

The 10th Day of May
✙ **Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.**

Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, “**Blessèd is the man...**,” the first Kathisma.

At “**Lord, I call...**,” **8 stichera;**

3 from the Pentecostarion, and

5 stichera of Saint Simon, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign...”*

Simon the wondrous, /
The boast of the apostles, /
Passed over all the earth like a shining star /
Driving away the darkness of idolatry /
With his saving, divine, and brilliant teachings, /
Enlightening all to worship the One God in Three Persons ///
Indivisible and Undivided. *(twice)*

Simon the Apostle, /
Was like unto a chariat /
Traversing the entire earth; /
Burning away the madness of idolatry from all the land /
Shedding the light of piety, illumining the faithful with rays of grace /
Enlightening all to worship the One God in Three Persons ///
Indivisible and Undivided. *(twice)*

Simon the Apostle, /
Most radiant and wondrous, /
The teacher of the nations /
God’s holy fisher of men /
Catching us up from the depths of perdition with the height of theology. /
Now the true preacher wisely leads all to the knowledge of Christ ///
Offering to us his instruction as bountiful feast.

Glory..., in Tone 2:

Given a name to mark thy zeal for God, /
O right-wondrous Simon /
He revealed thee as one possessing wondrous gifts /

For having great zeal, O blessed one, /
Thou didst zealously strive to achieve the true meaning of thy name. /
Therefore, now dwelling on high with the choirs of heaven, /
Entreat the Word, O eye-witness of God, ///
That He may grant us great mercy.

Now and ever..., Pentecostarion.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the Day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from the First General Epistle of John (3:21-4:6)

^{3:21}**B**elovèd, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. ²⁴And he that keeps His commandments dwells in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us. ^{4:1}**B**elovèd, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of

God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God, ³and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. ⁴Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Reading from the First General Epistle of John (4:11-4:16)

^{4:11}**B**elovèd, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His

Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God hath for us.

God is love, and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God in him.

The Reading from the First General Epistle of John (4:20-5:5)

^{4:20}**I**f any man says, “I love God,” and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? ²¹And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loveth God must also love his brother. ^{5:1}Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone that loveth Him that begat also loveth Him that is begotten of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory that overcometh the world; our faith. ⁵Who is he that overcometh the world, but he who believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 1: To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”

Most-memorable Apostle Simon! /
Wisely didst thou drink of the stream of sweetness /
And sating thyself with the Wisdom of God /
Zealously didst thou emulate Christ. /
Now, having joyfully come unto Him, /
Thou art deified by the radiant glory of the Holy Trinity ///
And the peace that passes all understanding.

Verse: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Most-wondrous Apostle Simon! /
In contemplating on the beauty of God /
Thou didst gaze upon it as far as thou wast able, /
Desiring to attain the enjoyment of a higher union. /
Now, having joyously achieved the only object of thy blessed desire, /
And being deified by Him ///
Thou dost dwell together with the angels, O ever-memorable preacher of Christ.

Verse: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

Most-blessèd Apostle Simon! /
Thou art revealed as a faithful mediator between God and man , /
And now, we pray that through thy bold and fervent intercessions /

Christ may be merciful to us. /
Never cease to entreat the Lord ///
That He may grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Glory..., Tone 6:

Most-holy Simon, thou disciple and apostle of Christ, /
Thou didst soar over all creation like an eagle /
Destroying the lies of idolatry with the fire of thy teachings, /
Leading the nations from the depths of ignorance to the knowledge of God. /
And now, earnestly do thou entreat the Lord ///
That He be merciful to us on the Day of Judgment.

Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

The Troparion of Saint Simon, in Tone 3:

O holy Apostle Simon /
Intercede with our merciful God, /
That He may grant to our souls ///
The remission of our transgressions.

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

Matins

— *incomplete as of 2/2015*

After “**God is the Lord...**” the Troparion from the Pentecostarion, twice; Glory..., of the Saint, Now and ever..., that of the Pentecostarion.

After the 1st Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 2:

Thy glorious apostle, O Christ God,
As a fisher of men caught the nations
And taught them to worship Thee together with the Father and the Spirit.
Therefore, confirm Thou, Thy holy Church, /
And send down Thy blessings upon Thy people, ///
O only-merciful Lover of mankind! *(twice)*

Glory ... now and ever..., Pentecostarion.

After the 2nd Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:

Christ sent thee forth to illumine the earth /
With rays like those of the Sun, /

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O glorious Apostle Simon. /
And through thy divine and holy intercessions /
All who faithfully celebrate thy holy memory ///
Are illumined by the divine and never-waning Light. *(twice)*

Glory ... now and ever..., Pentecostarion.

Polyeley and Magnification:

We magnify thee, // O holy Apostle Simon, / and we honor thy labors and sufferings /
which thou didst endure in proclaiming Christ.

Selected Psalm verses:

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!
The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints!

After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “Of Wisdom....”*

Catching the reason endowed with the net of thy divine words /
Thou didst bring them as a first-offering to God; /
And desiring to clothe thyself with the wounds of Christ /
Thou didst emulate Him in His suffering. /
Therefore, we rightly gather to honor thy festive memory, /
And together we cry out to thee, O glorious ap^ostle: /
Pray Christ God that He grant remission of sins ///
To those who faithfully honor thy holy memory. *(twice)*

Glory ... now and ever..., Pentecostarion.

1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone (The Song of Ascents), “From my youth....”

The Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:

Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe!
Verse: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

Let every breath praise the Lord!...

Gospel: (67) John 21:15-25

After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron of the Saint, in Tone 6:

Clearly imbued with the grace of the Holy Spirit /

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Thou didst join the ranks of the holy apostles, O Simon; /
And receiving with them the fiery inspiration from heaven, /
With thy fiery tongue thou didst burn up the thorns of pagan godlessness. /
Pray Christ God, O holy preacher, that our souls may be saved.

The Canon

The Canon from the Pentecostarion, with 6 Troparia, including the irmos;
and that of the Saint, with 8 troparia, in Tone 8,

having the acrostic: "I sing the praises of Apostle Simon."

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After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2: To the melody, "The steadfast...."

Let us all praise and bless Simon, the preacher of God /
For he instilled the teachings of wisdom in the souls of the pious. /
Now he stands before the throne of glory together with the bodiless angels /
And together with them he rejoices ///
Ceaselessly praying on behalf of us all.

On the Praises, 4 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 8: To the melody, "What shall we call thee?..."

What shall we call thee, O Apostle? /
Heaven, for thou declared the glory of God? /
A river, for thou mystically watered creation? /
A star, for illuminating the Church? /
A cup, overflowing with a draft of holy drink? /
A belovèd friend of Christ? /
A co-equal of the bodiless angels? ///
Pray thou for the salvation of our souls! *(twice)*

O Simon, thou boast of the apostles! /
Well have thy adorned feet trod the path of preaching /
Making narrow all the ways of the enemy /
By the breadth of divine wisdom, /
The Word, who appeared in the baseness of the flesh, /
And chose thee as His disciple, O blessed one. ///
Beseech Him for the salvation of our souls!

O Simon, God's eloquent apostle! /
Christ sent thee forth as an arrow of light /

HOLY APOSTLE SIMON THE ZEALOT

To smite down the enemy /
And grant healing to our wounded souls. /
Therefore we rightly bless thee /
And celebrate today thy holy memory. ///
Pray for the salvation of our souls!

Glory..., in Tone 2:

Forsaking the cares of this world, O Apostle Simon, /
Thou didst follow after Christ /
And being armed with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit /
Thou wast sent by Him to the perishing nations /
To convert them to the light of the knowledge of God. /
And having the completed the godly course of thy struggles and thy sufferings /
Thou didst commend thy soul to Christ. ///
Beseech Him, O blessed one, that He may grant us great mercy.

Now and ever..., Pentecostarion.

Great Doxology, Troparia, Litanies and Dismissal, as usual.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the appointed Ode of the Canon from the Pentecostarion; and 4 from the Sixth Ode of the Canon of the Saint.

1-4. From the appointed Canon.

5-6. O right-wondrous Simon, given a name to mark thy zeal for the Almighty God, zealously didst thou strive to emulate the Lord. *(twice)*

7. Thou wast granted authority through the power of divine grace, and revealed by the Savior as a worker of divine miracles.

8. Theotokion: Let the mouths of heretics who do not acknowledge thee as Theotokos be stopped, O All-immaculate Lady, and let their faces be covered with shame

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The Prokeimenon (Apostle), in Tone 8: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

The Epistle: (131) I Cor. 4:9-16

The Alleluia (Apostle), Tone 1: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

The Gospel: (56) Matthew 13:54-58

The Communion Hymn: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe!

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