Our venerable father Euthymius the Great

Our father, good Euthymius, we praise this whole day long!
In self-less pray’r, ascetic’ly he lived in Christ’s own ways.
Like John the Baptist, you proclaimed the Son of God on earth.
Join now our song of praise and joy with angels’ choirs above.

A teacher truly orthodox, who taught Christ, God and Man,
As father of a tribe of monks, he shone with God’s own light;
You made your heart a dwelling place for Spirit’s grace within;
We thank you for Euthymius, who followed only You:

And lived a life of strength and grace within God’s loving plan.
He cared for both the poor and sick what-e’er their woe or plight.
You spurned the devil’s crafts and wiles, and turned away from sin.
May we, in all we do or say, be every bit as true!

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