

May 3, 2013

**Rest of our Venerable Father Theodosius
Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kyiv (1074)**

VESPERS

At Psalm 140

In Tone 4

8. Behold, the Messiah Jesus,
Whose coming Moses foretold in the law!
In His compassion, He has appeared on earth!
He spoke with me as a man, by the well!
He is truly the anointed One Who has come into the world.
So the Samaritan woman told the people of Sychar.

7. From the mouth of the joyful woman,
the whole town heard the news of sweet flowing water.
She hurried to lead them quickly to the well.
There they found the River of life, the Fountain of immortality,
Who gives refreshment to our souls!

6. When the people in the town saw the Fountain
Who came in the likeness of men,
they cried to the woman:
It is no longer because of your words that we believe!
Now we really know:
He is the eternal salvation and atonement for the world!

In Tone 5

5. O venerable father, God-bearing Theodosius!
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1. O venerable father, God-bearing Theodosius!
You found life because you loved purity,
and the grace of the Holy Spirit dwelled in within you,
like a most pure light shining upon you.
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Who suffered on the cross in the flesh,
but as God was incapable of suffering.
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In Tone 8, Glory...

Come, let us all gather together and extol our father, Theodosius!
For already in his youth he received a calling from above,
and was given the name Theodosius which means, "God's gift."
To Christ-loving princes He was a teacher of the true faith,
to the nobles an unwavering intercessor,
to orphans a merciful father,
to widows an unwearied defender,
to the afflicted a consolation,

to the poor a treasure,
to the monastics a ladder leading to the heavenly heights;
and to those who directly go to him a sprig of ever-flowing water.
He prays unceasingly for the salvation of our souls.

In Tone 6, Now...

Jesus met the Samaritan woman by Jacob's well!
He wraps the earth in clouds, yet He asks for water from her!
Wonder! He Who rides on the cherubim speaks with an adulterous woman!
He Who suspended the earth on the waters, asks for a drink!
He Who causes the lakes and springs to overflow is weary with thirst!
Truly He desires to set the woman free from the enemy's snares.
He drowns her sins in the waters of life,
for He alone is the compassionate Lover of mankind!

Prokeimenon
of the day

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

Aposticha

In Tone 8

O God-wise Theodosius!
From childhood you have been drawn to God
and have completely dedicated yourself to the almighty King.
You brought to Him the fruits of your ascetical labours
crowned with the garlands of virtue.
For this, O glorious one, you have gained a reward
for your good deeds.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful.

You are a teacher of ascetics a most radiant star of the land of Rus'
which illuminates the whole nation with miracles.
from your youth God chose you as a pastor of spiritual sheep.
For this reason, the assembly of venerable ascetics accepted you.
We beseech you: pray with them,
that the sins of your flock may be forgiven.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in all His commandments.

Rejoice, O ever-praised Virgin,
who by means of a pillar of fire pointed out the pasture,
where the spiritual flock was to graze.
There, Theodosius erected in your honour a beautifully adorned church
where the faithful, standing before the relics of your ambassador,
honour your falling-asleep, O most pure Mother of God.

Glory...

Countless monks honour you, father Theodosius, as their teacher,
following in your footsteps,
we have truly learned to live righteously.
Blessed are you who have toiled for Christ and have brought low the power of the enemy,
O friend of the angels and companion of the venerable ascetics.
pray with them to the Lord,
that He may have mercy on our souls.

In Tone 6, Now...

The Lord spoke thus to the Samaritan woman:
If you knew the gift of God
and Who it is that asks you: give me water to drink,
you would have asked Him, and He would give you living water,
that you may never thirst again.

Troparia

In Tone 8

Raised in virtue, O father Theodosius,* from childhood you loved the monastic life* and attained your
desire courageously.* You lived in a cave adorning your life with fasting and radiance* and abided in
prayer like the bodiless powers.* You shone like a beacon in the land of Rus'.** Entreat Christ God to
save 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."