

## The 27<sup>th</sup> Day of April

### Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Simeon, the Kinsman of the Lord

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:**

**3 from the Pentecostarion,**

**and 3 for the Hieromartyr, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”***

**T**hou hast shone forth, O Simeon, /  
As a sacred priest and as a martyr condemned under the law, /  
A true kinsman of the Creator and a wondrous worker of miracles, /  
A radiant beacon, a guide for the lost, /  
An unshakable pillar of the Church of Christ, ///  
And an heir of the heavenly kingdom and an equal of the angels.

**A**fter suffering great physical torment /  
And bearing great wounds on thy body /  
Thou didst approach thy cross, O wondrous hierarch /  
Emulating Christ, who was crucified of His own will. /  
Wherefore celebrating now thine all-holy memory, ///  
We receive remission of sins through thy holy prayers.

**T**hou, didst enter the celestial Church /  
In a sacred manner, O blessèd one, /  
Richly adorned with the red staining of thy blood. /  
Now thou standest before the Holy Trinity /  
Shining brightly in its rich splendor and glory. /  
Wherefore celebrating now thine all-radiant memory, ///  
We illumine the senses of our souls.

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

**Or this Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**S**hower my thoughts with the dew of the Most Holy Spirit, /  
O most pure Mother of Christ, /  
Who in His boundless compassion, /  
Cleansed the multitude of our transgressions with a drop of dew. /  
Dry up the source of my passions, /  
And through thy prayers, O Lady, ///  
Vouchsafe that I may ever drink at the stream of life.

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**Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: (and melody)**

Seeing Thee nailed to the Cross, O Lord, /  
The ewe-lamb, Thy Mother, cried out in amazement: /  
“What is this sight, O most desired Son? /  
What has the ungrateful assembly done to Thee /  
Having once delighted themselves in Thy many miracles? ///  
But I glorify Thy ineffable condescension, O Master!’

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

**The Troparion to the Saint, in Tone 1:**

We praise thee as a kinsman of Christ, /  
A great hierarch and a steadfast martyr, O Simeon, /  
Who destroyed deceit and kept the faith; /  
Wherefore celebrating now thine all-holy memory, ///  
We receive remission of sins through thy holy prayers.

**Matins**

**The Canon from the Pentecostarion, with 6 Troparia, including the Irmos;  
and that of the Saint, with 6 Troparia,**  
*the composition of Joseph.*

**The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 2**

**Ode 1**

*— incomplete as of 2/2017*

**The Kontakion for the Saint, Tone 4: To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”**

Having thee, O eloquent Simeon, as a magnificent star, /  
The Church is enlightened and cries out to thee: ///  
Rejoice, O precious crown of the martyrs!

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