

July 21: Sts Symeon and John

V espers

Stichera on "Lord I have cried" Tone 4 - Kievan

(6) *Reader:* (In the 4th tone) If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

II-chant melody

For with Thee there is for - give - - - - - ness.

I-descant

Having made your abode in the wilderness /
in oneness of mind, O blessed ones, /
by fasting, prayer and radiant visions /
ye manifestly caused the uprisings of the flesh to fall away, /
and made your hearts splendid, /
rendering them pleasing through spiritual surrender, //
O Symeon and John, confirmation of monastics.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

"With foolish behavior..." >

With foolish behavior, O blessed father, /
thou didst make foolish the malice of the wise, /
working all-glorious miracles, causing signs to show forth, /
casting out demons, /
and illumining those who are caught in the night of sin. /
And in the midst of tumults /
thou didst preserve thy mind untroubled, O Symeon, //
receiving dispassion from God.

(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



Humble in wisdom and merciful, /
God-loving and full of love /
wast thou shown to be, O divinely inspired one, /
compunctionate and meek, going about the earth like an angel, /
possessed of heavenly life. /
Wherefore, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rested in thee, /
as in a place of purity, O blessed Symeon.