

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Day of July<sup>1</sup>

**The Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete; and our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon of the Holy Mountain.**

### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera,**

**3 stichera of the St. Andrew, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the rank of heaven....”***

**D**espising the authority of earthly things over the flesh /  
And having a pure temperament and a simple heart, /  
Thou didst earnestly cleave to the Lord, O father, most-wise, /  
And wast shown to be an inspired instrument of the Comforter ///  
Playing the divine psalmody of salvation for us all.

**T**hou didst honor the Mother of the Lord with great hymns of praise /  
And with the sweetness of thy discourse /  
Thou didst also honor the holy apostles and the company of the blessed martyrs /  
Together with them, be mindful of us now who honor thee, ///  
O holy hierarch father Andrew.

**We** know thee to be a pillar of Orthodoxy, /  
An example of meekness and a model of chastity, /  
A godly hymnographer glorifying the beautiful theology of the Church, /  
Therefore, on this day we celebrate thy holy memory, ///  
O holy hierarch father Andrew, initiate of the mysteries of Christ.

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

**T**hou didst dedicate thyself to the difficult struggles of the ascetic life /  
And the courageous battle against the hordes of the enemy /  
Who through their hatred have crippled our human nature; /  
And by fasting and tears thou didst set thyself apart for this /  
Not sparing thy flesh for the sake of thy love of God. /  
Therefore, thou didst undertake thy godly task /  
And didst cast down the evil intent of the adversary, ///  
O Martha, our honored and most glorious mother. *(twice)*

**T**hou didst spurn all the transitory things of this world /  
And come to despise that which is corruptible, /

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<sup>1</sup> Which is the 21<sup>st</sup> of June O.S., not to be confused with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July O.S., which is the 17<sup>th</sup> of July N.S.

Desiring only to attain to the everlasting heavenly portion /  
Meant for the pure and the righteous; /  
Thus, thou didst inherit eternal life, O pure one. /  
And now we honor thee, O glorious Martha, ///  
And we celebrate thy radiant and splendid memory.

**Glory..., in Tone 4:**

**O** all glorious Martha, /  
Thou dost drive evil spirits away, /  
Relieving ailments with the grace of the Spirit, /  
Healing all suffering and enlightening the faithful with the radiance of thy miracles. /  
Therefore we ceaselessly honor thee with sacred hymns of praise ///  
And we celebrate thy radiant and right-wondrous memory.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**Seeing** Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /  
The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /  
And as a mother cried out to Thee: /  
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Tree of the Cross, /  
O Longsuffering One? /  
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgressors, O Word? /  
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Master?

**The Aposticha from the Octoechos, and**

**Glory..., in Tone 8:**

**We** honor thee as the instructor of a multitude of monastics, /  
O our father Andrew; /  
For truly we have learned to walk aright by following in thy steps. /  
Blessèd art thou, for having labored for Christ, /  
Thou hast destroyed the power of the enemy, /  
O converser with the angels and companion of the righteous, ///  
Pray with them to the Lord that He grant our souls great mercy.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 8: *To the melody***  
***“O most glorious wonder ....”***

**Beholding** her Child upon the Tree /  
As a willing sacrifice, /  
The unblemished Maiden wept bitterly /  
And she cried lamenting: /

ST. ANDREW OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP OF CRETE & OUR VENERABLE MOTHER  
MARTHA, MOTHER OF ST. SIMEON OF THE HOLY MOUNTAIN

“Woe is me, my beloved Child /  
What hath the ungrateful people done to Thee? ///  
Wishing to leave me childless, O my beloved One.”

**The Troparion of the St. Andrew, in Tone 4:**

**I**n truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,  
A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, /  
So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; /  
O holy hierarch, father Andrew, /  
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

**Glory..., the Troparion of the Venerable Martha, in Tone 8:**

**T**he image of God was truly preserved in thee, O mother, /  
For thou didst take up thy cross and follow Christ /  
By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away /  
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal ///  
Therefore thy spirit, O holy Martha, rejoices with the angels.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone.**

**Matins**

**One Canon from the Octoechos, with 6 Troparia, including the Irmos; and two  
Canons, one for each Saints, with 8 Troparia.**

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**After the Third ode, the Kontakion of Ven. Mother Martha, Tone 2: To the  
melody, “In prayers ....”**

**K**eeping vigil before the Lord and the all-pure Theotokos in prayer, /  
And offering up thy songs of praise, /  
Thou gavest birth to thy precious child Simeon, O venerable Martha, ///  
And together with him thou dost ever pray to Christ for us all.

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of St. Andrew, in Tone 2: To the melody,  
“Seeking the highest....”**

**H**aving sounded clearly thy hymns of divine swetness /  
Thou hast shown forth as a beacon to all the world, /  
Shining brightly with the Light of the Holy Trinity, /

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O our venerable father Andrew. /  
Therefore, we all cry aloud to thee: ///  
Never cease praying to Christ on behalf of us all.

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