

May 10, 2012
Holy Apostle Simon the Apostle

GREAT VESPERS

Kathisma

“Blessed is the man...” is taken.

At Psalm 140

In Tone 4

8.

Christ met the Samaritan woman by the well.
Though He asked for water, He thirsted for her salvation.
He knew everything she had done!
She gave Him a drink, and drew living water, the fullness of joy!
She proclaimed to her countrymen:
Behold, the Messiah foretold in the law of old has appeared as a Man!
He has unveiled all my hidden thoughts!

7.

Behold, the anointed Messiah has appeared on earth!
The Samaritan woman proclaimed to the town.
It was written in the law of old
that a great prophet would come, both God and man!
He knew all my deeds!
He uncovered everything hidden in the depths of my heart!
The whole town ran and saw the truth of her words.
They marveled, confirmed in faith by the sight!

6.

Master, once at the sixth hour,
our first mother saw You walking in paradise.
Now her daughter at the same hour sees You, the Fountain of life,
sitting at the well,
asking her for water to drink.
You are the Fountain of living water;
her thirst was quenched by drinking of Your life-bearing streams!
She proclaimed to those in the town:
Come! Drink from the River of abundance!

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1.

The most radiant and all-wondrous apostle Simon,
the teacher of the nations, the net of God,
draws us up from the depth of perdition
with the height of theology!
The true preacher now wisely leads all to the knowledge of Christ.
He sets before us his accomplishments
as a pleasing feast of all good things!

In Tone 2, Glory...

You were called the namesake of zeal,
admirable Simon,
for you zealously imitated the all-powerful God!
He revealed you to be filled with divine miracles,
for having unusual zeal, blessed one,
you were aptly called "the zealot,"
and obtained a calling consistent with your character!
Therefore, as you dwell on high with the choirs of heaven,
entreat the Word, O seer of God,
that He may grant us great mercy!

In Tone 1, Now...

The Fountain of wonders came to the well at noon,
to ensnare the daughter of Eve.
Once, Eve had been driven out of Paradise by the serpent's guile;
now a woman of Samaria came to draw water.
The Savior saw her, and said to her:
Give me a drink of water,
and I will fill you with the waters of eternal life!
She ran to the town and proclaimed to the crowd:
Come and see the Messiah, the Lord!//
He is the Savior of our souls!

Prokeimenon
of the day

Readings
Wisdom 5:15-6:3; Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 4:7-15

Aposticha

In Tone 1

Ever-memorable Simon,
you drank of the torrent of sweetness,
drinking with divine wisdom the understanding of God
which you fervently desired!
Now you have passed over with joy to Him,
deified by the all-splendid glory of the Trinity
and immeasurable peace!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe!

All-wondrous Simon,
you contemplate the beauty of God,
looking upon it as far as you are able,
delighting in it through a higher union
and deified by His gifts!
You reached with joy the only divine One Whom you desired,
ever memorable preacher of Christ
and now you dwell with the angels!

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

Most blessed Simon,
you have shown yourself to be a faithful mediator between God and men!
Now by your truly bold supplications,
turn Christ to us in steadfast love

and never cease to pray to the Lord
that He may grant our souls peace and great mercy!

In Tone 6, Glory...

Most holy Simon, disciple and apostle of Christ,
like a high flying eagle you soared over creation!
You burned up the falsehood of idolatry
with the fiery sound of your teachings,
leading the nations out of the depths of ignorance
into the knowledge of God.
Now pray to Christ that He be merciful to us on the day of judgment!

In Tone 1, Now...

The Lord of compassion came to the well,
and conversed with a woman of Samaria.
She said: Give me Your water, that I may never thirst again!
I will drink from the Fountain of joy and redemption!
Life-giving Lord, glory to You!

Troparia

In Tone 3

Holy Apostle Simon, intercede with the merciful God** to grant forgiveness of sins to our souls.

In Tone 4, Glory... Now...

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,** granting to the world great mercy."