

The 30th Day of October

Commemoration of the Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister, the Holy Martyr Zenobia.

Vespers

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

Adorning thy priestly vestments /
With the blood of thy martyrdom, /
O glorious Zenobius, /
Thou didst perfect them with divine grace, /
And thus thou didst enter the Holy of Holies /
As a most wise hierarch /
Having been offered as a perfect and most pure offering, /
And an unblemished sacrifice ///
Unto Him who had sacrificed Himself for thee.

As thy body was given to torture /
Thy bright beauty of thy soul shone forth /
Revealing itself in all its beauty, /
O most wise and holy martyr Zenobius, /
Thou glory of hierarchs and boast of the martyrs, /
Thou ever-flowing stream of miracles /
That chases away all unclean spirits, ///
O thou holy champion of Christ.

To Zenobia:

Thy sister Zenobia /
Was of one mind and blood with thee: /
She courageously chose to suffer with thee /
And endured the grill of iron, the seething cauldron and a violent death. /
Therefore, she received the crown of victory together with thee /
As well as the kingdom on high, ///
O Zenobius, thou servant of the sacred mysteries.

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

Come, all ye who love the martyrs /
And let us joyfully sing this song of praise /
In honor of the most pious martyrs Zenobia and Zenobius /

For they were champions of the Trinity; /
With their blood they courageously drowned the invisible enemy, /
Thus winning in the arena their crowns of victory. /
Therefore, let us piously cry out to them: /
O blessèd and illumined siblings, holy to the Lord, ///
Entreat the Savior to save our souls.

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

Beholding our Life hanging on the Tree, /
The all-pure Theotokos cried aloud /
With maternal sorrow: /
"My Son and my God, ///
Save those who sing to Thee with love.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Troparion of Ss. Zenobius and Zenobia, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyrs, Zenobius and Zenobia, O Lord, /
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength they laid low their enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Matins

Two Canons from the Octoechos, and that for the Martyrs with 4 Troparia, in Tone 8
— incomplete as of 10/2016

The Kontakion of Ss. Zenobius and Zenobia, Tone 8:

With inspired hymns let us honor the two martyrs for the Truth
And the preachers of true devotion, Zenobia and Zenobius, /
The brother and sister who lived together and suffered as one, ///
And together as martyrs, they received their incorruptible crowns.