July 5th

Venerable Athanasius of Athos

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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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 resistance even unto blood.
2) Christ the Lord hath shown us mortal men thy relics' venerable shrine as a fountain of miracles and a river filled with gifts, Athanasius supremely wise. For it hath granted their sight unto the blind and hath purged elephantiasis away; it cleanseth leprosy; and those vexed with unclean spirits are set free from the demons' power and they are made sound and whole.
3) Rejoice, adornment of ascetic Saints; rejoice, thou bright star of monks, boast of shepherds, O venerable Father Athanasius, thou fellow dweller with all the just; rejoice, thou well spring of love and chastity;
rejoice, abode of the Holy Trinity;
rejoice, brightly shining lamp of divine discernment in all things; rejoice, upright rule of virtues and pillar endowed with life.