

St Theodore of Tarsus and Canterbury

Feast day: 19 September

Troparion (Tone 1)

Let the inhabited world rejoice for Theodore of Tarsus, was brought to Rome by the Spirit. He studied the law of the Gospel and carried on his shoulders the hierarchy of the Church in England. O Theodore, you carried the spirit of Paul the Apostle, from his Eastern homeland. Illumine by the radiance of the Spirit of God within you ^ our Church and establish it, so that the angels may rejoice.

Kontakion (Tone 1)

Clap your hands O West, welcoming the Apostle of the East coming to you bringing Christ, shining in the highest. O Theodore, you knew that the Lord is for all and upholds all. O Theodore whose heart the Lord enlarged by His love, make our hearts worthy so that they become as wide as the heavens and intercede for us.

Alternatives

Troparion:

Tone 8

As a compatriot of the pre-eminent Paul and a scion of Tarsus, O Theodore,/ bestowed upon the West by God thou didst traverse afar,/ proclaiming the peerless Gospel of Christ among the Angles and Saxons./ Wherefore, having received thee as a gift divine and great,/ we cry out in thanksgiving to the Lord on high:/ Truly wondrous art Thou, O Saviour,/ in Thy holy bishop and in all the saints!

Kontakion:

Tone I: Special Melody: *When the stone had been sealed*

As primate of the English Church thou didst tend well thy spiritual flock, / repelling the assaults of the spiritual wolf with the sling of the Orthodox Faith and the staff of sound doctrine./ Wherefore, we ever cry out to thee, O Theodore, gift of God:/ Glory to Him Who hath given thee strength! / Glory to Him Who hath crowned thee! / Glory to Him Who worketh healings for all through thee!