SAINT BUCOLUS
BISHOP OF SMYRNA

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Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

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"He truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Bucolus, in -
One who jubilates [jubilat] does not speak words, but it is rather a sort of sound of joy
without words, since it is the voice of a soul poured out in joy and expressing, as best
it can, the feeling, though not grasping the sense. A man delighting in his joy, from
some words which cannot be spoken or understood, bursts forth in a certain voice
of exultation without words, so that it seems he does indeed rejoice with his own
voice, but as if, because filled with too much joy, he cannot explain in words what
it is in which he delights. You observe this even in those who sing improperly.
Now our jubilation will not be such as theirs, for we ought to jubilate in jus-
tification, while they jubilate in iniquity; we, then, in confession, they in
confusion. Yet that you might understand what I say, call to mind what
you well know, that it is especially those who perform some task in the
fields who jubilate. Mowers and vintagers and those who gather other
products, happy in the abundance of harvest and gladdened by the
very richness and fecundity of the earth, sing in joy. And between
the songs which they express in words, they insert certain
sounds without words in the elevation of an
exultant spirit, and this is
called jubilation.

- Blessed Augustine