

The 11th Day of October

Holy Apostle Philip of the 70, One of the Seven Deacons; and the Commemoration of St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera to the Apostle Philip, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Called from on high....”*

As one full of wisdom and divine grace, /
O blesséd apostle Philip, /
Thou wast elected together with Stephen /
And wast numbered among the seven deacons to minister to the needs of the saints. /
Then, having witnessed his death, thou didst hasten to Samaria by divine command, /
Preaching there the Word of God /
And enlightening those that were before in darkness, O most-wise one, ///
Making them the children of the Day by the Spirit of God.

Beholding the wonders of God wrought by thy hands, O apostle: /
The blind receiving their sight, the recovery of paralytics, and the expulsion of evil
spirits from where they lived, /
The people were astonished, O Philip, /
And they came to thee for spiritual cleansing, /
Being guided from unbelief to faith. /
Therefore, thou dost now hear the divine ranks of apostle rejoicing ///
For a multitude of Samaritans were led to God.

Being like a chariot bearing the Word, O eloquent Philip, /
Thou didst encounter the chariot bearing the treasurer of Candace, the Queen, /
Who questioned thee for he was in doubt, /
And thou didst explain to him the things he had found hard to understand, /
And having believed, he asked thee for divine cleansing. /
Then, receiving baptism, he too, became a preacher of the Omnipotent God ///
And became the first martyr of Ethiopia.

And 3 stichera to St. Theophanes, in Tone 6: *To the melody, “Having set all aside....”*

Radiantly didst thou shine forth, O Theophanes, /
Bearing the virtues in firm faith, O glorious one; /
Driving away the heretical darkness with rays of divine teachings /
And enlightening all who turned to thee with thy luminous countenance. /

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Therefore, let us celebrate thy radiant feast, /
O bearer of the Light, ///
For thou dost pray with boldness on behalf of our souls.

Having armed thy soul by prayer and fasting /
Thou didst quell the demands of the flesh, O holy father, /
And didst make thy mind a dwelling place of the Divine Trinity. /
Thou didst make thine ascent to join the army of martyrs /
And the assemblies of hierarchs amidst the joys of heaven, /
And standing now rejoicing in the glory of Christ, ///
With boldness thou dost ever pray for our souls.

With the divine streams of thy tears, O holy hierarch, /
Thou didst utterly drown the armies of the demons, /
And didst cast to the ground the uprisings of thy pride before God. /
Thus, thou didst make thine ascent to the mansions of heaven /
There to abide with the angels, /
And standing now with them before Christ our God, ///
With boldness thou dost ever pray on behalf of our souls.

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

My wicked pride enslaves me — /
I am cast down by immorality, /
Yet I run to thee, O all holy Maiden /
And appeal to thy wondrous loving-kindness /
And thy most fervent intercession: /
Deliver me, wretch that I am, from the bonds of temptation and sorrow /
And save me from the attacks of the demons, O pure One, /
That I may worthily glorify thee ///
And with love ever sing thy praises, O ever-blessèd Lady.

Or the Stavrotheotokion:

Beholding her Lamb upon the Cross, /
The unblemished ewe-lamb, the immaculate Lady, /
Cried out in maternal amazement: /
‘What is this new and all-glorious wonder, /
O my Sweetest Child? /
How hath this ungrateful assembly betrayed Thee to Pilate, /
And condemn Thee to death, the Life of all? ///
Yet do I praise Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!’

The Aposticha is from the Menaion.

The Troparion of the Apostle, in Tone 3:

O holy apostle Philip, /
Intercede with our merciful God, /
That He may grant to our souls ///
The remission of our transgressions.

Glory..., the Troparion of the Venerable Hierarch, in Tone 8:

As an instructor of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and purity, /
A lamp of the universe, and divinely-inspired enrichment of hierarchs, /
O most-wise Theophanes, by thy teachings thou didst enlighten all ///
O spirit-filled voice, beseech Christ God to save our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion.

Matins

One Canon from the Octoechos, and two of the Saints.

The Canon of the Apostle, in Tone 6,

having the acrostic: "I praise the divine glory of Philip," the composition of Joseph,

and that of the Venerable Hierarch, in the same Tone, and having the same Irmos

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After Ode 3, the Kontakion of the St. Theophanes, in Tone 2:

Thundering forth the divine Incarnation of Christ, /
Thou didst denounce the bodiless enemies, O wise Theophanēs. /
Therefore, we all cry out to thee with faith and piet̄y: ///
Pray thou without ceasing on behalf of us all.

After Ode 6, the Kontakion of the Apostle Philip, in Tone 4:

The first chosen of the apostles, Philip, /
The most-wondrous fisher of nations, and converser with the apostles of Christ, /
Bestows today a wealth of healing to the world, /
And protects them that honor him from every calamity. ///
Therefore with one voice we cry out to him: Save us by thy holy prayers, O apostle!

The Exapostilarion of the Apostle:

Thy proclamation has gone out to the ends of the universe, O apostle of Christ, by which thou didst preach God to us, Beseech Him now, on our behalf, that He may

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shine the Light of understanding on us all.

Glory..., the Exapostilarion of the Venerable Hierarch:

Thou didst shine forth upon the Church as a divine light, O Theophanes, illuminating it with the splendor of thy hymns and with the light of thy face which was adorned with the wounds of Christ. Cease not to pray to Him on behalf of thy flock, O venerable father.

Now and ever..., Theotokion:

I have defiled the garment given me in the font of baptism through my wanton passions, wretch that I am, and frightened, I am mindful of the hour of the divine and truly fearful Judgment that awaits me. O immaculate Virgin, intercede for me and deliver me from the fearful condemnation.

The Aposticha is from the Octoechos.

Liturgy

Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

The Epistle: (20) Acts 8:26-39

The Alleluia, Tone 1: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

The Gospel: Gospel: (50) Luke 10:1-16

Communion Hymn: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

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