

The 1st Day of February

⊗ **Forefeast of the Meeting of our Lord; The Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Syria.**

Vespers

Note: If this day falls on the **Sunday Before the Meeting**, 4 stikhera of the Resurrection are first sung, then 3 of the Forefeast, followed by 3 of St. Tryphon. Otherwise:

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:

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

The holy Church prepares to receive within herself /
The Lord, coming as an infant. /
Through grace, she spiritually illumines the faithful and God-loving congregation /
And she cries aloud: /
Thou art my glory, my praise, and the adornment of my fulfillment, ///
O Word, who became an infant in the flesh for my sake!

The most-splendid bridal chamber /
The fair palace of the King /
The most-holy and spacious sanctuary of the Lord /
Leads Him into His holy temple, /
Where He betroths Himself to His precious Church. /
And His Mother earnestly prays that we /
Be delivered from corruption and misfortune ///
Who in faith ceaselessly glorify her as the true Theotokos.

Let us now offer to our praises to Christ /
In advance of the coming feast, /
And glorify His condescension, /
For by the Virgin’s hands He comes carried as an infant /
And is about to rest in Symeon’s hands, /
Who will make a proclamation to all mankind ///
That, as Benefactor and Lord, He is come to deify our human nature.

And 3 stichera of the Martyr, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

O all-praised Tryphon, /

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Valiantly didst thou suffer in thy labors, /
And didst become a witness for the Truth, O glorious one, /
Now thou dost partake of the sweetness of incorruption in heaven. ///
Entreat Christ that He grant our souls peace and great mercy.

O all-glorious Tryphon, /
Thou didst become radiant with the rays of the eternal Light, /
Sweeping away the darkness of spiritual delusion /
Thou didst cast down the prince of darkness. ///
Therefore, pray to Christ that He grant our souls peace and great mercy.

O all-blessed Tryphon, /
With great spiritual strength didst thou renounce the pleasures of this life, /
And counting them all as having no value, /
Courageously didst thou complete thy course, O martyr, /
And wast found worthy to rejoice together with the angels, ///
And to beseech Christ on behalf of our souls.

Glory..., now and ever..., in Tone 2: *The composition of Cyprian*

Scorning the things of this world, O most-blessèd and honored Tryphon, /
Courageously didst thou stand before thy trial /
And in thy bloody struggle, O martyr, /
Thou didst defeat the tyrant's pride, /
And didst receive the crown of victory. ///
Cease not to pray, O passion-bearing cham'pion, for the salvation of our souls.

Now and ever..., in the same Tone: *The composition of Germanus*

Today Symeon receives in his arms the Lord of Glory /
Whom Moses once beheld in the shadows on Mt. Sinai /
When he received from Him the tablets of the Law. /
This is He whom the prophets foretold; /
This is He who created the Law; /
This is He whom David announced, who is awesome to all, ///
Who hath great and rich mercy.

Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if the Sunday Before.

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 2: *To the melody, "O House of Ephratha...."*
(except on the Sunday Before — see below)

Receive, O Symeon, /
The Lord of Glory, /
Behold, He comes, as was foretold to thee ///
By the Holy Spirit!

Verse: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.

Behold, the most-pure Mother of God, /
Bears the Master and Creator as an infant in her arms ///
As she enters into the temple!

Verse: A light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

O great and awesome mystery! /
O most-glorious sight! /
He who encompasses all things and creates all infants Himself ///
Is borne as an infant carried in the arms of His Mother.

Glory..., now and ever..., in the same Tone: *In the Regular Melody*

The holy Virgin brings the Holy One /
Into the Holy of Holies, /
And Symeon stretches forth his hands to receive Him /
And he cries aloud with joy: /
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace ///
According to Thy Word!

Note: However, if it be the **Sunday Before**, then,

At the Litya, the stichera are from the Apostikha of Vespers (*see above*):
Receive, O Symeon...,

Glory..., now and ever..., of the Forefeast, from the stikhera of Vespers (*see above*): Today Simeon receives in his arms the Lord of Glory....

And, the Apostikha is all from the Octoechos, then,

Glory..., now and ever..., of the Forefeast, in Tone 2: (*see above*): The holy Virgin brings the Holy One

The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Tryphon, O Lord, /
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 intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

The Troparion of the Forefeast, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “The choir of angels....”*

The choir of angels look down from heaven /
To behold on earth the First-fruit of all creation /
As He is carried into the temple, /
A new-born infant in the arms of His Mother all-pure. /
Together with us they sing with joy ///
A hymn in preparation of the Feast.

Matins

—incomplete as of 12/2014

At “God is the Lord...,” the Troparion of the Forefeast, twice; Glory..., that of the Martyr; Now and ever..., that of the Forefeast, once.

The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 8: *To the melody “As the first-fruits....”*

Thou didst abolish the pagan gods from the earth by the power of the Trinity, /
And through thy faith in Christ didst thou defeat the tyrant’s pride, O glorious one. /
Thou didst receive thy martyr’s crown and the gift of healing from Christ the Savior ///
In that thou art invincible.

The Kontakion of the Forefeast, in Tone 6:

The Word who is invisible with the Father /
Now is seen in the flesh /
Having been ineffably born of the Virgin /
He is now given into the priestly arms of an Elder. /
Let us all bow down in worship to Him, ///
For He is our True God.

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “O House of Ephratha....”*

Christ the Son, who from before the morning star /
Was ineffably begotten of the Father /

Is now born from the all-pure Virgin ///
By this delivering Adam from corruption.

Verse: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.

Open wide, ye gates of heaven, /
For behold, Christ the Babe is brought into the temple as an offering ///
To God the Father by His Most-pure Mother!

Verse: A light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Receive, O Symeon, /
The Lord of Glory, /
Behold, He comes, as was foretold to thee ///
By the Holy Spirit!

Glory..., now and ever..., in Tone 2: (in the Regular Melody)

Today the Creator heaven and earth /
Is carried in the arms of the holy elder Symeon, /
And moved by the Holy Spirit he cries out with joy: ///
Behold, now am I delivered, for mine eyes have seen my Savior!

Note: However, if it be the **Sunday Before**, then

at the **Praises**, 5 stichera of the Resurrection, and 3 of the Forefeast from the Matins Aposticha with their verses (see above):

Christ the Son, who from before the morning star...

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of the Forefeast, and 4 from the Sixth Ode of the Canon of the Martyr. — *incomplete as of 12/2014*

The Prokeimenon of the Martyr, in Tone 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall set his hope on Him. *Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee!

The Epistle: (99) Romans 8:28-39

The Alleluia of the Martyr, in Tone 4: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. *Verse:* They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

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The Gospel (51-ctr) Luke 10:19-21.

The Communion Hymn of the Feast, and also for the Saints: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

Note: If it be **the Sunday Before**, the Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and the Lectionary Readings are for the Day.

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