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Feast day of trio of medieval saints on Friday



The Church today venerates the memory of Gregory Dialogos, Bishop of Rome, Theophanes the Confessor and Symeon the New Theologian.



Apolytikion of Gregory Dialogos, Bishop of Rome

Fourth Tone

A model of faith and the image of gentleness, the example of your life has shown you forth to your sheep-fold to be a master of temperance. You obtained thus through being lowly, gifts from on high, and riches through poverty. Gregory, our father and priest of priests, intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion of Gregory Dialogos, Bishop of Rome

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

To thee, who art the Church's tuneful harp inspired of God, thou tongue of wisdom who wast verily possessed of God, unto thee, as it is meet, we now offer praises; for thou truly hadst the zeal of the Apostles' choir and

didst follow in their footsteps as their worthy heir; and to thee we say: Rejoice, divine Father Gregory.



Apolytikion of Theophanes the Confessor

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Father. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Theophanes, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion of Theophanes the Confessor

Second Tone

Receiving from God a revelation from the heights, thou swiftly didst leave the turmoil of the world, O Saint; and thou as a monk didst receive the power to perform miracles and the grace of true prophecy, depriving thyself of riches and thy spouse.



Apolytikion of Symeon the New Theologian

Third Tone

Since thou hadst received within thy pure soul God's enlightenment, O righteous Father, thou wast shown to the world as a blazing light which drove away its thick darkness and moved all men to seek the grace of the Spirit which they had lost. O all-holy Father Symeon, intercede with Him to grant great mercy unto us who honour thee.

Kontakion of Symeon the New Theologian

Third Tone

Shining with the Three-Sun Light, thou wast a true theologian of the Holy Trinity, the Lord divinely-transcendent; from on high, thou wast made rich with wisdom of discourse and didst pour forth the divine streams of godly wisdom; whereof having drunk, we cry out: Rejoice, thrice-blessed Symeon, taught from above.

