

## The 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September

### Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Callistrátus and his Company of 49 Martyrs.

And the Repose of our Venerable Father among the Saints, Sabbatius, Wonderworker of the Solovétsky Monastery, whose service follows this.

— incomplete as of Sept. 2015

### Vespers

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

**O** holy martyr Callistratus, /  
Having enlightened thy thoughts with the light of piety /  
And resolutely setting thyself upon the path of blessedness /  
Thou didst vanquish all the snares of the enemy. /  
Therefore we praise and glorify thy sacred holy memory, ///  
O most blessed one.

**G**uided by divine wisdom, O Callistratus, /  
And being enriched by the words of Life /  
Thou didst come to thy death with zeal and passion, O glorious one, /  
Thus leading those who once were dead in ignorance into Life, /  
There to dwell with those who truly know that Christ died for the resurrection of all. ///  
With them remember us in thy prayers to the good and merciful Lord.

**O** holy martyr Gymnasium, /  
Truly didst thou drown the mocking Pharaoh /  
With the streams of thy blood at the severing of thy head.  
Now thou pourest forth healing upon all the people /  
Who hasten to thy holy temple with faith /  
There to praise thy holy deeds ///  
And to celebrate thy holy memory.

**Glory..., in Tone 4: (by Byzantius)**

**B**efore Thy precious death upon the Cross /  
Mankind was terrified of death; /  
But by Thy glorious Passion /  
Death is now terrified of man. /  
Thus was Thy holy martyr /  
Able to destroy the power of the enemy! ///  
Through his prayers, O Christ, save our souls!

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same Tone.**

**Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, “As one valiant....”***

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?

**At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos.**

**The Troparion of Martyrs, in Tone 4:**

Thy holy martyr, Callistrátus and his companions, 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 with 8 Troparia, and one  
Canon of the Martyrs, with 4 Troparia, in Tone 6,  
*the composition of Joseph. — incomplete as of 9/2015*

**After Ode 3, the Kontakion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared....”***

Today the holy Church  
Mystically honors the holy martyrs who had suffered for her. ///  
For being guided by divine wisdom rightly were they greatly victorious.

**After Ode 6, another Kontakion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Having been lifted up....”***

**H**aving endured a multitude of torments /  
And having received your crowns from God on High, /  
Pray to Christ for us O Callistratus /  
And ye holy martyrs who suffered together with him: /  
That Christ He may grant peace to the people of His flock  
As we celebrate your blessed memory today: ///  
For He is the confirmation of the faithful.