

## The 16<sup>th</sup> Day of October

### Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the foot of the Cross of the Lord.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”***

**O** all-praised martyr Longinus /  
Thou didst dye for thyself a royal robe of salvation /  
With the crimson streams of thine own blood; /  
And by thy sufferings and martyrdom /  
Thou didst lay bare him who traps with many snares. /  
Now thou dwellest in the heavenly kingdom /  
Wearing the unfading crown of victory, ///  
And we honor thy glorious memory.

**O** all-praised martyr Longinus, /  
Thou didst behold the Son of God  
Suffering of His own good will upon the Cross and tasting death, /  
And when the sun darkened its own light and the mountains trembled, /  
Thou didst cry out to the transgressing people exclaiming: ///  
Truly this is the Son of God and the Lord and King of all!

**T**hy head was severed from thy body /  
By a sword wielded by an assembly of wicked men /  
Who discarded it as garbage upon a rotting heap /  
There to be found by a blind woman, /  
Who touched it and received her sight. /  
O most blessed and all-laudable Longinus, ///  
Pray to the Lord that we may be saved.

**Glory..., in Tone 6: (by John the Monk)**

**W**hen the veil of the Temple was rent at Thy Passion, O Christ, /  
The Centurion Longinus proclaimed to all /  
That Thou art the truly the Son of God. /  
Then the faithless people with a sword, cut off his head /  
And threw it on a rotting heap of dung /  
But the blind woman found it and opened her eyes. /

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Together with her let us cry aloud to Thee: /  
O Lord, who hast crowned Longinus who witnessed for Thee, /  
Illumine also the eyes of our hearts ///  
That we may glorify Thee, O God, who wast nailed to the Cross to save us!

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)**

**B**eholding 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 in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.*

**The Aposticha from the Octoechos, and:**

**Glory..., in Tone 6: (by John the Monk)**

**S**tanding before the Cross and beholding the things which had come to pass, /  
And beholding Him crucified on the Tree who is both God and man, /  
Thou didst cry out to Him saying: /  
Remember me also in Thy kingdom, O Lord! /  
And the Savior answered thee: /  
Blessèd art thou, O Longinus, ///  
Thy memory shall be from generation to generation.

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

**B**eholding Thee crucified, O Christ /  
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /  
"What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /  
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///  
Dost Thou die on the Tree?"

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

**T**hy holy martyr Longinus, 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**

**Both Canons from the Octoechos, and the Canon of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**  
*having the acrostic: "I praise the great glory of Longinus," the composition of Joseph*  
*— incomplete as of 8/2016*

**After Ode 3, the Kathisma Hymn, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, "Of Wisdom...."*

**B**eholding the Deliverer crucified /  
And being illuminated by His Light, /  
Thou didst escape the deep darkness of ignorance /  
And unite thyself to knowledge divine /  
Beholding Him as God in the flesh. /  
And having suffered for His sake /  
Thou art rejoicing now among the ranks of martyrs, /  
O most blessed Longinus. /  
With them, ever beseech Christ-God, O glorious one, ///  
To grant remission of sins to those honoring with love thy holy memory.

**Glory..., now and ever, Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**B**eing assailed by the devious attacks of mine enemies, /  
Both visible and invisible, /  
I am caught in the tempest of my many sins /  
And I flee to the haven of thy goodness, O pure one, /  
Seeking the protection of thy fervent intercessions. /  
Therefore, earnestly beseech Him Who took flesh from thee without seed, /  
Entreating Him to grant the remission of sins, ///  
To us, thy servants, who worthily sing thy praises.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)**

**W**hen she beheld the Lamb, /  
The Shepherd and Deliverer stretched out upon the Cross, /  
With maternal tears the Ewe-lamb cried aloud: /  
"The world rejoiceth for it hath received deliverance though Thee, /  
Yet my womb burns at the sight of Thy crucifixion, /

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Which Thou dost endure in Thy compassion and mercy. /  
O longsuffering Lord, and infinite source of mercy, /  
Have pity and grant the remission of sins ///  
To those who faithfully praise Thy divine suffering.”

**After Ode 6, the Kontakion of the Saint, Tone 4:**

**T**he Church greatly rejoices today /  
In commemorating Longinus the bold, /  
Who is worthy of all praise, /  
And it cries out with him to the Lord: ///  
O Christ, Thou art my strength and my salvation!

**Liturgy**

**Prokeimenon, 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:** (292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10

**The Alleluia, 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.

**The Gospel:** (106) Luke 21:12-19

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

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