

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March

### Commemoration of our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 2:** *To the melody, “When from the tree....”*

**F**rom thy youth thou didst renounce all the cares of the world /  
And with true faith and love didst thou follow after Christ crucified, /  
Mortifying thy flesh with great accomplishments and labors /  
Thou didst receive the abundant grace of healings ///  
To cure illnesses and expel evil spirits to the astonishment of all.

**B**ecoming thyself the most pleasing of monastics, /  
O ven’rable father Benedict, /  
Thou didst gather a countless multitude to sing the praises of God, /  
Guiding them onto the path which leads to heaven /  
Who followed thy blessed teachings and emulated thy virtuous life. ///  
Now, together with them we honor thy blessed repose, O father Benedict.

**L**ike Elijah of old, when he called down the waters of heaven /  
Thou didst cause oil to pour out from the vessel through thy prayers; /  
And thou didst raise the dead; /  
And didst accomplish a great number of miracles, O ven’rable one, /  
To the glory of God the Savior of all. ///  
Therefore, with love we celebrate thy glorious memory, O father Benedict.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:** *(and melody)*

**O** thou joy of all who sorrow, /  
Protectress of the oppressed and nourisher of the poor and hungry; /  
O consolation of the homeless, guide of the blind and visitation of the sick; /  
Thou defense and shelter of those who struggle in labor, /  
The helper of orphans and the Mother of God Most High, ///  
We pray thee, O most-pure one, that we, thy servants may be saved.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:** *(to the regular melody)*

**W**hen she beheld Thee, the Maker of the universe, /  
Hanged upon the Cross and enduring Thy great sufferings, /  
The all-pure one cried aloud lamenting; /  
“O Master beyond praise, my Son and God, /  
How, desiring to honor Thy creation, dost Thou suffer dishonor in the flesh? ///  
Glory to thy great mercy and condescension, O Lover of mankind.”

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**The General Troparion of a Venerable Monk, in Tone 4:** *(none given in the Slav Menaion)*

**T**he image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, /  
For thou didst take up thy cross and follow Christ /  
By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away /  
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal ///  
Therefore thy spirit, O holy Benedict, rejoices with the angels.

**Matins**

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

*having the acrostic: “I offer praise to thee, O Benedict the Wise,”*

*the composition of Joseph.*

*— incomplete as of 1/19/2015*

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 6:** *(to the melody: “Steadfast protectress...”)*

**T**hou wast richly blessed by the grace of God, O Benedict, /  
And by thine accomplishments, thou didst truly proclaim thy name; /  
Thou wast revealed as a favorite of Christ God /  
And by thy prayers and fasting wast thou granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit; /  
Thou dost heal the sick and banish the demons, ///  
And comest quickly to the defense of our souls.

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