

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April**

**Holy Martyrs Theodulus the Reader, Agathopodes the Deacon,  
and those with them.**

### **Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”***

**J**oining faith to the divine team of labor and suffering /  
And adding wings of understanding to their virtuous zeal /  
Thy martyrs earnestly prayed to Christ and cried aloud:  
“O Thou who in Thy goodness dost glorify the saints, ///  
Strengthen us in the fear of Thee.”

**R**eceiving names worthy of your calling, O wise ones, /  
And zealously accomplishing the work of the Lord. /  
O ye bearers of the passions, /  
You served God on the pathways of truth, ///  
And you truly drank the saving cup of martyrdom.

**P**arting the waters of ungodliness as if another sea, /  
You entered into the passionless land /  
That is the heavenly kingdom /  
Where is found the stream of nourishment /  
And where the eternal and unchanging light shineth forth, ///  
O ye martyrs of Christ.

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

**E**xtinguish the fiery flames of my dreadful passions, O Virgin, /  
By the sprinkling of thy divine and welcome dew, /  
So I may, like the children in the furnace /  
Give thanks to God who came forth from thee, ///  
Glorifying and blessing thy goodness, O Lady.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**W**hen she beheld the Lamb lifted up upon the Cross, /  
The most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: /  
“O my Sweet Child /  
What is this new and all-glorious wonder? /  
How is it that Thou who holdest all things in the hollow of Thy hand, ///  
Art nailed to the Tree in the flesh?”

**The General Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4:** *(No Troparion of the Saints given in the Menaion)*

Thy holy martyrs, 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**

**The Canon of the Saints, Tone 4**

*having the acrostic: "I praise the beauty of Thy martyrs, O Christ," the composition of Joseph).*

*— incomplete as of 1/22/2014*

**After the Third Ode, the Sessional Hymn of the Saints, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, "Of Wisdom...."*

Brothers by the grace of the Spirit, /  
United by the common bonds of piety and faith, /  
Truly you earned the greatness of your names. /  
You drew people to the knowledge of God, /  
Through your lives of fasting and prayer, /  
And bravely held deceit in captivity. /  
For this you were sentenced to suffering. /  
Having now received your crowns /  
Pray Christ God to grant the remission of sins ///  
To those who lovingly celebrate your memory.

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

Having conceived within thy womb, /  
Both the Wisdom and the Word of God /  
Without being consumed, O Theotokos, /  
Thou gavest birth to Him who holdeth the world in the palm of His hand; /  
Carrying in thine embrace Him who beaureth all things, /  
The Author of all creation and the Nourisher of all.  
Therefore, I pray thee, Most Holy Virgin, /  
And most truly I glorify thee, /  
That I be delivered from all my transgressions; /  
So that on the Day of Judgment when I stand before the face of my Creator, /  
Thou shalt come to my defense, ///  
For thou art able accomplish all, O pure and all-praised Lady and Virgin.

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

**W**hen she beheld the Lamb, /  
The Shepherd and Deliverer stretched 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, /  
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.”

**[No Kontakion of the Saints given in the Menaion]**

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