

The 25th Day of August



Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; the Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera,

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

Let us fervently bless the glorious Bartholomew, /
Who is as radiant as the Sun, /
Shining as a never-setting star, /
Which animates the heavens proclaiming the saving glory of God; /
A divine preacher, a light to the nations /
A river flowing with a stream of understanding ///
Satisfying the thirst of the faithful.

Thy journeys took place in the sea, O apostle, /
Beyond the understanding of men, /
For when thy reliquary was cast into the sea, O Bartholomew, /
Thou didst make thy way into the West, O glorious one, /
And a stream of holy martyrs from the East /
Followed thy passage on both sides of the shore ///
Rendering thee homage at the command of the Master of all.

Thy wondrous travels, O apostle Bartholomew, /
Sanctified the waters /
And brought thee to the Island of Lipari /
Streaming myrrh from thy relics and healing incurable diseases /
Becoming there a haven of salvation for the faithful, /
Their deliverer and intercessor ///
Before the King and Savior of all.

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

Thou didst trouble the sea of idolatry O blessèd one /
By proclaiming One God in three Persons; /
And those drowning in the depths of ungodliness /
Thou didst guide to the calm haven of faith; /
Thereby earning thy reward in heaven, O Titus, /
Beseeching the Lover of man ///

On behalf of those who praise thee.

Like the Sun thou didst traverse the earth, O blessed Titus, /
 Shedding rays of light upon those in gloomy shadows /
 For thy mind was illumined with divine radiance; /
 And together with the apostle Paul, /
 Thou didst deliver the world from the darkness of night. /
 Therefore we bless thee as a God-pleasing hierarch, ///
 A fervent intercessor and an apostle divine.

Setting forth from the isle of Crete /
 And returning home again, /
 Thou didst establish there the True Faith /
 Built on an unshakeable foundation; /
 And through the divine power of heaven /
 Thou didst instruct the faithful, /
 O blessed Titus, first hierarch of Crete, and the companion of Paul, ///
 And the consolation of the faithful,

Glory..., in Tone 1:

Forsaking every earthly thing, /
 Thou didst go and follow Christ; /
 And bearing the sign of the Holy Spirit /
 Thou wast sent by Him unto the perishing nations /
 To turn the people to the light of the knowledge of God; /
 And completing thy course by enduring great suffering and torments /
 Thou didst commend thy soul to Christ God. ///
 Pray to Him, most blessed Bartholomew, that He grant us great mercy.

Now and ever..., Theotokion.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 2:

Beholding thee nailed to the wood of the Cross, O Jesus /
 She who knew not wedlock cried out weeping: /
 “O sweet Child, Thou Unapproachable Light of the All-unoriginate Father, /
 Why hast Thou left me alone, who gave birth to Thee?
 But hasten Thou and glorify Thyself ///
 That they who glorify Thy divine sufferings may receive divine glory!”

The Troparion of the Apostles, in Tone 3:

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

Matins

One Canon from the Octoechos, and two of the Saints, with 8 Troparia.

— *incomplete as of 3/2013*

The Kontakion of Saint Titus, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Seeking the highest....”*

O Titus, worthy of all praise, preacher of Christ’s mysteries /
Thou didst become the companion of Paul. /
With him thou didst teach us the doctrine of God /
Therefore, we cry out to thee, ///
Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all.

The Kontakion of Saint Bartholomew, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

Thou hast appeared as a great and shining Sun of the Church, /
Illumining with divine radiance and wondrous miracles all who sing thy praises ///
O Bartholomew, apostle of the Lord.

Liturgy

The Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

The Epistle: (300) Titus 1:1-4, 2:15-3:3, 3:12-13, 15

The Alleluia, Tone 1: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

The Gospel: (11) Matthew 5:14-19

Communion Hymn: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe!

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