

June 12

**Fourth day of Pentecost;
Commemoration of our Venerable Fathers
Onuphrius of Egypt and Peter of Athos
(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 the Fathers (Tone 8)

3. Onuphrios, divinely-inspired father, lead me along the narrow road of the virtues, for I dwell in the desert of the passions. By your prayers, lead me along the path of repentance, that I may fulfill the commandments of God and rejoice in the inexhaustible true God; thus I shall celebrate your memory with joy.
2. Onuphrios, divinely-minded father, you endured the heat of the day and the cold of night as you awaited the coming of the Kingdom. Putting to death your earthly members, you found life in Heaven, as you entered into

the banquet chamber where you joyfully contemplate the wondrous beauty of the divine Creator.

1. Onuphrios, divinely-minded father, withdrawing from the confusion of the world you reached the heights of the spiritual life. Seeking the very Source of all good, you attained the Object of your desire. Radiant now in that brilliant Light, save us from the darkness of sin by your prayers, O blessed one!

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

Doxastikon (Tone 6)

Holy father, the whole world acknowledges your just deeds. By them, you have received the recompense of your labors in heaven. You destroyed the hosts of demons and joined the choirs of angels, whom you had imitated by your pure life. In the boldness which you possess before Christ our God, ask peace for our souls.

- 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 ONUPHRIOS (*Tone 1*)

You appeared as a citizen of the wilderness, an angel in the flesh and a wonderworker, our God-inspired Father Onuphrios. By fasting, vigils and prayer, you received heavenly gifts. You cure the sick and the souls of those who run to you in faith. Glory to Him who gave you this power! Glory to Him who crowned you! Glory to Him who through you performs healings for 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!