

## The 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June



## The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious, and All-praised Apostles.

### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera,**

**3 stichera to Ss. Peter and Paul, in Tone 2:** *To the melody, “With what crowns of praise ....”  
(the composition of Andrew Pyros)*

**W**ith what wreaths of praise shall we crown Peter and Paul, /  
Separate in body, yet united in spirit, /  
The two leaders of the divine preachers? /  
For one, indeed, led the apostles, /  
While the other labored more than all the rest. /  
And Christ, our God, hath worthily crowned them with immortal glory, ///  
For He hath great mercy.

**W**ith what songs of beauty shall we praise Peter and Paul, /  
Who, upon the wings of wisdom, travelled to all the ends of the earth, /  
Ascending to the heights of heaven? /  
Carrying in their arms the Good News of Grace, /  
Those words of preaching, those streams of wisdom, and those bars of the Cross, /  
Which Christ brought down upon the brows of the demons ///  
For He hath great mercy.

**W**ith what spiritual songs shall we praise Peter and Paul, /  
Who destroyed the gaping jaws of godlessness /  
With the fearsome swords of the Spirit? /  
Those glorious heroes of Rome /  
Who nourish the entire universe; /  
Those living tablets of the New Testament inscribed by God ///  
Whom Christ proclaimed to the world from Sion.

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

**A**s eye-witnesses and witnesses of the incarnate Word, /  
The truly rich disciples are rightly praised and bless't, /  
For they are revealed as bolts of lightning illumining the world /  
And as spiritual mountains that bring forth sweet delight; /  
And like separate rivers ever flowing in paradise, ///  
They flow with living water refreshing of the Church of the Gentiles.

**O** ye apostles of Christ, rays of light shining with spiritual grace /  
 Sent out into the world to work abundant miracles. /  
 Truly you are the servants of the mysteries of Christ, /  
 Tablets of the New Testament written by God, inscribed by divine grace, /  
 Clearly expounding the Law ordained by God, ///  
 O most-precious masters of the divine Mysteries.

**T**he foolishness of the philosophers /  
 Is corrected by the rods of fishermen /  
 And the vanity of the orators is put to confusion by divine wisdom /  
 Clearly expounded by the glad tidings of the Gospels /  
 Communing all with eternal nourishment ///  
 To the delight of the angels abiding in everlasting glory.

**Glory..., in Tone 6: *the composition of Cosmas the Monk***

**T**he Church of Christ celebrates today the honored feast of the holy apostles /  
 Who entreat the salvation of all the world. /  
 Let us all mystically join with her and cry aloud: /  
 Rejoice, luminaries bringing the dawning of the Sun to those in darkness! /  
 Rejoice, Peter and Paul, builders of the unshakeable foundation of divine doctrine! /  
 Rejoice, ye honored receptacles and friends of Christ! /  
 Come invisibly to us and vouchsafe thy spiritual gifts ///  
 To those who piously celebrate your festival in song.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 6,**

**W**ho will not bless thee, O Most Holy Virgin? /  
 Who will not sing of thy most pure child-bearing? /  
 The Only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, /  
 But from thee He was ineffably incarnate; /  
 God by nature, yet man for our sake; /  
 Not two persons, but one in two natures. /  
 Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessèd Lady ///  
 To have mercy on our souls.

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a resurrection service.*

**At the Aposticha, the stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, "Thou hast given a sign...."***

**T**hou hast given Thine honored apostles Peter and Paul /  
 To be the pride of Thy Church, O Lord, /  
 And they shine like noetic lamps /

Illumining the universe as stars of the Word. /  
Through them Thou hast enlightened the darkness of the West, ///  
O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of the world.

*Verse:* Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends  
of the universe.

**T**hou hast given the strength of Peter and the understanding of Paul /  
To be the building foundations of Thy Church /  
And their truly divine proclamations of the Word of God /  
Drove away the delusions of the Hellene philosophers. /  
By this, they both led us to the divine Mysteries, ///  
And we praise Thee, O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of the world.

*Verse:* The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims His  
handiwork.

**T**hou hast given as models of repentance to sinners /  
Thy two holy apostles; /  
For the one, having denied Thee at the time of Thy Passion, repented, /  
And the other, having opposed Thy preaching, believed. /  
And both of them stood as first among all Thy friends, ///  
O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of the world.

**Glory..., Tone 6: the composition of Ephraim Karias**

**A** joyous feast hath shone forth this day /  
Upon all the ends of the earth — /  
The celebration of the sacred memory of Peter and Paul, /  
The all-wise leaders of the apostles! /  
Behold, the city of Rome makes glad and rejoices today! /  
Let us also keep the feast, O ye faithful, /  
And on this holy day let us sing these hymns of praise: /  
Rejoice, O Apostle Peter, /  
Thou true friend of thy Teacher, Christ our God! /  
Rejoice O Paul, thou most beloved preacher of the Faith /  
Thou teacher of the whole world! /  
And as ye both have boldness before Him who hath chosen you, ///  
Pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion in the same Tone:**

**O** Theotokos, thou art the true vine /  
Who didst bud forth for us the Fruit of Life: /

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We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the holy apostles, ///  
That He will have mercy on our souls.

### **The Troparion of the Apostles in Tone 4:**

**O** first-enthroned of the apostles, /  
Teachers of the universe, /  
Entreat the Master of all /  
To grant peace to the world ///  
And great mercy to our souls.

### **And the Troparion, in Tone 3**

O holy apostles, /  
Intercede with our merciful God, /  
That He may grant to our souls ///  
The remission of our transgressions.

## **Morning Service**

### **The Canon**

**The Canon of the Apostles Peter and Paul, with 8 Troparia including the Irmos,  
in Tone 4,**

*having the acrostic: "I honor Peter and praise Paul with understanding,"*

**and the Canon to the Twelve Apostles, with 6 Troparia, in the same Tone,**

*having the acrostic "I honor the wise apostles of Christ." the composition of Theophanes.*

*incomplete as of 2/2019*

### **Kontakion of the Apostles, in Tone 2: To the melody, "Seeking the highest...."**

**C**hrist the cornerstone glorifies the builders of the Faith /  
Those who were truly first among the disciples; /  
The whole assembly, twelve in numer, /  
Together with the apostle, Paul. /  
Celebrating today their memory in faith ///  
Let us glorify Him who hath glorified them.

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