

July 5th

# Venerable Athanasius of Athos

## Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8  
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih  
from various sources



1) Truly precious in Thy sight, O Christ, hath been the  
death of Thy Saint; for, behold, even  
after death, how Thy servant wondrously  
hath gushed forth from his holy foot a spring of  
blood, which doth ever drive away  
all kinds of sickness; and it doth put to flight  
spirits of wickedness, which this blessed man while  
yet alive on earth fought against with bold re-  
sistance even unto blood.

2) Christ the Lord hath shown us mortal men thy relics'  
 ven - 'ra - ble shrine as a foun - tain of  
 mir - a - cles and a riv - er filled with gifts,  
 Ath - a - na - sius su - preme - ly wise. For it hath  
 grant - ed their sight un - to the blind  
 and hath purged el - e - phan - tī - a - sis a - way;  
 it cleans - eth lep - ro - sy; and those vexed with un - clean  
 spir - its are set free from the de - mons' pow - er  
 and they are made sound and whole.

3) Re-joyce, a - dorn - ment of as - cet - ic Saints; re - joyce, thou

bright star of monks, boast of shep - herds, O

ven - 'ra - ble Fa - ther Ath - a - na - sius, thou

fel - low dwell - er with all the just; re - joyce, thou

well - spring of love and chas - ti - ty;

re - joyce, a - bode of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty;

re - joyce, bright - ly shin - ing lamp of di - vine dis - cern - ment

Un. in all things; re - joyce, up - right rule of vir - tues

and pil - lar en - dowed with life.