

The 24th Day of January

**Commemoration of our Venerable Mother, Xenia of Rome;
and of our Venerable Mother Ksenia of St. Petersburg, whose
service follows this. — incomplete as of 1/2015**

Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera from the Octoechos and 3 of the Saint, in Tone 1:
*To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”***

Redirecting thy love towards good things /
And through deeds confirming thy purpose, /
Thou didst flee the sweetness of temptations, O blessed one, /
And ascended along the difficult path of virtues ///
By becoming a stranger to the world.

Hastening to the divine harbor /
Thou didst calmly pass through the tumultuous waves of this world /
Steering the ship of thy soul without foundering /
In the bitter sea of pleasures, O honorable one, ///
For thou wast laden with a cargo of spiritual goodness.

Thou didst live the life of a wanderer /
In emulation of Him /
Who for our sakes descended from heaven /
To save those who had fallen. /
Thou didst dwell amidst thy kin not being known by them /
Yet thou wast well known by the pious /
And now thou dost ever pray on behalf of all, ///
O blessed mother Xenia.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion in the same Tone:

All-glorious art thou from generation to generation, /
O Virgin Mother and Maiden,
Mary Theotokos, the Protectress of the world, /
Who gavest birth in the flesh to the Son of the Father without beginning, /
Who is truly co-eternal with the Spirit. ///
Beseech Him now to save our souls.

Or this Stavrotheotokion: in the same Tone:

When she beheld the Lamb lifted up upon the Cross, /
The most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: /

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O my Sweet Child /
What is this new and all-glorious wonder? /
How is it that Thou who holdest all things in the hollow of Thy hand, ///
Art nailed to the Tree in the flesh?

Troparion of Saint Xenia, in Tone 8:

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, /
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 Xenia, rejoices with the angels.

Matins

After the usual readings from the Psalter, both Canons from the Octoechos,
and this Canon of the Saint in Tone 8.

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Kontakion of Saint Xenia of Rome, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Of Thy blood....”*

Remembering thy marvelous life /
With love we honor thee, O Xenia, /
And we sing a hymn of praise to Christ /
Who gavest thee the power to grant healing to all. ///
Beseech Him always on behalf of us all.

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