

The 12th Day of February

**Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Meletius,
Patriarch of Antioch the Great.**

**Also, the Commemoration of our Father among the Saints
Alexis, Metropolitan of Moscow, Wonderworker of All-Russia,
whose service follows after this.**

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.

**3 stichera from the Octoechos and 3 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody,
“As one valiant among the martyrs....”***

Wisely didst thou teach that the incorporeal Word /
Coeternal with the Father, /
Was united to the flesh in His Person /
With change or confusion; /
That He acted in both natures of which He is, and in which He is seen: /
One, indivisible in Essence, ///
And comprehended as existing in both, O wise one.

Having studied the Law of the Lord, /
O blessed and holy hierarch Meletius, /
Thou didst show thyself to be like a tree /
Planted near the waters of abstinence, /
Bringing forth the fruit of the virtues, as it is written, /
Through the grace of Him who hath sanctified thy holy soul ///
Making thee a well-pleasing receptacle of the inspiration of the Spirit.

As it is said in the Song of Songs, /
Thy cheeks are like doves adorning thy face /
Loving abstinence and renouncing every delight, /
Desiring only spiritual sustenance /
Which Christ richly bestowed upon thee, O father Meletius, /
When He accepted thy manifold labors and ardent zeal ///
Facing great dangers for the sake of the Faith.

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

As thine entreaties to the Lord are ceaseless and abiding, /
O most-pure Lady, /
Still the assault of the waves upon my wretched soul /
And calm the sorrows of my heart, /

I beseech thee, O Maiden, /
And impart grace to my mind ///
That I may worthily glorify thee.

Or the Stavrotheotokion in the same Tone:

Seeing Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /
The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /
And as a mother cried out to Thee: /
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Tree of the Cross, /
O Longsuffering One? /
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgressors, O Word? /
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Master?

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

General Troparion of a Martyr, in Tone 4:

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 hierarch, father Meletius, /
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Matins

The Canon

The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8: — *incomplete as of 12/2016.*

After the 6th Ode, the Kontakion of the saint, in Tone 6:

Fearing the boldness of thy spirit /
Macedonius the heretic fled away from thee; /
But we, thy servants, prayerfully celebrate thy memory /
And lovingly run to thee, /
O converser with the angels, and fiery sword of Christ our God /
That defeats the godless enemies; /
We praise thee as a glorious luminary enlightening us all, ///
O blessed and holy hierarch Meletius.