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Memory of Devout St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia**

Katavasias of Christmas I

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December 2

Memory of Devout St. Porphyrios of
Kafsokalyvia

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 1.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself
to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the Lord and call
upon His name.*

*or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for
His mercy endures forever.*

Verse 2: *All the nations surrounded me, but
in the name of the Lord I defended myself against
them.*

Verse 3: *And this came about from the Lord,
and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

Apolytikion.

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Mode 1. *As a citizen of the desert.*

That offspring of Evia and Elder of all of
Greece, * the mystic of theology and genuine
friend of Christ, * Porphyrios, was filled
with gifts of grace * from childhood. So let
us honor him. * He delivers those oppressed
by demons, he cures the sick who shout with
faith and gratitude: * "Glory to Him who gave
you His might; * glory to Him who sanctified
you; * glory to Him who through you is
working cures for all." [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 1. *The stone had been secured.*

When Gabriel had uttered rejoice to you,
O Virgin, * then with the voice was the Lord of
all becoming incarnate * in you whom the holy
Ark of old * prefigured, as righteous David
said. * You carried your Creator and proved to
be more spacious than the heavens. * Glory to
Him who dwelt inside of you; * glory to Him
who came forth from You; * glory be to Him
who through your childbirth has set us free. [SD]

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to
the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and
protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure,
blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and
ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us
commend ourselves and one another and our
whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is
the kingdom and the power and the glory,
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of
ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

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Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

Once you received the gifts of the Spirit
on Athos, * you shined within the world
like a bright star, O father. * By word and

example both you enlightened and guided all; * by your miracles you glorified the all-holy * Church of Christ, and you revealed to us divine mysteries. * And therefore we honor you. [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

Both now. **Theotokion.**

The treasure chest of gifts of the Spirit, O Virgin, * the joy of angels all, and the mystical lily * of Paradise, all-pure Maid: intercede with your Son and God, * to forgive the sins of all who worthily honor * St. Porphyrios, and keep his feast and remember * his ardor and love for Christ. [SD]

Kathisma II.

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Mode pl. 1. *Let us worship the Word.*

O devout and wise father, you are the ornament * of devout saints who lived in society, where you * spread the dew of Athos, ministering humbly to the sick. * Performing miracles, O Saint, you became unerring as * a physician who cures diseases. * You were a peer of the angels * in the world, and a lover of Christ. [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Holy Virgin, we pray you, the Mother of our God, * at the prayers of Porphyrios, alleviate the pain * and the suffering of those who request with pain of soul. * And intercede with your Son that He preserve from every harm * those who faithfully revere you, * and that He grant to us who pray you, * O Lady, the joys of Paradise. [SD]

Kathisma III.

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Mode 4. *You appeared today.*

Of ascetics in the world * you were the highest, * marvelous Porphyrios, * living a life identical * to that of angels. Therefore we now * extol your love and your utmost humility. [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

Both now. **Theotokion.**

At the intercessions, Lord, * of Your pure Mother * and of St. Porphyrios, * Your humble servant, grant to all * the true enjoyment of Your divine * heavenly kingdom, * we pray You, O Christ our God. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Antiphon I.

Mode 4.

Since my youth have many passions
waged war against me. O my Savior,
nonetheless help me and save me. (2) [SD]

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame
by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be
completely dried up. (2) [SD]

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives
life, and through cleansing is lifted and
brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the
trinal Monad. [SD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of
grace well forth; they irrigate everything
created, so that life be engendered. [SD]

Prokeimenon. Psalm 115.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of His holy one. (2)

Verse: *What shall I give back to the Lord for
all He rendered to me?*

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of His holy one. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.
(*Lord, have mercy.*)

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest
among the Saints, and to you we give glory,
to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the
Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise
the Lord. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we
may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

(*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.*)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy
Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(*And with your spirit.*)

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

(*Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.*)

PRIEST (*from the gate*)

Mt. 11:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "All things
have been delivered to me by my Father; and
no one knows the Son except the Father, and
no one knows the Father except the Son and
any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal
him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy
laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle
and lowly in heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light." [RSV]

(*Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.*)

READER

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord,

in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

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CHOIR

Glory. **Mode 2.**

At the intercession of Your holy Ascetic, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.* [SAAS]

You renounced the worldly delights, O wise St. Porphyrios, and from Christ God you have received the heavenly delights, as a reward for your labors. Indeed you were an emulator of the saints, and you led your life in purity of heart and profound humility. With the gentleness, for which you were known, you led many people to Christ, and in Him you shined like the sun, to the glory of God who glorified you splendidly. [SD]

DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the

READER

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4. O Champion General.

Let us extol him, St. Porphyrios, wholeheartedly, * that consecrated holy temple of the Comforter * and beloved of the pure Lady Theotokos. * For he loves all people, curing and protecting us, * and he prays for us, that we attain to theosis. * So we shout to him: "Rejoice, father Porphyrios!" ^[SD]

Oikos.

All-blessed Porphyrios, you appeared to the people as an angel and messenger of God's love. As the beauty and fineness of monks, and the dignified decorum of priest as well, to the world you ministered; and now it shouts to you such salutations: ^[SD]

Rejoice, O father of orphans and strangers; rejoice, O star of the genuine pastors.

Rejoice, the jewel of saints who lived in society; rejoice the joy of devout saints of every age.

Rejoice, fragrant flower of the mystical Garden: rejoice, sacred light of the spiritual heaven.

Rejoice, for you are a doctor who cures all diseases; rejoice, for you are a lover of the Orthodox doctrines.

Rejoice, initiate of the mysteries of God; rejoice, for through you is the true Faith confirmed.

Rejoice, the Church's radiant lantern; rejoice, the heavenly joy of mystics.

Rejoice, father Porphyrios!

supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and our devout and God-bearing father Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia, whose memory we celebrate, and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On December 2, we commemorate the holy Prophet Habakkuk.

On this day we also commemorate our devout fathers the hermits John, Heraklaemon, Andrew, and Theophilos.

On this day we also commemorate the holy martyr Myropi.

We also commemorate our devout father Cyril Phileotis, who was an ascetic in the year 1060.

Saint Habib the New, died by fire.

Our father among the saints Solomon, Archbishop of Ephesus, died in peace.

On this day we commemorate our devout and God-bearing father Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia, the clairvoyant and miracle-worker.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

CHOIR

Katavasia of Christmas I

Ode i. Mode 1.

Christ is born; glorify Him! * Christ is come from heaven; go and meet Him. * Christ is on earth; arise to Him. * Sing to the Lord, all you who dwell on the earth; * and in merry spirits, O you peoples, praise His birth. * For He is glorified. [SD]

Ode iii.

To the Son, begotten * without flux, of the Father, before the ages, * and who was lately made incarnate * of the Virgin without seed; * to Christ God now let us cry aloud: * You have

exalted the horn of our strength. Only You are holy, O Lord. [SD]

Ode iv.

Jesse's root produced a branch, O Christ, * and You its flower blossomed forth, * from the Virgin who by Habakkuk prophetically once was called * overshadowed, dense mountain. * From her who knew not man You came incarnate, * the immaterial God. * Glory to Your power, O Lord. [SD]

Ode v.

God of peace and Father of mercies, Your Son * You have sent unto us as Your messenger, * the Angel of great counsel who is granting peace. * Therefore having been guided to the light of godly knowledge, * waking from the night to dawn, we sing Your glory, O Lover of man. [SD]

Ode vi.

Such as it received * Jonah as an embryo, the sea beast disgorged him from its bowels intact. * With the Virgin, though, when the Logos had dwelt in her taking on flesh, * He came forth from her preserving her yet incorrupt. * For from her no fluxion suffered He, * and He kept her unaltered in childbirth. [SD]

Ode vii.

The Servants nurtured piously together, * with contempt regarding the impious king's decree, * intrepidly faced the threat of holocaust, * and while standing in the midst of flames they chanted thus, * saying: O God of the fathers, You are blessed. [SD]

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Babylon's bedewing furnace bore the image * of an extraordinary wonder. * For it did not burn the youths it accepted, * nor did the fire of Divinity consume the Virgin's womb wherein it went. * So let us melodiously chant in praise: * Let all creation bless and extol the Lord, * and let it exalt Him supremely to the ages. [SD]

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Ode ix.

Megalyarion. Mode 1.

Verse: *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His*

mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 1.

O my soul, magnify her who is greater in honor and in glory than the armies of heaven.

I see here a strange and paradoxical mystery. * For, behold, the grotto is heaven; * cherubic throne is the Virgin; * the manger a grand space * in which Christ our God the uncontainable reclined as a babe; * Whom in extolling do we magnify. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion.

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Mode 2. O Women, hearken.

O Saint, you loved humility * and exercised obedience. * For this you were filled with graces * and gifts of the Holy Spirit, * and you became a reservoir * of many cures and miracles * for those who are sick and pray

to you * for help, O all-blessed father. * And therefore we now extol you. [SD]

Theotokion.

Mode 2. O Women, hearken.

O Virgin pure, we honor you * and pray you to be merciful * to us, at the intercessions * of your divine Son's true servant * Porphyrios. And we entreat, * protect our nation from attack, * and grant to all its citizens * repentance and peace in all things, * O Mother of Christ the Savior. [SD]

Lauds. Mode pl. 4.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

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Mode pl. 4. What a paradoxal.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * On Athos while yet a boy, * like a man you brought down the pride * of the devil's insolence, * and for this you were crowned with grace. * While yet a boy you evinced the elders' ken

* and imitated the angels' way of life. * Then you received divine * gifts as if a spiritual porphyrous robe, * O beloved by God devout father Porphyrios. [SD]

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * By your clairvoyance, O Saint, * you perceived what was hid from men; as a prophet you foresaw * and foretold of events to come. * With many miracles you astounded all, * and you exposed diabolical deceit. * Curing all illnesses, * you became a refuge for the sick and weak, * a support for the disturbed, O father, graced by God. [SD]

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * How you attained to the heights * that the great son of thunder did, * and like him received divine * revelations of things to come! * You served humility like a sacrament, * and learned the knowledge proper to Cherubim. * You had many divine * visitations, O all-blessed and devout * father, glowing on your death bed with a splendid light. [SD]

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * Once you astonishingly * did partake of the mysteries, * the body and blood of Christ, * even though you were far from church; * by hands of angels you truly did receive * the divine ember, consuming it indeed. * Those who were with you then, * O devout and holy

father, were amazed * by your mystical communion and gave glory to God. [SD]

Glory.

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Mode pl. 1.

Devout father, when you accepted the calling from God, you led a life of labors and grief, looking toward your homeland on high. You were exalted because of your profound humility, for which you received a wealth of spiritual gifts, and you used them to cure ailments and diseases. You received prophetic revelations; and with spiritual insight you disclosed mysteries, and this greatly astounded everyone. And now, O Porphyrios, the glory of monastics and the comrade of the saints, together with them pray insistently to Christ, and entreat Him to have mercy on our souls. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Now we call you blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, and we glorify you, duty-bound as believers; the city unshakable, the wall indestructible, the firm and steadfast protection, and the place of refuge for our souls. [SD]

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know
You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us.

Apolytikion.

Menaion Supplement - - -

Mode 1. *As a citizen of the desert.*

That offspring of Evia and Elder of all of
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friend of Christ, * Porphyrios, was filled
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faith and gratitude: * "Glory to Him who gave
you His might; * glory to Him who sanctified
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