

## The 20<sup>th</sup> Day of October

### Ε Commemoration of the Greatmartyr Artemius.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord I call...,” 6 stichera, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

**O**ffering up thy long-suffering body /  
To execution through various tortures and cruel wounds, /  
Not renouncing Christ by offering sacrifice to idols, /  
O divinely-wise Artemius, /  
Instead, thou didst suffer in expectation of future rewards ///  
And of the immortal blessedness which lies ahead. *(twice)*

**H**ung on a gibbet and broken by stoning, /  
Flayed by hot irons and sliced with a sword, /  
Through these thou didst remain steadfast in thy faith, /  
And on the foundation of reason didst establish a way for thy soul. /  
For the sake of this great victory /  
Thou wast numbered among the angels and martyrs ///  
And filled with the inexpressible light. *(twice)*

**T**he grace which flows forth from thy relics, /  
Grants healing to those who love thee, Artemius, /  
It drowns the many passions and illnesses, /  
Driving away the forces of the evil demons; /  
It quenches the thirst of all hearts that believe, /  
Nourishing in them the divine fruit of the virtues, ///  
And the knowledge of piety, O glorious one. *(twice)*

**Glory..., Tone 2:** *The composition of Joseph the Studite*

**L**et us honor Artemius the spiritual light of the faith, /  
For he has exposed the evil ruler /  
For which God hath adorned the Church with the royal blood his martyrdom /  
And granted him the plentiful gift of healings, /  
That he may heal the diseases and illnesses ///  
Of all the faithful who venerate the shrine of his relics.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 2:**

**T**he shadow of the Law passed when grace came. /

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As the bush burned, yet was not consumed, /  
So the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a virgin. /  
The Sun of Righteousness has risen instead of a pillar of flame! ///  
Instead of Moses, Christ the salvation of our souls!

**Or the Stavrotheotokion:** *To the melody, "When from the tree...."*

**When** the pure ewe-lamb beheld her Lamb /  
Of His own Will being led to the slaughter as a man /  
She cried aloud, lamenting: /  
"O Christ, why dost Thou now hasten to make me childless, who gave birth to Thee? /  
What is this that Thou art doing, O Deliverer of all? /  
Still, I praise and glorify Thee Who hath extreme grace beyond all understanding ///  
O Lover of mankind."

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

**The Apostikha from the Octoechos.**

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**Having** suffered under the law for Christ, O Artemius, /  
And having cast down both a mortal King and the clever enemy /  
Rightly didst thou receive from the Savior, who suffered His own Passion, a  
crown as thy reward. /  
Now in heaven with the angelic ranks thou art rejoicing, /  
Manifestly delighting in the brightness on high /,  
Communing abundantly with the first and Tri-hypostatic Light. /  
Therefore, we the Orthodox people who revere the martyrs cry out to thee in song: /  
Rejoice, O indestructible gemstone of the soul and strong armor of Christ, /  
Rejoice, spoiler of the falsehood of idolatry and true champion of the Light, /  
Beseech the Lord to receive us who are yet on the earth abiding in the love of God, ///  
That we may stand before the throne of His majesty.

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

**Beholding** Thee crucified, O Christ /  
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /  
"What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /  
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///  
Dost Thou die on the Tree?"

**The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

Thy holy martyr Artemius, 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.

**Matins**

Two Canons from the Octoechos (not including the stichera for the Martyrs) and  
this one of St. Artemius with 6 Troparia, in Tone 2  
*having the acrostic: "Grant unto me thy rich bounty, O blessed one," the composition of Joseph.*  
— incomplete as of 8/2013

**After Ode 3, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, "Of Wisdom...."*  
— not translated as of 8/2013

**After Ode 6, the Kontakion of the Saint, Tone 2:** *To the melody, "The steadfast...."*

Let us gather to sing worthy hymns in honor of Artemius, /  
The pious and victorious martyr who defeated his enemies, /  
For he is great among the martyrs /  
And generous in performing miracles ///  
And he intercedes with the Lord on behalf of us all.

**Exapostilarion of the Saint:**

As thou standest before the Holy Trinity and are illumined richly with its  
brilliance, O Artemius, from heaven thou watchest over those who honor thee with  
love, O glorious Greatmartyr, and as thou art a most excellent soldier of Christ,  
help us fight against hostile enemies, O bearer of victory, the with divine weapons  
of the Cross-bearing King.

**Glory..., of the Saint:**

With light shining mystically from thine heart, O passion-bearer Artemius, thou  
didst courageously endure the cruelest tortures. For this, thou didst receive the  
grace of healing from on high, to heal all illnesses and diseases.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion:**

The Light which eternally shines forth from the Father before the ages, has now, in  
time, shone forth from thee, O Virgin, and hath come forth for the salvation of the

world. Cease not beseeching Him for the sake of us all.

**The Apostikha from the Octoechos.**

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

Today all the inhabited earth /  
Is illumined by the rays of the bearer of victory, /  
And the Church of God, adorned with bright colors, /  
Cries out to thee, O Artemius: /  
O great favorite of Christ /  
And our most-fervent intercessor, ///  
Cease not to pray for us thy servents.

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**Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the Octoechos, and 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of the Saint.**

**Prokeimenon (Saint), in Tone 7:** The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him. *Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee!

**The Epistle:** (292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10

**The Alleluia (Saint), in Tone 7:** The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. *Verse:* They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**The Gospel:** (52) John 15:17-16:2

**Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.