

The 4th Day of April

Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer, and George, Monk of Mt. Maleon in the Peloponnesus.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:

3 stichera to St. Joseph, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Down from the tree....”*

Thou didst take up thy cross upon thy shoulders and crucified thyself to the world, /
Following the footsteps of the Word of God, /
Who created all things out of nothing but an act His will, /
And thou didst cast away the love of worldly things and the passions as He did
command, /
Therefore, shining with divine virtues and deeds ///
Thou didst receive thy eternal reward, O father Joseph.

Thou wast revealed as a trumpet of the mysteries /
Uplifting all with spiritual hymns /
A divine instrument praising the army of God, /
Glorifying all the saints and proclaiming all their victories, /
Drawing from the fountain of salvation a river of words ///
Giving drink to the house of God.

Revealing thyself as a treasury of the virtues, /
Thy life wholly pleasing to God; /
Being inflamed with love thou didst call out with sacred hymns, /
Seeking to emulate all blessed things with godly zeal ///
Thou didst become a full partaker of their joy and delight.

And 3 stichera to St. George, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”*

Note: If a Presanctified Liturgy is served, these are sung at the Praises of Matins.

Through abstinence, thou didst subject the passions /
To the will of thy mind, O father George, /
And didst become a beautiful vessel of dispassion /
Filled with a living radiance, /
Defeating all demons and curing all passions ///
O wonderworthy one.

Come and let us all sing and praise George, /
As a pure and sweet-smelling repository of the Divine Spirit, /
A fountain of wonders, a pillar of monastics, /

4 APRIL

A meek champ'ion of Christ the Meek, ///
An earthly angel and a heavenly man.

Steering the ship of thy soul to the calm and silent haven /
Thou didst escape the turmoil of the world as if from the waves of the sea. /
And soaring aloft to God thou didst leave the earth ///
Revealing thyself like unto an angel in the flesh.

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

As thou art the helper of the helpless, /
The hope of the hopeless, /
And the deliverance from every trouble, O Theotokos, /
Be thou to me a helper delivering me from sins and misfortunes, ///
As thou art merciful, O Lady most pure!

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

Standing before the Cross of thy Son and God, /
And beholding His long-suffering,
O pure Mother, thou didst cry out weeping: /
“Woe is me, O my Child most sweet! /
What are these things which Thou dost suffer unjustly, ///
O Word of God, that Thou mightest save mankind?”

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

[No Troparia are given in the Menaion]

Matins

Two Canons, one of each Saint, each with 4 troparia.

— incomplete as of 2/2013

Kontakion of St. Joseph, in Tone 4: To the melody, “Having been lifted up....”

As Thou art an inexhaustible well-spring of repentance, O Joseph, /
And an endless source of consolation and compunction, /
Grant us tears of blessed repentance, /
That by their shedding we might receive consolation from God ///
Through thine aid, O holy one.

Last updated 12/20/2013 SDA
4/3/2019 SDA
3/20/2023