

## **The 19<sup>th</sup> Day of November**

**Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Obadiah, and the Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Barlaàm of Cæsarea in Cappadocia;**

**Also, the Commemoration of our Venerable Father Varlaàm of the Kievan Caves, whose service follows after this. — incomplete as of 11/2017**

### **Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:**

**3 stichera of the Holy Prophet, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”***

**A**s a splendid receptacle of the Spirit /  
And as one illumined by Him. /  
Thou wast enriched with visions of prophecy, /  
The knowledge of truth and the foreknowledge of things to come. ///  
Intercede now that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

**T**he glorious and honorable prophets /  
Acquired, as a gift, the knowledge of the proof of God /  
Confirmed through their communion with Him ///  
When the Lord illumined them, His favorites, with His Grace.

**F**illed with the eternal light, /  
Beholding the glory surpassing all reason and understanding, /  
And standing before the Master of all, /  
Thou art indeed a glorious prophet, and herald of God. ///  
Intercede with Him now that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

**And 3 stichera of the Martyr, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”***

**S**turdier than any pillar /  
Stronger than iron, and tougher than brass, /  
For when heated be fire each of these melts or burns away; /  
But thine unwavering and outstretched hand withstood the burning coals, ///  
O wise and glorious martyr Barlaàm.

**S**tanding as a priest before God and drawing near to Him, /  
Thou didst not offer any blood other than thine own /  
And being a martyr thou didst offer incense with thy right hand /  
Not to any false gods nor to their idols — but to Christ, the King of the ages /  
Who reigneth forever.

**O** Barlaám, thou wondrous martyr, /

We double our praise for thee /  
For thou didst sacrifice as a priest and thou wast sacrificed as a lamb: /  
Thou wast brought to God as a blameless offering through the torment of fire. ///  
Entreat Him now to save us who honor thy most glorious memory.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**R**efresh my thoughts, O most pure Lady, /  
With the dew of the Most Holy Spirit /  
For ineffably thou gavest birth to Christ /  
Who through the drops of His blood, /  
Washed away the innumerable transgressions of mankind. /  
Now through thy prayers, dry up the fountain of my passions ///  
And grant me a bountiful stream of living waters.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)**

**S**eeing Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /  
The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /  
And as a mother cried out to Thee: /  
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Tree of the Cross, /  
O Longsuffering One? /  
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgressors, O Word? /  
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Master?

*Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.*

**Glory..., the General Troparion of the Prophet, in Tone 2:**

**W**e celebrate the memory /  
Of Thy prophet Obadiah /  
Through him, we implore Thee, O Lord, ///  
To save our souls.

**The General Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

**T**hy holy martyr Barlaàm, O Lord, /  
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /  
For having Thy strength, he laid low his enemies /  
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///  
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion.**

HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH;  
HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM OF CÆSAREA IN CAPPADOCIA.

**Matins**

**One Canon from the Octoechos and two for the Saints**

**Ode 1**

**The Canon of the Prophet, in Tone 5**

*having the acrostic, "I praise the glory of the clairvoyant Obadiah"  
the composition of Theophanes.*

*Irmos:* Let us sing to God our Savior, to Him alone, who guided the people through the sea with dry feet, and drowned Pharaoh with all his host, for He has been glorified.

*Refrain:* Holy prophet of God, Obadiah, pray to God for us!

**S**tanding now as a prophet before God the Savior, entreat thou Him with boldness, that He may enlighten with rays of light those who with faith call thee bless't, O divinely inspired one.

**T**he Lord God, in His foreknowledge of all things, beheld thine untroubled and radiant purity, and appointed thee to be His prophet, O blessed one.

**B**eholding the visions revealed to thee by God, O blessed one, thou didst reveal the impiety and cruelty of thy brethren and foretold their coming demise.

*Theotokion:* **S**aved by the Fruit of thy seedless birthgiving, O pure Theotokos, we beseech thee: deliver from all the temptations of the world, those who sing this song of victory to thee.

**The Canon of the Martyr, in same Tone 4**

*having the acrostic, "I praise thy sufferings and endurance, O Barlaàm,"  
the composition of Theophanes.*

*Irmos:* I raise a hymn of praise to Thee, O Lord my God for Thou didst lead Thy people forth from the bondage of Egypt and didst drown the chariots of Pharaoh and all his host.

*Refrain:* Holy martyr Barlaàm, pray to God for us!

**M**ade radiant by the splendors of thy sufferings, O Barlaàm, do thou preserve us by thy prayers, for with faith we honor thy sacred memory.

**L**et us honor the wondrous Martyr Barlaàm with our songs of praise, for he famously quenched the fire of impiety with the divinely inspired fire of his reverence for God.

**H**aving suffered for piety's sake, O crown-bearing martyr Barlaàm, thou hast been honored at the right hand of the Almighty with a crown of glory.

**T**he Master gave thee the strength to withstand thy grievous wounds, O blessed martyr; by which, thou didst vanquish the savagery of the godless foe.

*Theotokion:* **T**hou hast truly been revealed to be the ladder leading to heaven, which Jacob, thine ancestor, foresaw of old, by which the Word hath descended to us, O Virgin.

*Katavasia as prescribed by the Typicon.*

### **Ode 3** **The Canon of the Prophet**

*Irmos:* *Confirm my understanding by the power of Thy Cross, O Christ, that I may sing and glorify Thy saving Ascension.*

**T**hou didst appear like the waters of a mystic river, issuing forth from the heavens with the gifts of the Spirit, O blessed herald of God.

**T**hou wast charged by the will and providence of God to proclaim things to come, O right glorious one.

**I**llumined by the divine and heavenly light, O all-blessed one, thou didst proclaim the coming salvation of the Gentiles.

*Theotokion:* **T**he Word took up His abode in thee, O Virgin Mother, and by thy mediation, He doth save those who know thee to be the Theotokos, O immaculate Lady.

### **The Canon of the Martyr**

*Irmos:* *As The bow of the mighty is become weak and the weak have girded themselves with power; therefore, my heart is established in the Lord.*

**T**he sinews of thy body were torn and the joints of thy limbs were broken; yet the strength of thy soul was preserved intact.

**T**hou didst show the strength and endurance of youth, O all-blessed martyr, and thou didst courageously endure the assaults of those who slashed the flesh of thy body.

**W**ho can rightly praise the strength, power, and tranquility of thy thoughts during the time of thy travail, O all-blessed martyr?

*Theotokion:* **T**he corruption of death been brought to an end by the Triune Life which appeared to us from thy womb, O most pure Bride of God.

*Katavasia.*

**The Sessional Hymn of the Prophet, in Tone 1: To the melody, “Thy tomb, O Savior ...”**

**T**he great prophet Obadiah, /  
Didst acquire a mind luminous with divine splendor, /

HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH;  
HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM OF CÆSAREA IN CAPPADOCIA.

And spoke through the Holy Spirit, proclaiming things to come. /  
Therefore, we honor him today with pious minds, /  
And we celebrate his sacred memory ///  
Which enlightens the hearts of all mankind.

**Glory..., the Sessional Hymn of the Martyr, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “As Thou wast voluntarily crucified....”*

**L**et Barlaàm the glorious martyr, /  
Who quenched the flames of impiety /  
And set the hearts of the faithful afire with the dew of the knowledge of God, /  
Now be faithfully honored with divine hymns of praise; /  
For he put to shame the deception of idolatry /  
And, having received the crown of victory, ///  
He doth ever pray for the remission of our sins.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 4:**

**H**e that sitteth upon the throne of the cherubim /  
And abideth in the bosom of the Father, /  
Sat in thy womb as upon a throne, O Lady; /  
For, being truly God incarnate, /  
He reigneth over all the nations, /  
And understanding this we sing aloud to Him. ///  
And we pray thee, to beseech Him that we thy servants may be saved.

**Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**S**he, who in these latter days /  
Gave birth in the flesh to Thee begotten of the unoriginate Father, /  
Cried out beholding thee upon the Cross: /  
“Woe is me, O most belovèd Jesus, /  
How is it that Thou Who art glorified as God by the angels /  
Art now crucified of Thine own will by the transgressing people? ///  
Yet do I praise Thy longsuffering, O Christ.”

**Ode 4**  
**The Canon of the Prophet**

*Irmos: I have heard the report of the dominion of Thy Cross, O Lord, that through it paradise has been opened, and I cry: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!*

**H**aving cleansed thy soul of the passions and having received the grace of prophecy through the Holy Spirit, thou didst cry aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**T**hy holy prophet Obadiah, illumined by the brilliance of the lightning of the Bestower of light, hath enlightened us to cry: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**T**hou wast revealed to be the herald at the nuptial ceremony of the Church, which is the bride of Christ, O blessed prophet, proclaiming that the Savior would come forth from Sion, to whom we now cry aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

*Theotokion:* **D**ivinely hast thou given birth, O most pure Lady unto the pre-eternal and everlasting Word of the Father, to whom we cry aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

### **The Canon of the Martyr**

*Irmos:* *Proclaiming the coming of Thine appearance on earth, O Christ God, the prophet cried out with joy: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!*

**S**purning the foolish speech of the philosophers and rhetors and accepting the true teaching of the apostles, O glorious martyr, thou wast a true witness for the Lord.

**T**hou didst withstand fire and torment even unto thy death for the sake of Christ, O patient martyr, all the while crying aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**F**illed with the zealous fervor, O blessed martyr, thou didst trample deception underfoot with the power of divine truth, all the while crying aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

*Theotokion:* **T**he incorporeal God, incarnate of the Virgin, hath come to us on earth; and therefore, we the faithful cry aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

### **Ode 5**

### **The Canon of the Prophet**

*Irmos:* *Rising early we cry out to Thee: O Lord, save us, for Thou art our God, and we know no other besides Thee!*

**R**ising early to meet the Lord, O all-praised prophet, thou didst receive the heavenly gift of the Most Holy Spirit.

**T**hou wast deemed worthy to perceive the invisible God, for thou didst acquired the godly life in Him who perfected thee,

**T**he light of divinity came to shine upon thee, for thou art a prophet, O all-blessed one, and gladness was given thee as a bride.

*Theotokion:* **T**he supremely divine God, who created all things by an act of His will, took the flesh of our nature from thee, O most pure Lady.

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HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM OF CÆSAREA IN CAPPADOCIA.

**The Canon of the Martyr**

*Irmos:* O Thou who hast caused the light to shine, who hast made bright the dawn and revealed the day; glory to Thee O Jesus, Thou Son of God.

**C**hrist hath revealed thee to us a true witness to His own sufferings, who cried aloud in faith: Glory to Thee! Glory to Thee, O Jesus, Thou Son of God! Glory to Thee!

**F**or thy great endurance a reward is given, and a wreath of victory is woven for thee who cried aloud: Glory to Thee! Glory to Thee, O Jesus, Thou Son of God! Glory to Thee!

**T**hy words, like arrows, penetrated the hearts of the foe, O thou who cried aloud Glory to Thee! Glory to Thee, O Jesus, Thou Son of God! Glory to Thee!

*Theotokion:* **K**nowing thee to be a holy mountain and the tabernacle of the Most High God, O Virgin, we cry aloud to thee : Glory to thee, O Theotokos, our hope! Glory to thee!

**Ode 6**

**The Canon of the Prophet**

*Irmos:* The abyss has covered me; the whale has become my grave; but I cried to Thee, O Lover of mankind, and I was saved by Thy right hand, O Lord!

**T**hou didst behold the things that were to come by the power of the Holy Spirit, receiving images of divine revelations as in a mirror through the splendid window of thy soul.

**E**ntreat the Lord, O all-blessèd prophet, by thy prayers, asking that He may grant the forgiveness of sins unto those who with faith keep thy holy memory.

**T**ake pity on Thy servants and grant them forgiveness of their transgressions, O Lover of mankind, at the prayers of Thy prophet who proclaimed Thee beforehand to all the world.

*Theotokion:* **H**e who sustaineth all things by His word and divine power was held in thine embrace, O thou who knewest not wedlock. Beseech thou Him that our souls may be saved.

**The Canon of the Martyr**

*Irmos:* Prefiguring Thy three-day burial, the prophet Jonah cried out in the belly of the whale; Deliver me from corruption, O Jesus, King and Lord of hosts.

**L**et the faces of the demons be smitten with the martyr's burned right hand; let the hearts of the faithful leap for joy; and let the choirs of the bodiless hosts be radiantly glad!

**T**hy victories in thy good struggles in the contest are seen by all, O chosen and radiant champion of all mankind.

**A**rise now, ye artists and ye painters, and adorn the image of the martyr with your goodly skills, and depict for all to see the True Judge of his contest.

*Theotokion:* **D**elivered by thy birthgiving from the ancient curse and the bitter condemnation of death, our first mother Eve doth rejoice in thee, O all-praised Mother of God.

*Katavasia.*

### **The Kontakion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

**T**hou wast revealed to possess amazing strength /  
By which thou didst endure thy trial by fire.  
Thou wast sacrificed to Christ as an offering of sweet smelling incense /  
And having received thy crown of honor from Him ///  
Intercede for us, O glorious martyr Barlaàm.

### **Ode 7**

#### **The Canon of the Prophet**

*Irmos:* *Thou didst save the youths who sang in the flaming furnace: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!*

**T**ruly beyond nature is the glory of Thy prophets, O blessèd God of our fathers!

**H**aving been deemed worthy to dwell with God, thou didst cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**T**hou didst reveal Thy divine grace in the deeds of Thy prophets, O blessèd God of our fathers.

*Theotokion:* **D**elivered by thy holy birthgiving, O most pure Virgin, we all sing aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

#### **The Canon of the Martyr**

*Irmos:* *O God of our fathers, put us not to shame, but grant that with boldness we may sing to Thee: Blessèd art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers!*

**A**s an invincible martyr, thou hast been deemed worthy to cry aloud to Christ together with the choirs of all the martyrs: Blessèd art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers!

**T**hou enter into the divine chamber of the Lord bearing thy radiant lamp, O great martyr, crying out to Christ: Blessèd art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers!



HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH;  
HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM OF CÆSAREA IN CAPPADOCIA.

**H**aving acquired a right hand stronger than the fire that had consumed your own, thou art now standing as our intercessor at the right hand of thy Master, Christ, to whom thou dost cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers!

*Theotokion:* **D**elivered by thy most pure birthgiving, we, the faithful, praise thee, and we ceaselessly crying aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**Ode 8**  
**The Canon of the Prophet**

*Irmos:* *Praise the Son and God born of the Father before the ages, who took flesh from the Virgin Mother in these later days, O ye priests; and exalt Him, O ye people, above all throughout all ages.*

**E**nlightened by God, the prophets proclaimed beforehand the knowledge of things that were to come, crying aloud with divine wisdom: Praise Him, O ye priests; and exalt Him, O ye people, above all throughout all ages.

**I**llumined with divine radiance, thou didst enlighten those who were in darkness with beams of thy light, O herald of God, crying out: Praise Him, O ye priests; and exalt Him, O ye people, above all throughout all ages

*Theotokion:* **T**hou hast been revealed to us as one of our own nature, O Thou who art consubstantial with Thy Father in divine Essence, having become incarnate of the Mother, who kneweth not man. Therefore, we praise Thee, O Christ, and bless Thee above all throughout all ages.

**The Canon of the Martyr**

*Irmos:* *Bless the Lord, O ye works of God and all creation, O ye venerable ones and humble in spirit, praise and exalt Him throughout all ages!*

**T**hou didst destroy the all the armor of the enemy, O glorious martyr Barlaàm, utterly consuming the deception of idolatry, crying aloud: we exalt Thee, O Christ, above all throughout all ages!

**T**hou dost stand before Christ magnificently adorned, O ever-memorable martyr, arrayed in fine linen dyed purpled with thy martyr's blood, singing and exalting the Master throughout all ages.

**A**blaze with the fire of piety, thou didst utterly consume all the illusions of the demons as if they were thorns, crying aloud: we exalt Thee, O Christ, above all throughout all ages!

*Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord!*

*Theotokion:* **T**hose who with faith call thee bless't, O immaculate Lady, are

themselves blessed by the Lord; for thou hast given birth unto the Master who hath blessed all creation, and whom we exalt, O pure one, above all throughout all ages!

*Now and ever...*

*Katavasia.*

## Ode 9

### The Canon of the Prophet

*Irmos:* *We the faithful with one mind magnify thee, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gavest birth in time to the Timeless One.*

**A**dorned with divine discourse and godly deeds, and having taken wing in the Spirit, O wondrous prophet, thou wast deemed worthy to behold the things that were to come.

**O** glorious prophet, who dwellest now where the all choirs of the prophets and the saints abide, entreat the Lord to save those who praise and honor thy holy memory with faith.

**C**leaving fervently unto God, thou didst converse with Him in the purity of divine revelations, wherein thou dost now delight, O all-blessed one.

*Theotokion:* **W**e praise thee, the candle-stand of the Light and tablet of divine grace, O pure Lady, and we magnify thee, who received the incarnate Word.

### The Canon of the Martyr

*Irmos:* *As Christ, the chief Cornerstone not cut by human hands, who united two different natures, was cut from thee, the unquarried mountain, O Virgin. Therefore, we joyfully magnify thee, O Theotokos!*

**T**he laws of praise are inadequate to extol the magnificence of thy struggles, for Christ alone, as the only Master, knoweth how to glorify thee with radiance divine. Earnestly entreat thou Him on behalf of those who honor thy holy memory.

**H**aving brought thy whole self to the Lord as a living sacrifice, thou wast revealed to be a fellow heir and sharer in His kingdom; and, rejoicing, thou dost now reign with Him, O ever-memorable martyr Barlaàm.

**T**hy godly martyr, having presented himself to face the fire, the sword, and torment, shed his blood for the love of Thee, even unto his death, O Savior. Now he doth delight in paradise, having receiving immortality from Thee, O Lover of mankind.

*Theotokion:* **R**ejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for we have thee as our helper in this world, the intercessor and salvation of our souls; for having given birth to God, thou art able to save those who praise thee.

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HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM OF CÆSAREA IN CAPPADOCIA.

*Katavasia.*

**Exapostilarion of the Prophet:**

**D**ance and join the chorus, O prophet Obadiah, beholding the fulfillment of thy words. And, standing before the Trinity, remember those who honor and keep thy radiant memory, O thou holy prophet of God.

**Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion:**

**B**eholding God the Word crucified, who ineffably sprang forth from thy most pure womb, O Virgin Mother, thou didst cry aloud: Glory to Thine ineffable dispensation, O my Savior, by which Thou hast saved Thy world!

**Liturgy**

**The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

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