

The 26th Day of January

Commemoration of our Venerable Father, Xenophon of Constantinople,
his wife, Mary, and their sons, Arcadius and John.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” these stikhera, in Tone 2: *Special melody “When from the Tree....”*

Thou didst adorn thyself with faith and acts of mercy, /
Thy soul shining with praiseworthiness, /
For with joy didst thou distribute thy wealth to the poor. /
And thy righteousness abideth unto the ages, O father, /
For unto thee the never-setting Light arose. /
And thou didst see thy blessed children and her that bore them, ///
Dwelling in the heavenly city.

Despising earthly glory, /
You were deemed worthy of divine and incorruptible glory. /
For you trampled upon every earthly pleasure, O God-bearing ones, /
Earnestly desiring Christ, the greatest Joy, /
Who saved you from the tumult and the storms of the world, /
Bringing you into the calm haven and the light-bearing life, ///
O truly rich [and blessèd] ones

You put the passions of the flesh to death /
Putting on the garments of dispassion, /
For you had woven it from the purity of your lives: /
You lived like angels though still living in your bodies, /
And were found worthy of angelic glory in the heavens, /
Where you now rejoice in its divine radiance ///
O truly wise ones.

Glory..., now and ever..., in the same Tone:

O holy bride of God, /
Thou alone didst bear the uncontainable God /
Contained within thy womb, /
Where He became man through thy goodness. /
Wherefore, I beseech thee, /
Release me from the passions that oppress me /
That I may travel along the straight and narrow path ///
Which bears me unto life, O Virgin.

Or this Stavrotheotokion: in the same Tone:

Beholding the ripened Cluster of grapes, /
Which thou didst chastely bear in thy womb,
Hanging on the Tree, O pure one, /
Thou didst cry out lamenting: /
“O my Child, let the drops of Thy sweetness fall [like new wine] /
And remove the intoxication of the passions.
This I entreat of Thine own loving-kindness, ///
For my sake, who bore Thee, O Benefactor of all!”

Troparion for the Venerable Saint, in Tone 4:

O God of our fathers, /
Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us /
But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives in peace.

Morning Service

... incomplete as of 9/17/13

After the usual readings from the Psalter, two canons, that from the Octoechos, and the canon of the saints, with the acrostic: “I sing of Xenophon and his wife and children.”

Incomplete as of 4/12/13

Kontakion for the Venerable Saint, in Tone 4: Special melody “Thou hast appeared...”

Having fled the sea of life, /
The venerable Xenophon, his honored wife, and children ///
Rejoice together, magnifying Christ in heaven.