

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS
AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING
SAINT BUCOLUS, BISHOP OF SMYRNA

Saint Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna, was a disciple of the holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, and became the first Bishop of Smyrna (Asia Minor).

By the grace of God, Saint Bucolus converted many of the pagans to Christ and baptized them. As a wise and experienced guide, he defended his flock from the darkness of heresy.

He died in peace between the years 100-105. He entrusted his flock to Saint Polycarp (February 23), one of the Apostolic Fathers, who was also a disciple of the holy Apostle John the Theologian. At the grave of Saint Bucolus grew a myrtle tree, which healed the sick.

GREAT VESPERS

LORD I CALL: Four verses of the Resurrection in tone 8 (spiral bound vespers book) followed by three stikhera for the Feast and three stikhera for the Saint

Feast, tone 1:

Our Redeemer, the Creator of all,
is carried to the Temple by His Virgin Mother.
The Elder received Him, crying out with joy:
“Now Your servant may depart in peace,
according to Your word, O Good One!”

Simeon received in his arms from the Virgin
our Savior, begotten before all ages.
He cried: “Behold, the ends of the earth are enlightened by Your
glory!

Now Your servant may depart in peace,
for I have seen You, O Good One!”

Holding in his arms the Savior,
Who was born in these latter times for the salvation of us mortals,
Simeon rejoiced and cried aloud:
“I have seen the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.
Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
as You have commanded!”

Saint Bucolus, tone 6:

Shining with the light of deifying virtues,
O most holy Father,
you were mystically placed as a light in the lampstand of the divine
Church,
illuminating it with your sacred teachings.

The Holy Spirit has sanctified you, O most holy Bucolus,
and through you bestows sanctification, enlightenment, and
redemption
to those who approach you in faith,
O God-bearing Father.

Preaching the supreme goodness of our God, O wise father,
you generously bestow grace upon embittered people,
leading them to the Savior,
as a most holy priest.

GLORY... for the Feast, tone 5:

Search the Scriptures, just as Christ our God said in the Gospels!
For in them we find Him being brought forth and wrapped in
swaddling clothes,
laid in a manger, and nourished with milk,
receiving circumcision and held by Simeon,

neither in fancy nor in fantasy
but in truth appearing to the world.
Let us cry aloud to Him://
“O pre-eternal God, glory to You!”

***NOW AND EVER... the Dogmatikon of the Resurrection
in tone 8 (spiral bound vespers book)***

***APOSTIKHA: All stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 8 (spiral
bound vespers book)***

GLORY...NOW AND EVER... Feast, tone 5:

The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh,
is brought by His Mother, the Virgin, into the Holy Temple,
fulfilling the promise announced by His own Law.
Receiving Him, Simeon said:
“Now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your word,//
for my eyes have seen your salvation, O Lord!”

TROPARIA

Resurrection, tone 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Saint Bucolus, tone 4

You shone with the rays of virtue
received from him who leaned on the Master's breast.
Resplendent, God-inspired hierarch,
you led your flock to the pastures of truth.//
Entreat Christ our God for those who honor you, Father Bucolus!

Feast, tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
Enlightening those who sat in darkness!
You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection.

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

1. O_ pure_ Vir-gin Mo_ther
that which came_ to pass_ in you
is beyond the un_derstand_ing
of_ an_gels_ and men.
2. Now_ Simeon_ the el_der
re_ ceives_ in_ his arms
the_ Maker of_ the law_
and the Mas_ ter of all.
3. De_ siring to_ save A_ dam
the Creator took up_ His_ abode
in_ your pure_ and spot_ less_ womb,
O_ Virgin Mo_ther of God.
4. All crea_ tion bless_ es you,
O_ pure_ Vir_ gin.
And in faith and glo_ rifies_ you
now let me de_ part_ in peace.
5. O_ come_ and_ behold_
Christ_ the Mas_ ter of all
Whom_ Si_ me_ on_ holds
in the tem_ ple today.
6. O_ Virgin The_ oto_ kos,
hope of all_ Christ_ ians
pro_ tect, preserve_ and aid_
all who put their hope_ in you.
7. Sime_ on had lived for many years
When_ he_ beheld_ Christ.
And_ cried a-loud_ to Him_,
“Now let me depart in peace.”
8. O_ Mary The_ o-to_ kos
you_ are_ the mys_ tic tongs,
who conceived_ in_ your pure_ womb

Christ Who is the Liv_ing Coal.

9. You, O God, Who are_ before_ all_ things
by Your will_ became_ man
and are carried to_ the tem_ple
as an infant for_ty days old.
- O_ Virgin The_o-to_kos,
hope of all_ Christ_ians,
pro_tect, preserve_ and aid_
all who put their hope_ in you.