

The 29th Day of April

Commemoration of the 9 Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus;

Commemoration of the Venerable Memnon the Wonderworker.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:

3 stichera to the Martyrs, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

O most-glorious martyrs of Christ, /
You withstood being seized by secular insanity of this world /
Which drew the world into the pit of transgressions. /
You did not cleave to the ungodly nor did you leave the true path /
But suffered bravely and were put to death by the sword, ///
And received true life as your inheritance.

Let us faithfully honor the nine-fold choir of martyrs: /
Theógenes, Rufus, and Antipater, /
Ártemas, Theóstichus, Magnus and Theodotus, /
The glorious Thaumásius and Philēmon, the godly /
Who shone radiantly in their sufferings ///
And enlightened all who sat in darkness.

O beautiful bouquet of martyrs, /
A sacred band united in holiness /
And congregation formed by the command of God, /
O holy choir and blessed company /
That fought for the One God in three Persons, ///
Entreat the Holy Trinity for us, that we may receive remission of our sins.

And 3 stichera to St. Memnon, in the same Tone: *(and melody)*

O ven’rable and blessed father Memnon, /
Having cleansed thy soul with abstinence /
And becoming a pure and beautiful dwelling of the Spirit, /
Thou drivest evil spirits away /
Always healing the infirmities of those who run to thee. ///
Beseech Christ on behalf of us who praise thee.

O ven’rable and glorious father Memnon, /
Having controlled the passions of the soul /
And becoming an instructor of monastics, /
Fervently didst thou anoint them to ascetic labors /

And present them to the All-seeing Word. /
 And having lived a blessed life keeping pure from every offense ///
 With them, remember us now who praise thee.

O ven'rable and most-bountiful father Memnon, /
 Once thou didst cause a fountain to spring /
 For the glory of the Lord and for the benefit of our souls. /
 Ships in peril are saved from the depths of the sea /
 And, by thy prayers, men are saved from hunger and the plague. /
 Many wonders are wrought by thee, O glorious one. ///
 Beseech Christ on behalf of us who praise thee.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, from the Pentecostarion or this Theotokion, in the same Tone: (and melody)

The pre-eternal God became incarnate of thee, /
 O most pure Lady, /
 Revealing thee as the intercessor for mankind. /
 Therefore, deliver us, thy servants /
 From every tribulation and sorrow /
 Brought on by the wiles of the enemy; /
 So that ever glorifying and honoring thee ///
 We may come to partake of the splendors of the chosen ones.

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

Behold^{ing} Thee, O Jesus, nailed to the Cross /
 And accepting suffering of Thine own will, /
 The Virgin, Thy Mother, O Master, cried aloud: /
 “Woe is me, O my sweet Child! /
 How is it that Thou dost endure unjust wounding, /
 O Physician who healeth the infirmities of mankind ///
 And by Thy loving-kindness dost deliver all from corruption?”

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The General Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4: (None 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.

NINE MARTYRS OF CYZICUS; VENERABLE MEMNON

Matins

The Canon

Two Canons: one of the Martyrs, in Tone 4;
and one of the Venerable Saint, in the same Tone

— *incomplete as of 3/30/2016*

After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Martyrs, Tone 2: *To the melody, “Seeking the highest....”*

The steadfast and glorious choir of the nine martyrs, /
The confessors of the triune-radiance of the Trinity /
Cried aloud at the beginning of their trial: /
We offer to Thee as a pure sacrifice our blood, our souls, and bodies, /
And as Thou art our merciful God, ///
Number us among Thy heavenly choirs.

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