

May 23

**Fifth day of Pentecost;
Commemoration of Our Venerable Father
Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia
(5th Class)**

VESPERS

Stichera for Pentecost (Tone 1)

6. Upon the mountain, Moses beheld in fire He-Who-Is. Now the Spirit descends in the form of fire upon the Apostles who saw the Lord, in order to clearly manifest that it is the same God who spoke then and now.
5. In tongues of fire, those who spoke of God invited the nations to divine baptism, consuming in the fire of the Spirit the vain babbling of the impious. O Spirit, enlighten likewise Your servants who recognize You as God.
4. Lord, for all who serve You in this flesh which You ineffably assumed, let Your Spirit renew them in His Fire, just as You made flaming fires Your attendants. You are wonderful in all Your works! O Lover of Mankind, we sing to You!

For Michael (Tone 4)

3. O Michael, divinely-minded father, you spotlessly preserved your likeness to God as you venerated the holy image of Christ. By your teaching, you bravely brought an end to the babbling of error. By your constancy in enduring your struggles, you were most pleasing to the all-powerful Christ, O blessed one.

2. O Michael, divinely-minded father, you entered the arena as a witness to the faith, robed in your priestly vestments. You offered yourself to Christ, O blessed one, adorned with a double crown and thus attained to the choir of holy hierarchs in whose ineffable jubilation you were judged worthy to share.
1. O Michael, divinely-minded father, robed in your sacred tunic like another Aaron, you behold the Holy of Holies. You stand forever within, beyond the second veil, in that pure light that surpasses all understanding, in which you also share, O wondrous jewel of the divine hierarchs.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatikon (Tone 2)

We Your faithful people prostrate our souls and bodies before You, O Lord. We sing a hymn of praise to You, the Eternal Father, and to Your Son equal to You in eternity, and to Your All-Holy Spirit coeternal with You, the Enlightener and Sanctifier of our souls.

"O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.

APOSTICHA *(Tone 4)*

1. The Holy Spirit shares the same power, essence, throne, eternity, pre-eminence and majesty as the Father and the Word. It is He who filled the Disciples of Christ with wisdom so that in many languages their words could announce the wonderful works of God and the knowledge of the Holy Trinity.

All: A spotless heart create in me, O God; renew a steadfast Spirit in my heart.

2. O Lord, countless people, obscured by the inebriation of ignorance, brought the charge of drunkenness against those whom You had initiated when, with many languages in the Spirit, they magnified the God of countless revelations and reproved the drunkenness of error. But we, who have come to know You through them, acknowledge You to be our God in the joy of our salvation.

All: Cast me not afar from Your face; take not Your blessed Spirit out of me.

3. O eternally inexhaustible Fountain from which flows an endless wave of goodness, ceaselessly pour out the living water of salvation: bathe my soul in Your streams, extinguish within me the fire of the passions, the embers of terrible temptation, and the furnace of punishment.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatikon (Tone 2)

Let us sing a hymn of praise to the consubstantial Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for this is the command and teaching of all the prophets, apostles and martyrs.

TROPARION OF MICHAEL *(Tone 8)*

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, star of the universe, glory of hierarchs, wise Michael, inspired by God: by your teachings you enlightened us all, O Harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

OR TROPARION OF MICHAEL (*Tone 4*)

Having consecrated your life to God from your youth, you were raised up to become a shepherd and hierarch of Christ. For having honored the icon of the Lord, O Michael, you suffered the afflictions of exile. Now you ceaselessly pour forth streams of mercy upon us all.

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

TROPARION OF PENTECOST (*Tone 8*)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them; and who through them have caught in Your net the whole world. O Lover of Mankind, glory to You!