

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April

### Commemoration of our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer and George, Monk of Mt. Maleon in the Peloponnesus.

#### Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stikhera.

**3 stikhera to Ven. Joseph in Tone 2:** *Special melody: “When from the Tree...”*

**T**hou didst take up thy cross upon thy shoulders and crucified thyself to the world, /  
And followed in the footsteps of the Word of God, /  
Who created all things out of nothingness, as He did command, /  
Casting away the love of worldly things and all the passions. /  
Therefore, shining with divine virtues and deeds, O Father, ///  
Thou didst receive the eternal inheritance.

**T**hou wast revealed as a trumpet of the Mysteries /  
Uplifting all with spiritual hymns /  
A divine instrument praising the divine armies, /  
Glorifying all the saints and proclaiming their victories, /  
Drawing from the fountain of salvation a river of words /  
Giving drink to the house of God

**R**evealing thyself as a treasury of virtues, /  
Thy life wholly pleasing to God; /  
Being inflamed with love, thou didst call out with sacred hymns, /  
Seeking to emulate all good things with divine zeal ///  
Thou didst come to be a partaker of their delight.

**And 3 stikhera to St. George, in Tone 1:** *Special melody: “Joy of the ranks of heaven ...”*

*[If at Presanctified, these stikhera are sung at the Praises of the Morning Service]*

**T**hrough abstinence, thou didst subject *the* passions /  
To the will of thy mind, O father George, /  
And didst become a beautiful vessel of dispassion /  
Filled with a Living radiance, /  
Defeating all demons and curing *all* passions ///  
O wonderworthy one.

**C**ome and let us *all* praise George, /  
As a pure and sweet-smelling repository of the Divine Spirit, /  
A fountain of wonders, a pillar of monastics, /  
A meek champion of Christ the Meek, ///  
An earthly angel and a heavenly man.

**S**teering the ship of thy soul to a calm and *silent* haven /  
Thou didst escape the turmoil of the world as if from the waves of the sea. /  
And soaring aloft to God thou didst leave the earth ///  
Revealing thyself like unto an angel in the flesh.

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

**A**s thou art the helper of *the* helpless, /  
The hope of the hopeless, /  
And the deliverance from every trouble, O Theotokos, /  
Be thou to me a helper delivering me from sins and misfortunes, ///  
As thou art merciful, O most pure one!

*Or the Stavrotheotokion: Same Tone and melody.*

**S**tanding before the Cross of *thy* Son and God, /  
And beholding His long-suffering,  
O pure Mother, thou didst cry out weeping: /  
Woe is me, O my Child most sweet! /  
What are these things which Thou dost suffer unjustly, ///  
O Word of God, that Thou mightest save mankind?

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service;*

**[No Troparions are given in the Menaion]**

### **Morning Service**

**Two Canons, one for each Saint, each with 4 troparia.**

*incomplete as of 2/2013*

**Kontakion for St. Joseph, in Tone 4: *Special Melody: "Having been lifted up..."***

**A**s Thou art an inexhaustible well-spring of repentance, O Joseph, /  
And an endless source of consolation and compunction, /  
Grant us tears of blessèd repentance, /  
That by their shedding we might receive consolation from God ///  
Through thine aid, O holy one.