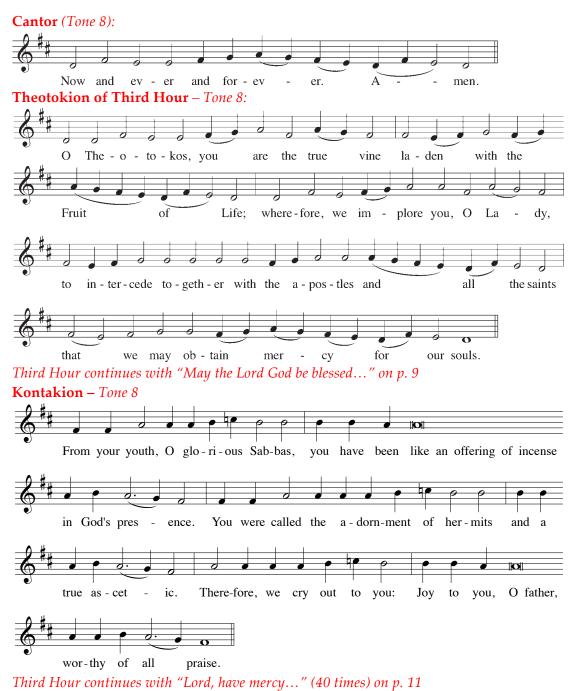
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our venerable and God-bearing father Sabbas the Consecrated, who, born in Cappadocia, arrived at the desert of Judea, and instituted a new sort of eremetical life in seven monasteries, which were called "laurae." He gathered solitaries under one overseer (hegumen). In the great laura, which afterwards was adorned with his name, he dwelt for many years, a shining example of sanctity. He strove assiduously for the faith taught at the Council of Chalcedon. (532)







¹ Format 9, Saint with a Vigil on a Weekday