

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May

**Holy Martyr Theodótus of Ancyra and the Seven Holy Virgins;  
and the Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and those with them.**

### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.**

**3 stichera of the Martyr, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”***

**T**hou wast chosen as a minister to all  
For thy peace-loving spirit /  
And wast adorned with the crown of suffering. /  
Rejoicing now together with those who suffered with thee ///  
Pray together with them that our souls may be saved.

**T**hou didst offer thyself up to the Lord as a sacred vessel /  
And heeding His words, O blessed one, /  
Thou didst generously give to the poor /  
The riches that cannot be stolen away, /  
Wisely and wondrously attaining for thyself the reward of thy sufferings ///  
O most wise martyr.

**C**ome, all ye faithful, /  
And let us all who are sick draw forth healing /  
And let those in sorrow drink with joy /  
From that river of salvation and living spring /  
Which the shrine of the holy virgins hath been revealed to be ///  
Through the prayers of the holy brides of Christ.

**And 3 stichera of the Martyrs, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”***

**I**llumined with the Three-fold radiance of the Godhead /  
You passed through the dark vale of sufferings /  
And emerged as brightly shining stars  
Confirming the divine radiance of the Church,. /  
Therefore, bowing down before your relics and the dust of your bodies ///  
We celebrate your joyous festival, O holy martyrs

**C**ome, all ye faithful, /  
And let us joyfully beatify the holy martyrs /  
Peter and Dionysius, /  
With Benedímus, Paul and Andrew, /  
Christina, Heráclius and Paulinus, /

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Who, like brilliant diamonds shone valiantly for the Trinity. /  
And trampling down the deceits of the serpent ///  
Dispelled the darkness of idolatry with grace.

**Y**ou endured the dreadful waves of the stormy seas, /  
And reached the calm haven, O blessed ones; /  
Having both wisdom and courage, /  
You purchased the eternal kingdom of God with your blood, /  
Therefore, you are praised and blest't by all, /  
For you ceaselessly pray that we may obtain mercy ///  
On the Day of Judgment, O divinely blessèd ones!

**Glory..., now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.**

**General Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4:**

**T**hy holy martyrs, O Lord, /  
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /  
For having Thy strength they laid low their enemies /  
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///  
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

## **Matins**

**Two Canons, one of each Saint and their companions,  
each with 4 Troparia, in Tone 4.**

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**Kontakion of the St. Theodotus, in Tone 2: *To the melody, "Seeking the highest..."***

**H**aving courageously suffered, O Theodotus, /  
With thy companions, the seven virgin martyrs, /  
Together with them thou didst receive crowns of glory. ///  
Therefore, ceaselessly entreat Christ God on behalf of us all

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