

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May



### Our Father among the Saints, Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria.

And the Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, whose service is found following this.

#### Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 Stikhera.

**3 Stikhera, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “Called from on high...”*

**T**hou wast vouchsafed eternal life /  
When thou didst preach Christ the Son, the Word and the Giver of life /  
As consubstantial and co-eternal with God, the unoriginate Father. /  
Then with thy fiery tongue thou didst burn up the substance of heresies, O glorious one, /  
Expelling Arius from the Church of Christ /  
Thus enlightening the hearts of the pious with thy divine words, O wise one, ///  
To worship the Trinity, One in essence

**T**hou wast like unto a divine river /  
Filled with the waters of the Spirit. O most wondrous one, /  
Overflowing with divine teachings and quenching the thirst of the Church, /  
And drowning the assembly of heretics /  
In the depths of thy divine teachings and wisdom, O father. /  
For thou, O divinely rich and most wise Athanasius, ///  
Didst preach Christ the Master, consubstantial and begotten of the Father.

**A**s a hierarch and a preacher of divine mysteries /  
Thou didst endure great persecution and suffering, /  
Assaults and exiles for thy faith in Christ:  
In proclaiming Him as consubstantial and co-eternal /  
With the unoriginate and pre-eternal Father.  
Therefore He, Himself hath adorned thee with resplendent knowledge ///  
Revealing thee and thy splendor to the world.

**And 3 Stikhera in Tone 5:** *To the melody, “O venerable father ....”*

**O** holy father Athanasius, /  
From thine infancy wast thou revealed a shining star of the Church /  
Radiant with visions and enriched by the virtues; /  
Consuming heresy with thy fiery and divinely inspired words, /  
Guiding and instructing the faithful, O venerable one, /

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With the brilliant light of the Holy Trinity /  
In One Godhead and consubstantial glory.  
Ever entreat and supplicate the Trinity ///  
That the world be granted unity of mind, peace, and great mercy.

**O** holy father Athanasius , /  
Rightly art thou the namesake of immortality /  
For thou didst walk the path which leads to eternal life, /  
Adorning with light thine earthly life; /  
And receiving the gift of the Spirit /  
And with purity of mind thou didst become a champion of the Word. /  
O divinely eloquent Athanasius, /  
Being thus inspired by Him thou didst defeat thine enemies, /  
And proved invincible being protected by Him,  
And being deified by Him thou dost commune with Him. /  
Ever entreat and supplicate Him ///  
That the world be granted unity of mind, peace, and great mercy.

**O** holy father Athanasius , /  
Having endured great sorrows and tribulations /  
Thou art vouchsafed the food of paradise; /  
Now abiding in the heavenly mansions, O blessèd one, /  
Thou hast drawn near to the Tree of Immortality; /  
Adorned with crown of victory and bearing the diadem of Kingdom on-High /  
Thou art shining with beauty in thy prayers to Christ,  
Ever entreat and supplicate Him ///  
That the world be granted unity of mind, peace, and great mercy.

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**Let** us all praise in song /  
Athanasius, the holy hierarch of Christ, /  
For he overthrew the teachings of Arius, /  
He declared the Son to be of One Essence with the Father /  
He proclaimed the might of the Trinity to the ends of the earth: /  
One God in three Persons, indivisible, /  
Whom he now implores on behalf of us all ///  
Who faithfully celebrate his [holy] memory.

**Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.**

**At the Apostikha, the Stikhera from the Pentecostarion, and**

**Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 3: (the composition of Germanus)**

The yearly celebration of thy memory hast come, /  
O thou namesake of immortality, /  
As the river Nile overflowing with streams of gold /  
Bestowing on us the golden blessings of immortality /  
Feeding us with the food of everlasting life /  
Bringing us joy that never ends /  
Through thy lofty wisdom we have been taught to worship the undivided Trinity, /  
And the minds of the faithful are refreshed by thy divine teachings ///  
Cease not to pray that our souls may be saved.

**Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.**

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 3:**

O holy hierarch Athanasius, /  
Thou art a pillar of Orthodoxy, /  
Confirming the Church with thine inspired doctrines, /  
Teaching that the Son is of One Essence with the Father: /  
And overthrowing the false teachings of Arius. /  
Pray to Christ our God, O ven'rable one, /  
That He may grant us great mercy.

**Morning Service**

**The Canon**

The Canon of the Feast, with 6 Troparia including the Irmos, and that of the Saint,  
with 6 Troparia, having the acrostic: “O Athanasius, thou art the glory of Orthodoxy”  
(the composition of Theophan), in Tone 8:  
*incomplete as of 4/21/14*

**Kontakion of the Saint in Tone 2: To the melody, “Of Thy blood....”**

Planting the doctrines of Orthodoxy /  
Thou didst uproot the evil thorns of heresy, O Athanasius, /  
And didst multiply the seeds of faith with the water of the Spirit, ///  
Therefore we praise thee, O venerable one.

**At the Praises, 4 stikhera, in Tone 4: To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”**

Every false teaching of heresy, /  
Is consumed as tinder by the fire of thy teachings, O glorious one, /  
And the mighty host of the enemy is drowned /  
In the depths of thy wisdom, O venerable one, /  
And through thy doctrines, O Athanasius, the Church of the faithful /  
Is renewed daily, O blessèd one, ///  
As it joyfully honors thee. *(Twice)*

**T**hou didst drive the irrational wolves away from Christ’s [holy] Church /  
With the staff of thy teachings, O most wise one, /  
And with thy words of confirmation didst surround her with a strong defense /  
Presenting her to Christ unshaken and unbroken. /  
Therefore, pray to Him, O Athanasius, /  
That we who faithfully celebrate thine honored memory ///  
Be delivered from corruption and sorrow.

**T**he whole Church is adorned today /  
With the splendor of thy teachings, O most wise one /  
And is confirmed by the beauty of thy pious virtues, /  
As she rightly honors thy festive memory, /  
O great preacher Athanasius, /  
Thou glory of the priesthood and the beacon of piety, ///  
And the champion of the [Holy] Trinity.

**Glory..., of the Saint, in the Same: (the composition of Patriarch Germanus)**

**T**oday the great and true trumpet voice of the Church, /  
The much-suffering Athanasius, /  
Summons the whole world to celebrate his memory! /  
Come, all ye faithful, and let us greet the feast of our good shepherd, /  
And let us honor him with hymns of praise /  
That through his holy supplications to Christ God ///  
We may receive great mercy.

**Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.**

**At the Apostikha, the Stikhera from the Pentecostarion, and**

**Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 3:**

Let us worthily sing the praise of Athanasius, /  
Our valiant defender; the great adornment of hierarchs! /  
For he laid low the legion of heresies by the power of the Holy Spirit, /  
Raising high the victorious banner of Orthodoxy throughout the world; /  
He defined the mystery of the Trinity /  
Explaining the One essence of its Persons /  
And their union without confusion /  
In their consubstantial nature; /  
Now together with the Cherubim he sings their angelic Hymn ///  
Ever praying that our souls may be saved

**Now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.**

**Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia from the appointed Ode from the Pentecostarion, and 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of Saint.**

**The Prokeimenon in Tone 7:** Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *Verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

**The Epistle:** (318) Heb. 7:26-8:2.

**The Alleluia is in Tone 2:** Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice! *Verse:* The Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

**The Gospel:** (11) Matthew 5:14-19.

**The Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.