

The 8th Day of March

Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 Stikhera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

O father Theophylactus /

Being preserved by divine guardians, thou wast kept unharmed. /

Revealing thyself as a firm pillar of the Church, /

Being inflexible against the temptations of heretical snares. ///

Pray now that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

O father Theophylactus /

Seeing God visibly and understandably, /

And being satiated with Him in a better union, O blessèd one, /

Thou didst commune of Him Who is worshipped, rejoicing, /

For He is the only desired Holy One. ///

And now, O honorable hierarch, thou art ever with the angels.

O father Theophylactus /

Having been translated from the earth thou didst hasten to heaven, /

And wast vouchsafed to live in the heavenly mansions, O blessèd one, /

For the sake of the exile thou didst endure for Christ. ///

Beseech Him now to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Same Tone: (and melody)

Heal my soul, O most-pure Virgin, /

Which is being cruelly seized with sickness by evil passions, /

O thou, who gave birth to Christ, the Healer and Savior of all, /

Who heals the wounds inflicted by the malicious and evil thoughts of the devil, ///

And Who delivers us from death.

Or the Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)

As she beheld her Lamb upon the Cross, /

Bereft of form or comeliness, /

The unblemished Ewe-lamb, the sovereign Lady, cried lamenting: /

Woe is me! Where hath Thy beauty fled? /

Where is Thy spendor, O most Sweet One? ///

Where is the radiant grace of Thine image, O my most belovèd Son?

The General Troparion of the Hierarchs, in Tone 4: *(none given in the Menaion)*

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 Theophylactus, /
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls

Morning Service

The Canon of Saint Theophylactus, in Tone 8,
Having the acrostic, *“I will hymn the blessed Theophylactus in songs of praise.”*
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The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Seeking the highest....”*

Thou wast revealed as a beacon to all the ends of the earth, /
O holy hierarch Theophylactus. /
By preaching the Word, Who is of One Essence with the Father and the Spirit, /
Thou didst enlighten the council of the holy fathers /
And wast shown a favorite of the Holy Trinity. ///
Standing now before God ceaselessly pray for us all.