

The 21st Day of June

Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”

We behold thee, O martyr Julian, /
Blazing like the rays of the Sun, /
Illumining the earth with thy mystical splendors /
Driving back the assault of the dark and godless night, /
And we celebrate thy divine and radiant memory, /
Bowing down before thy holy shrine ///
And from it drawing the healing of our souls.

Brutally scourged and beaten, /
Thou wast shamefully paraded from town to town, /
Thrown into the dungeon and caged with wild beasts, /
Brought to the sea and drowned in the deep; /
Thus thou didst receive thy blessèd end /
Never renouncing the Master of all, ///
O thou, most richly-bless’t and glorious martyr.

Cast onto the shore from the depths of the sea /
By the direction of the Spirit /
Thou wast found by an honorable woman /
Who bore thee up, O martyr Julian, /
And buried thine incorrupt but tortured body /
Which had proved victorious over the torments of the devil ///
Through the power and action of grace.

Glory..., Tone 6:

Dinking the inexhaustible draught of pure faith, O blessèd one, /
Victoriously didst thou pass through thy struggles, /
And luminous with dew, like a never-waning star, /
Shining brightly with the light of Christ, the never-setting Sun, /
Thou didst triumph over idolatry. /
Shedding light upon every town along the journey of thy martyrdom, /
Thou didst come to thy blessèd end in the waters of the sea, /
And wearing thy crown came to stand in the presence of Christ. /
Beseech Him now, O most-glorious Julian, ///

That the souls of those who faithfully honor thy memory may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in the same Tone: *To the melody, "Having set all aside...."*

Beholding her Lamb upon the Cross, /
The unblemished ewe-lamb, the immaculate Lady, /
Cried out in maternal amazement: /
'What is this new and all-glorious wonder, /
O my Sweetest Child? /
How hath this ungrateful assembly betrayed Thee to Pilate, /
And condemn Thee to death, the Life of all? ///
Yet do I praise Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!'

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and then,

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Come all ye who love the martyrs /
And let us piously praise the glorious Julian, /
Who like Paul, his fellow citizen of Tarsus and initiate in the mysteries, /
In his journeys sanctified both the land and the sea with his blood. /
Faithfully, he completed his course and entered the waters of the deep, /
There, he crushed the head of the dragon and all his serpents. /
And leaving behind all the things of the earth /
Was translated into the eternal mansions, /
Where he received the reward of his labors from the hands of the Almighty, ///
Ever praying for the cleansing of our souls and great mercy.

Now and ever..., the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, "On the third day..."*

Standing with Thy pure disciple before the Tree /
At Thy crucifixion, /
The all-pure Virgin cried aloud: /
"Woe is me, why dost Thou suffer, O Christ, ///
Who art the dispassion of all?"

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4: *(General Troparion of the Martyrs)*

Thy holy martyr Julian, O Lord, /
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /

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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.

Matins

The Canon

Both Canons of the Octoechos; and this Canon of the Martyr,

Ode 1

The Canon of the Holy Martyr, in Tone 8,

having the acrostic: *“I crown with praise the martyr Julian,”*
the composition of John of Damascus.

Irmos: Let us sing a song unto the Lord, who led His people across the Red Sea, for He alone is glorified.

Refrain: Holy martyr Julian, pray to God for us!

Let the honored memory of Thy glorious martyr be praised for ever with sacred hymns, for he hath been greatly glorified.

Fighting the battle of martyrdom wearing the feeble nature of thy flesh thou didst shed thy blood, yet thou didst not fall nor stumble, O great warrior of Christ.

Adorned with the wounds of martyrdom, thou didst shine with a luster greater than that of gold and precious stones, O holy one.

Theotokion: **O** pure Lady Theotokos, we sing our praises to thee who hast given birth to the incarnate Word, eternal and supremely divine, in a manner transcending all the laws of nature

Ode 3

Irmos: Thou art the strength of those who flee to Thee, O Lord; Thou art the Light to those that sit in darkness; and my Spirit praises Thee.

“I have been commanded not to worship stones wrought by human hands as though they were God!” Julian replied to the senseless judge.

Thou didst stand trial before the tyrant, O martyr Julian, as though standing before Christ himself, the Judge of the living and the dead.

“I have not spoken foolishly when I confessed God who alone is praised in the indivisible Trinity!” said the holy martyr Julian.

Theotokion: **O** most pure Lady, grant us help through thy holy intercessions, and turn back every grievous assault made against us.

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Sessional Hymn to the Martyr, in Tone 1: *To the melody: "Thy tomb ..."*

Thou didst attain thy blessed end in a flood of waters, /
In which thou didst drown the evil serpent, O Julian, /
Thereby winning a great victory over the adversary, /
Wherefore, now we lovingly celebrate thy glorious memory, ///
And earnestly beseech thee to entreat Christ on our behalf.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone: (and melody)

Guide us back onto the path of repentance, /
Who have strayed into the wastelands of evil /
And have angered the most good God against us /
O blessed Mary, who knew not man, ///
For thou art the refuge of those in despair and the dwelling-place of God.

Or, this Stavrotheotokion:

As she stood by the Cross beholding Thee, /
Stretched out, dead, upon the Cross, O Christ, /
She cried ot: O my Son, who art equally unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, /
What is this ineffable dispensation /
By which Thou hast saved the creation of Thine own hands, ///
O only compassionate One?

Ode 4

Irmos: I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation, O Lord; I have considered Thy works and glorify Thy Godhead.

Julian surrendered his body to the pain of torture without sensing pain, for he was protected by the love of Christ.

Desiring to acquire the purple robe of heaven as a favorite of Christ, O most glorious Julian, thou didst leave the earthly cloak of thy flesh behind for thy persecutors.

O most spiritually rich martyr, it was not the power of thy body but thine invincible desire for the sufferings of Christ which made thee victorious over the deception of the demons.

Theotokion: **I**n that Thou art sinless, O God, grant us the cleansing of our ignorant deeds and grant peace to the world through the supplications of her who gave birth to Thee.

Ode 5

Irmos: Rising early we cry to Thee, O Lord: Save us, for Thou art our God, and we know none other than Thee.

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Emulating the Lord in all things, O all-laudable martyr, thou didst stand, condemned, before the godless judges.

Suffering under the edict of the law, thou wast slaughtered like an innocent lamb for the sake of the Master by the hands of the iniquitous judges, O blessed Julian.

Thou didst count neither thy family nor any earthly rank to be higher than thy Christian faith, O glorious martyr.

Theotokion: **O** Virgin Mary Theotokos who knewest not wedlock, destroy all the hopes of the enemy and make glad the hearts of those who praise thee.

Ode 6

Irmos: *Grant me a robe of light, O Thou who clothes Thyself with light as with a garment, O greatly merciful Christ our God*

Thy glorious favorite did not deny Thee who wast nailed to the Tree, O Christ, but adored Thee as a treasury of glory.

The mysteries of the holy martyrs of Christ have been revealed to us by divinely eloquent tongues which overturned the vile deceptions of the enemy.

O glorious witness for Christ, ask for the healing of all passions and the forgiveness of sins for those who praise thee.

Theotokion: **B**e thou our mediatrix before thy Son and our Savior, O most pure Lady, for thou art the boast and help of our Christian race.

The Kontakion of the Martyr, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “The Theotokos, who is ever vigilant....”*

Let us worthily honor Julian today /
As an invincible warrior of piety, /
A true witness and soldier of the Truth, /
And let us all cry out to him: ///
Pray to Christ God on behalf of us all.

Ikos: Thou didst walk along the path of the Lord from thy childhood, O thrice-blessed Julian, and piously desired to bear witness to Him. Eagerly taking the cross upon thy shoulder, O divinely wise one, thou didst destroy the countless delusions of the madness of idolatry, demolishing the wiles and snares and the temples of the enemy. Therefore, with faith we hasten to thy protection, O richly-bless't martyr, and we cry aloud: “Entreat Christ God on behalf of us all!”

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Ode 7

Irmos: The Hebrew children in the furnace boldly trampled upon the flame, and they changed the fire into dew as they cried aloud: "Blessèd art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers."

O praiseworthy and most glorious martyr and warrior of Christ, thy sweet-smelling myrrh anoints all who praise the Lord saying: "Blessèd art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, throughout all ages."

We who have assembled to praise thee are witnesses to thy ineffable glory, O warrior of Christ, and we sing to the Lord: "Blessèd art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, throughout all ages."

Refusing to obey the edict of the tyrant, thou didst not worship a created thing, O invincible martyr, but thou didst cry aloud to the one living God: "Blessèd art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, throughout all ages."

Theotokion: He who dwelt within the most immaculate Virgin annulled the curse of Eve, pouring forth a well-spring of blessings upon those who cry aloud: "Blessèd is the Fruit of thy womb, O Sovereign Lady, Theotokos."

Ode 8

Irmos: Once, on the field of Dura, the instruments rang out in harmony as the multitudes adored the pagan image, but disobeying the ungodly command, the three children praised and glorified the Lord throughout all ages.

The deceiver first flattered thee, then tried to force thee to abandon thy faith through torture, O Julian, but thou didst cry aloud: "Praise the Lord and exalt Him above all throughout all ages."

Mightier than a lion, thou didst humiliate the tyrant by enduring thy tortures, O Julian, and thou didst cry aloud in joy: "Praise the Lord and exalt Him above all throughout all ages."

The cruel pain of the fire could not separate thee, nor could the sharp edge of the sword cut thee off from the love of God the Creator; and thou didst cry aloud, exclaiming: "Praise the Lord and exalt Him above all throughout all ages."

Theotokion: We the faithful worthily praise thee singing: "Rejoice, O thou who hast given birth to the Lord of all, O Virgin Mary, and didst remain virgin after giving birth; and we lovingly exalt thee above all throughout all ages."

Ode 9

Irmos: O come ye people and let us glorify the pure Theotokos who received the fire of the Divinity in her womb yet remained unconsumed; let us magnify her with songs of praise.

O warrior and martyr of the Lord, thou didst cast down the pride of the bodiless

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deceiver by courageously suffering in the flesh for the sake of Christ our God.

Cast into the depths of the sea, thou didst elude the traps of the serpent, the enemy and author of evil, O wise and blessed one; therefore, we bless thee with our songs of praise.

For thy magnificent sufferings for the Lord and Master, thou hast been crowned with beauty by His right hand; therefore, we rightly bless thee with our songs of praise.

Theotokion: **O** pure Lady, on the mountain Moses beheld thee, who received the unbearable fire of the Godhead, as the bush that was not consumed. Wherefore, we all magnify thee.

Exapostilarion of the holy Martyr:

Thou dost guide all creation like the radiant sun with the rays of miracles, O most glorious passion-bearing martyr; and, celebrating thy memory, we ask that we be delivered from all misfortune and danger.

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

Make us, thine inheritance to be steadfast in our battles, O Word, and grant us victories over our enemies through the supplications of the Theotokos, whom Thou hast given unto Thy Christian people to be our helper and protector.

At Liturgy

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:

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The Prokeimenon, in Tone 4: The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land. *Verse:* **H**ear I keep the Lord always before me; for He is at my right hand, and I shall not be moved.

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The Epistle: (233) Eph. 6:10-17

The Alleluia is in Tone 4: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and He delivered them from all their troubles. *Verse:* Many are the afflictions of the righteous, and the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

The Gospel: (106) Luke 21:12-18

Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia...

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