Venerable Father Euthymios the Great

Stichera at the Praises

January 20th

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih from various sources

1) O righteous Father Euthymios, leaving behind earthly things, thou didst ardently follow Christ, loving not what perisheth more than what doth abide unchanged. Dwelling in deserts as in a city walled, thou didst destroy all the demons’ fierce arrays.

What man shall have the strength to declare thy soul’s great fervor for the Lord, O renowned and glorious and fiery man of zeal!
2) O righteous Father Euthymios, thou wast shown forth as the rule and the glory and boast of monks, a bright light for all the world, the sweet joy of the Orthodox; for thou didst not fear the wily enemy, nor all his terrors while living in a cave.

O the great gifts of grace that were in thee, O all-blessed one! whereby thou didst clearly trample down the demons' haughty pride.

3) O righteous Father Euthymios, thou tookest wing in thy soul and didst truly fly up to God; and through stern ascetic strife, thou didst render thy senses pure. By thine unceasing and ardent prayers, O Saint, thou wast vouchsafed to attain immortal life.

O famed and blessed man, fair adornment of ascetics, Christ with joy hath received thee in His immaterial mansions on high.