

JANUARY 17

Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great

"Lord I Call..." Tone 4

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon Thee!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!//
Hear me, O Lord!

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 4 *(Called from on high)*

Burning with divine love and radiant with the Spirit,
thy soul rose to desire truly infinite love.
Thou didst despise flesh and blood and didst live apart from the world,
yet thou wast united to it by great silence and abstinence.
Therefore thou wast fulfilled as thou didst desire,//
and as a star radiant with blessings, O Anthony, thou dost illumine our souls.

v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

(Repeat: "Burning with divine love...")

v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

(Repeat: "Burning with divine love...")

v. (5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Thou wast radiant with divine light by the grace of the Holy Spirit,

O Father Anthony.

Thou didst shatter the flying weapons of the demons.
By thy godly teachings thou didst expose their evil snares.
Thou wast a radiant light for monks:
the first to adorn the desert;
a prayerful and skilled physician of the sick, //
and the first clear example of the ascetic life.

V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

(Repeat: "Thou wast radiant... ")

V. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

(Repeat: "Thou wast radiant... ")

V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

O Anthony, pure in heart and soul,
an earthly angel and a heavenly man,
a teacher of chastity, a clear measure of abstinence;
now thou dost live with thy Master, O blessed saint.
Thou dost offer Him unceasing praise,
as do the Angels, all holy monastics, and martyrs. //
Do thou free from sin and danger those that ever keep thy holy memory!

V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

(Repeat: "O Anthony, pure in heart and soul... ")

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 *(by Sykeotes)*

Thou didst set thy mind as master over the deadly passions,
keeping the image unharmed through the ascetic life.
Thus thou didst rise into the perfect likeness,
for, bravely curbing nature, thou didst hasten to subject to that which is better:
and didst make the body servant to the spirit.

Therefore thou wast revealed as the chief of those living the monastic life,
a citizen of the desert,
a master teaching those who didst come to thee,
a perfect example of virtue.
Now the shadows have been set aside, O Anthony,
and in heaven thou beholdest in purity the Holy Trinity,//
as thou dost pray with boldness for those who honor thee with faith and love.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons, but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//
to have mercy on our souls!

Old Testament Readings

Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

Litya

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,
these stichera are sung)*

Tone 2 *Idiomela* *(by the Studite)*

O Venerable Anthony,
on earth thou didst establish ascetic discipline.
Thou didst blunt all the attacks of the passions with the flow of thy tears.
Divine and honored ladder leading to heaven,
thy God-pleasing life has been made known to all,
for through it thou didst manifest the fruits of piety.
By it thou healest the weaknesses of the passions of those who cry out to thee
with faith:
“Rejoice, O most golden star of the east;

torchbearer and shepherd of monastics!
Rejoice, O ever-praised one,
fairest offspring of the wilderness and unshaken support of the Church!
Rejoice, great guide of those who are led astray!//
Rejoice, for thou art our boast and the radiant joy of the inhabited earth!”

Let us honor Anthony,
an earthly angel and a heavenly man of God,
the blameless adornment of the world,
the delight of the pious, the boast and glory of those who fast!
He was planted in the house of God
and flourished in righteousness like a cedar in the desert.
He increased Christ's flock of rational sheep//
in holiness and righteousness.

O holy Father,
from thy birth thou wast trained in virtue,
becoming an instrument of the Holy Spirit.
From God thou didst receive performance of miracles,
and persuaded peoples to despise the pleasures of this life.
Now, being illumined with the Divine Light,//
enlighten also our minds, O Father Anthony!

Tone 3 *(by Anatolius)*

O venerable Anthony, as though at rest among material things,
thou didst complete thy fervent and valorous pursuit of ascetic strictness;
for, having spiritually joined thyself to the desert places,
thou didst trample underfoot the burning, fiery quivers of the demons;
and, having gained the upper hand in every virtue,
thou dost dwell with the Angels in the Kingdom of Heaven.//
Therefore intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 5

O holy Father,
hearing the Lord's voice in the Gospel,
thou didst spurn the riches and glory of the world.
Thou didst cry out to all:

“Love God and find eternal grace!
Set nothing higher than His love;
thus, thou wilt find rest with all the saints, when He comes in glory!” //
Through his prayers guard and save our souls, O Christ!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5 *(Theotokion)*

We bless thee, O Virgin Theotokos,
for from thee arose the Son of Righteousness://
Christ, Who has great mercy.

Aposticha

Tone 5 *(Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross)*

Rejoice, O Anthony,
companion of the angelic choirs in the highest,
for thou didst truly learn their virtue, O blessed saint!
Thou didst live on earth and appear as a clear and undefiled image,
like a mirror that reflected the brilliant lights of the Holy Spirit.
Thou wast enlightened and didst behold what was to come:
taught by the divine manifestations of the light of Christ,
thou didst foretell all things.//
Entreat Him to grant our souls great mercy!

V. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps. 115:6)

Rejoice, O leader of ascetics and their undefeated champion!
For, cutting out the roots of the passions and opposing the devils’ attempts,
thou didst bravely lay bare their weakness and soul-destroying error.
Thou didst display the invincible power and might of the Savior’s Cross.
Girded with it, thou didst defeat all who reject the divine appearance of Christ in
the flesh.//
Entreat Him to grant our souls great mercy!

*V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His
commandments. (Ps. 111:1)*

Strengthened as a shining pillar of virtues,

thou wast an overshadowing cloud,
leading those in the desert from earth to heaven.

Thus, thou wast a seer of God.

With the staff of the Cross, thou didst destroy the sea of the passions,
and having defeated the reasoning of Amalek,
thou didst find the way into heaven and an incorruptible inheritance,
O blessed one of God.

Rejoicing, thou dost stand with the Angels beside the throne of Christ.//
Entreat Him to grant our souls great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 8

We honor thee, O Anthony our father,
as the instructor of a multitude of monks.

We have indeed learned to walk rightly in thy footsteps.

Blessed art thou, for having labored for Christ,
thou didst denounce the power of the enemy.

Thou wast a converser with the Angels and a companion of Paul of Thebes.//
Together with them, entreat the Lord that He grant mercy to our souls!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 4 **Troparion**

Thou didst imitate the ways of zealous Elijah,
and didst follow the straight path of John the Baptist.
Thou didst become a desert-dweller,

strengthening the world by thy prayers.//
O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.

(at Vigil)

Tone 4 Troparion

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and didst follow the straight path of John the Baptist.
Thou didst become a desert-dweller,
strengthening the world by thy prayers.//
O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!
(twice)

Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//
for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(once)*
(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 2 Kontakion

Thou didst reject the tumult of this life
living thy life to the end in solitude, imitating the Baptist in every way.
With him we honor thee, most venerable Anthony,//
the foundation of the Fathers.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *(Ps. 115:6)*

V. What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me? (Ps.115:3)

Epistle

(335) Hebrews 13:17-21 *(St. Anthony)*

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

V. His seed shall be mighty in the land. (Ps. 111:2a)

Gospel

(24) Luke 6:17-23 *(St. Anthony)*

Communion Hymn

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil
tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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