

The 11th Day of March

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”

As the namesake of chastity /
By divine foreknowledge, O Sophronius, /
Thou wast righteous and chaste in all thy deeds, /
Courageous and wise, nobly crowned with the virtues, /
Flourishing in both soul and body ///
As a diligent builder of the Church.

O blessèd Sophronius, /
From thy lips thundered words of theological teachings /
Clearly proclaiming the unoriginate Father /
The co-unoriginate Son, /
And the equally everlasting Spirit; /
Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity — ///
God the Trinity, One in essence.

Wisely didst thou teach, O Sophronius, /
That the Word was co-eternal with the Father, /
And being without flesh, united to the flesh in His Person /
Without change nor confusion and active in both natures /
Of which He is indivisibly One, undivided in essence — ///
One being seen in the other.

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

Shower 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.

Or the 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.

General Troparion of a Hierarchy, in Tone 4: *(None given in the Menaion)*

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,
A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, /
So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; /
O holy hierarchy, father Sophronius, ///
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Matins

— *incomplete as of 2/2016*

The Kontakion of St. Sophronius, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O victorious leader...”*

Having ascended to the heights by divine zeal, /
Thou didst bolster the foundations of the Church, O holy one, /
By advancing the commandments of God by the words of thy lips, /
And instructing all the monastics residing there. /
O holy Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem, /
Thou didst clearly preach thy most-wise words of instruction to us, ///
So we sing to thee, Rejoice, O splendid glory of the Orthodox!

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