

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October**  
**Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens.**

**Vespers**

**At “Lord I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign...”*

**H**aving received the grace of the All-holy Spirit /  
Thou didst pass through all the earth, O Hierotheus, /  
Teaching all to worship the One in three Persons, /  
The Father without beginning, the Source of the Divinity, /  
And with Him the Son co-enthroned, /  
One in essence with the Father, ///  
Born of the Virgin and bearing flesh as a man.

**T**hou didst present thy sanctified soul and hallow’d body /  
As an offering well-pleasing to God, /  
And through thy priestly service /  
Thou pourest forth saluific grace /  
Upon the souls of the faithful who believe in Almighty God. /  
Therefore, we bless thy memory and thy burial, /  
We cherish and rejoice in thy miracles ///  
And we preach and proclaim thy teachings.

**T**hou didst behold the twelve apostles /  
At the Dormition of the most pure Ever-virgin and most glorious Mother of  
the Lord, /  
And together with thee was Dionysius /  
Who described the divine hierarchies. /  
With them we bless thy most holy festival, ///  
O glorious Hierotheus.

**Glory..., in Tone 2:**

**P**resent at the divine Dormition of the Mother of God /  
O blessed herald of God, /  
Thou didst gladden the hearts of the faithful with thy pronouncements, /  
Delighting the sacred company of the apostles, the preachers of God, /  
By praising the mysteries of God with divine ecstasy. /  
Therefore, having boldness before Christ, O hierarch Hierotheus, ///  
Pray for the salvation of our souls.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 2:**

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**T**he shadow of the Law passed when grace came. /  
As the bush burned, yet was not consumed, /  
So the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a virgin. /  
The Sun of Righteousness has risen instead of a pillar of flame! ///  
Instead of Moses, Christ the salvation of our souls!

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody “When from the tree....”**

**B**eholding Thee, her Lamb being voluntarily led to the slaughter /  
The caste ewe-lamb wept and cried aloud: /  
“What dost thou do, striving to make me childless, O Christ, /  
Who gave birth to Thee, the Deliverer of all? /  
Yet I glorify Thine ineffable grace past all understanding, O Lover of mankind.

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

**The Aposticha is from the Octoechos.**

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

**M**astering the Good and being vigilant in all things, /  
Thou wast clothed in the sacred beauty befitting a priest; /  
Having drawn ineffable Truths from the chosen vessel of God, /  
Like Paul thou didst complete the course of thy life keeping the faith. ///  
O holy Hierotheus, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

### **Matins**

Two Canons from the Octoechos,  
and one for the Hieromartyr with 4 Troparia, in Tone 1,  
*having the acrostic: “We honor thy light-bearing memory, O blessed one”*  
*the composition of Theophanes. — incomplete as of 9/2015*

**The Kontakion of the Martyr, Tone 8:**

**We** honor thee, O blessed bishop of Athens, /  
As an inspired author of hymns of divine praise. /  
For from thee we have learned marvelous and ineffable mysteries: /  
Therefore, intercede that we be delivered from our sins, most blessed Hierotheus, ///  
That we may cry out, Rejoice, O father, made wise by God.

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