

January 26

Commemoration of our venerable father

Xenophon and his relatives

(5th Class)

GREAT VESPERS

Stichera for the Resurrection (Tone 3)

10. O Christ the Savior, by Your Cross the might of death has vanished, the deceit of the devil has been broken and the human race has been saved by faith. Therefore we offer You unceasing praise.
9. O Lord our God, by Your glorious Resurrection the whole creation has been enlightened and Paradise opened. Therefore the whole universe magnifies You and offers You unceasing praise.
8. I glorify the power of the Father; I magnify the power of the Son; and I sing a hymn of praise to the power of the Holy Spirit: one Godhead, indivisible, uncreated, equal in essence and reigning forever.
7. We bow in worship to Your Cross, O Christ! We praise and glorify Your Resurrection, because through Your wounds we were all made well.
6. We sing a hymn to the Savior who was incarnate of the Virgin, for He was crucified for us. He rose on the third day and bestowed great mercy upon us.
5. Christ went down to Hades and in these words announced the good tidings to those who were waiting for Him: "Have confidence now, for I have conquered. I am the Resurrection who will set you free by shattering the gates of death!"

4. Unworthy as we are, we stand in Your holy temple, O Christ God, and we offer You our evening hymns of praise, proclaiming loudly: "O Christ God, Lover of Mankind, O You who have enlightened the world by Your Resurrection on the third day: deliver Your people and save them from the hands of Your enemies."

For the Saints (Tone 2)

3. Radiant with spiritual virtues, O holy father Xenophon, you shone with faith and charity. You gave alms joyfully, distributing your goods to the poor. As a just man, you shall be remembered forever, for you have earned the never-setting Light. In it, you see your venerable children and their mother dwelling in the celestial city.
2. Having renounced the glory that fades away, you have all merited that divine glory which never passes. Having turned away from the pleasures of this life, O blessed God-bearers, you loved above all else Christ, who is the supreme Delight. He saved you from the world and its stormy waters, guiding you to a good harbor in the peaceful life, radiant with light.
1. Having mortified the passions of the flesh, you were clothed in tunics of impassability which you yourselves wove by the purity of your lives. Although you dwelt in the body, you lived patiently like the angels, meriting their companionship in the joy of the divine splendors of Heaven.
- 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

O Lady most honorable, how can we but be rapt in wonder at your giving birth to the Incarnate God who, without a mother, was born of the Father before all ages? You gave Him birth in the flesh without a father,

without a man's instrumentality. He is God and man whose two natures are intact, neither one losing any of its properties. Therefore, O Virgin Mother, intercede with Him to save the souls of those who believe and confess in true faith that you are the Mother of God.

Entrance. "O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of Saturday evening.

APOSTICHA (*Tone 3*)

1. O Christ, the sun was darkened at Your Passion, but You gave light to the whole creation and overwhelmed it with joy with the glow of Your Resurrection. Accept from us an evening hymn of praise, O Lover of Mankind!
- v. The Lord has reigned, and He is clothed in splendor. The Lord is robed; He is girt about with might.
2. O Lord, Your life-giving Resurrection has given light to the whole universe and has renewed our corrupt nature. You delivered us from the curse of Adam. Wherefore we cry out to You: "O Lord Almighty, glory to You!"
- v. For He has settled the earth: it shall remain unmoved.
3. O immutable God, You suffered in the mutable flesh. When the earth could not bear to see You suspended on the Cross, it trembled for fear and sighed, praising Your long suffering. You went down to Hades, and on the third day You rose, bestowing life and great mercy upon the world.
- v. Righteousness is fitting for Your house, O Lord, throughout eternity.
4. O Christ, You accepted death to save our race from death, and when on the third day You rose from the dead, You raised up with You those who recognized You as the true God: and You enlightened the world. O Lord, glory to You!

- 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

According to the Father's good pleasure, by the operation of the Holy Spirit and without human seed, you conceived the Son of God who, without a mother, was born of the Father before all ages. In you, He became man for us and you have given Him birth without a father, and you nurtured Him as a child. Therefore, never cease to intercede with Him that He may deliver our souls from affliction.

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 3*)

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad: for the Lord has exerted power with His arm. By death, He has trampled upon death, and has become the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy!

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

TROPARION OF XENOPHON AND HIS RELATIVES (*Tone 4*)

O God of our Fathers who always deal with us according to Your compassion, do not remove Your mercy from us, but through their intercession, direct our lives in peace.

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION (*Tone 4*)

The mystery which was hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels has been revealed through you, O Theotokos, to those on earth: for God took flesh in a union without commixture, and willingly took up the Cross by which He elevated the first man, and saved our souls from death.