

The 18th Day of June

Holy Martyr Leontius; also, the Commemoration of the God's Love (*Bogoliúbskaia*) Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos which is found following after this. — *incomplete as of 3/2017*

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “What shall we call thee?...”*

What shall we call thee, O glorious one? /
An offering from Greece, as thou didst hail from there? /
The cleansing of Phœnicia, as thou wast sacrificed there? /
A candle burning brightly amidst the darkness? /
Valiant, in that thou remained invincible in thy sufferings? /
Far-reaching are thy fame and glory, O blessèd Leontius. ///
Pray now, that our souls may be saved.

What shall we call thee, O passion-bearing martyr? /
Soldier of Christ, for thou didst defeat His enemies? /
Ruler of the passions, for thou didst suffer for the sake of piety? /
Feeder of the hungry, for thou didst love the needy and the poor? /
Righteous, for thou wast a zealot of heavenly wisdom? /
Many were thy sufferings and great were thy struggles, O Leontius. ///
Pray now, that our souls may be saved.

Who shall not marvel at thee, O martyr Leontius? /
For, as an inhabitant of heaven, thou didst receive from the fount of incorruption /
And now rivers of grace pour forth from thee upon the faithful /
For thou freely givest drink to those who thirst /
Communing them with the waters of grace. ///
Pray now, that our souls may be saved.

Glory..., in Tone 1:

O most-praised martyr Leontius, /
Neither the flames, nor mutilations, nor the sword could separate thee from the
love of Christ /
For having suffered bravely at the hands of thy tormentors /
Thou didst destroy the offerings made to idols. /
Rejoicing now in the mansions of heaven, O wise and victorious Leontius, ///
Earnestly pray that our souls may be saved.

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

melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”

Standing before the Cross of thy Son and God, /
And beholding His long-suffering,
O pure Mother, thou didst cry out weeping: /
Woe is me, O my Child most sweet! /
What are these things which Thou dost suffer unjustly, ///
O Word of God, that Thou mightest save mankind?’

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and then,

Glory..., in Tone 4:

Let the heavens brightly rejoice today /
And let the earth be glad in faith /
At the memory of the martyr Leontius, /
For on this day he was crowned not with a silent sacrifice /
But with spiritual flowers — the words of praise. /
And standing now with us, thus adorned, /
He fervently serves the innocent offering to the Lord, /
And prays that those who celebrate his memory with faith ///
May attain to the courts of paradise.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”

Beholding Christ, who loveth mankind, crucified, /
His side pierced by a spear, /
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /
‘What is this, O my Son? /
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /
For all the good things Thou hast done for them? /
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most belovèd Son? ///
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!’

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Leontius, O Lord, /
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /
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.

18 JUNE: MARTYR LEONTIUS

Matins

The canon of the Saint, in Tone 4,
the composition of John the monk of Damascus.
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The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 3: *To the melody, “Today the Virgin”*

Thou didst confound the tyrants’ wicked plans /
And denounce the pagan worship of the Hellenes. /
Thou didst illumine mankind with the knowledge of God /
By thy teachings of piety, O martyr. /
Therefore, we lovingly celebrate thy memory, O wise Leontius.

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