

The 14th Day of May

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Isidore of the Island of Chios; and the Commemoration of Isidore, the Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker of Rostov, whose service follows this — incomplete
2/2017.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera.

3 from the Pentecostarion, and

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

Thou wast stripped of the robe of mortality /
By the flaying of thy skin, O blessed one /
And putting on the splendid purple garment of incorruption /
And hastened quickly to the Tree of Life /
Where thou didst receive the true and everlasting life. ///
Delighting now in paradise, preserve those who honor thee, O Isidore.

Thou didst approach thy trial /
Burning with the fervent zeal of piety /
And embracing thy suffering thou didst accept thy crown of victory. /
Carrying the unshakable truth of God against blasphemy
And armed with the invincible weapon of the Cross /
Thou didst cast down the tormentor and his lies, ///
Showing thyself worthy of the martyr’s crown, O Isidore.

Truly the sufferings that Thy holy martyrs endured, /
Are beyond all imagination or understanding /
And surpass our meager ability for praise, /
For these glorious and steadfast pillars of piety /
Though clad like us in garments of passion and mortality, /
Braved the flames of fire and triumphed over the sword ///
As though standing outside their own bodies.

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

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service

The Troparion to the saint, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Isidore, O Lord, /

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Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons. ///
Through his intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

Matins

The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8:

— *incomplete as of 2/2017*

The Kontakion to the Saint, in Tone 4:

Thou wast revealed to the universe, /
As a truly great example to all, O glorious one. ///
Therefore, we sing thy praises, O divinely-wise martyr Isidore.

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