteous and divine judgments / Rightly didst thou denounce the workers of iniquity, / Condemning them with an immutable sentence, / O prophet, rich in spirit! / Therefore, seeing the fulfillment of thy wise words, /// With sacred hymns we rightly praise thee, O blessèd one. Standing before the throne of the Master / In the place filled with the ineffable light of divine glory, / Beholding there the good things of heaven, O divinely eloquent Amos, / Be ever mindful of all who honor thee with faith / Asking that the salvation of our souls and the forgiveness of our sins /// May be granted through thy prayers, O blessèd favorite of God.

Note: But if we sing "Alleluia" at Matins instead of "God is the Lord," then these 3 stichera to the Theotokos are sung at Vespers, at "Lord I call," before the above stichera of the Saint, in the same Tone and melody.

Rejoice, O most <u>radiant star!</u>

Rejoice, O most pure source of <u>blessings!</u>

Rejoice, O womb of the Uncontainable God, /

Who hath budded forth the Blossom of immortality!

Rejoice, O cradle of divinity and splendid <u>door</u>way of the Light! /

Rejoice, annulment of the an<u>ces</u>tral curse ///

Rejoice, O Maiden, thou mediatrix of good things for our souls.

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O Joy of all who sorrow, /
      And intercessor of the oppressed; /
      The giver of sustenance to the hungry /
      And thou comfort of the weary; /
      Thou staff for the blind and visitation of the sick, /
      The aid of those who labor and thou shelter of the orphaned; /
      O Mother of God Most High, ///
      Hasten thou, we pray thee, that we thy servants may be saved!
      Thou art the protectress and helper of us Christians /
      And a strong refuge, O Mother of God Most High! /
      Cease not to pray with thy vigilant supplications /
      That He save us, thy servants, from every evil calamity. ///
      For with God, we Christians have thee as our helper and defender.
Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Tone 2: (to the regular melody)
We have truly acquired no other defender, /
Nor mighty bastion or invincible rampart /
Other than thee, O most pure Lady; /
And to thee to we run fleeing for help, O Mother of God /
And we cry: Help us, for we are perishing! /
Show forth thy grace upon us and the power of thy glory ///
And the majesty of thy merciful loving-kindness!
Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:
Beholding Thee, her Lamb being voluntarily led to the slaughter /
The chaste ewe-lamb wept and cried aloud: /
"What dost thou do, striving to make me childless, O Christ, /
Who gave birth to Thee, the Deliverer of all? /
Yet I glorify Thine ineffable grace past all understanding, O Lover of mankind.
The General Troparion of the Prophet, in Tone 2: (none given in the Menaion)
We celebrate the memory /
Of Thy prophet Amos, /
Through him, we implore Thee, O Lord, ///
To save our souls.
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Matins

The Canon of the Prophet, in Tone 7

HOLY PROPHET AMOS

— incomplete as of 2/2015

After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Prophet, in Tone 4: *Thou hast appeared today"*

Having cleansed thy radiant heart with the <u>Spi</u>rit, / O glorious great prophet <u>A</u>mos, / Thou didst receive the gift of <u>prophecy</u> from on high / And didst pro<u>claim</u> to the world: ///

"Behold, this is our God! And there shall none other be accounted of in comparison with Him."

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