

The 12th Day of May

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints, Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople

And Holy Hieromartyr Germogen, whose service is found on February 17.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stikhera.

3 stikhera to St. Epiphanius in Tone 5: *Special melody: “Rejoice...”*

Rejoice, O teacher of the fasters, /
Who tended the sheep of Christ, /
With the staff of thy wise teachings in the pastures of *true* Orthodoxy. /
O Epiphanius, thou meek lamb of Christ the Chief Shepherd, /
Thyself instructed in school of abstinence /
Hath now taken up thine abode in the heavenly fold of life: /
Where in chorus together with the martyrs and the holy hierarchs /
Thou dost ever pray that those who celebrate with love thy holy memory ///
Be granted peace and great mercy.

Rejoice, O beacon of piety /
Who hast illumined the universe with the rays of thy fiery words /
That, like kindling, consumed with the teachings of *the* enemy, /
Guiding those caught in the storm of ignorance to the tranquil haven of divine knowledge; /
O thou instrument divine, inspired by the Spirit; /
O thou, whose flowering of miracles delivers mankind from death ///
Entreat Christ the He grant our souls great mercy.

Rejoice, O river of noetic reason, /
Flowing with the waters of the Spirit, /
Adornment of the Church and rule of priestly piety, /
O Epiphanius, thou pillar of monastics and foundation of the Orthodox, /
Thou rampart of the Church and its tower of strength, /
Opponent of impiety *and* horn of grace, /
Which sounds forth with blessed glory, /
O heavenly mind and stalwart tongue, /
That didst learn the Law of God through *the* grace of Christ; ///
Him do we beseech to grant great mercy to our souls.

And 3 stikhera to St. Germanus, in Tone 1: *Special melody: “O most lauded martyrs...”*

Thy revelatory words, O Germanus /
Soundly destroyed the impious reasonings of Leo /
For he rejected the veneration of the precious icons of Christ and all the saints, ///
And he was shown to be both mindless and heedless.

Leo became a forerunner of the Antichrist /
For like a godless beast he hated God. /
And rejected the veneration of the icon of Christ /
Thus he excluded himself from the inheritance of faithful.
Therefore, we entreat thee, O venerable one ///
Through thy prayers dispel from us the confusion that beset him.

Thou didst attain that which thou didst most desire /
From thy earliest years, O godly hierarch, /
And with boldness thou hast now come to stand before thy Lord in heaven /
Rejoicing in the sweetness of divinity ///
And entreating Him for the peace of world.

Glory... now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.

Troparion for both Saints, 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 the hierarchs Epiphanius and Germanus ///
Guide our lives in peace.

Morning Service

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

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Kontakion for both Saints in Tone 4: *Special Melody: "Having been lifted up..."*

Let us, the faithful, worthily praise the two hierarchs, /
Germanus and the pious Epiphanius /
For, like fire, they burned up the tongues of the ungodly /
And set forth the doctrines of wisdom for all ///
Who rightly praise the great mystery of holiness.