

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Day of November



### Our Father among the Saints, Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”***

**P**aul the eloquent apostle /  
Ordained thee, as his namesake, to emulate him. /  
And being adorned with his character and piety /  
And his courageous spirit in the face of adversity /  
Thou, O champion of Orthodoxy wast inflamed with divine zeal. ///  
Together with him now, thou art glorified in the mansions on-high. *(twice)*

**T**he strength of thy doctrinal teachings /  
Strangled the false teachings of Macedonius and Arius /  
And great multitudes of people were confirmed in the Orthodox Faith, /  
O holy father and martyr Paul. /  
Therefore, the Lover of mankind accepted thy splendid witness of faith ///  
And granted thee a share in His heavenly kingdom. *(twice)*

**C**hrist adorned thy head with a garland of righteousness /  
For completing thy course and preserving the Faith, /  
And He crowned thee for thy faithful witness of Him, /  
O truly wondrous one, /  
Therefore, having inherited the kingdom of heaven ///  
Beseech the Savior for those who sing thy praises.

**O** most-blessèd hierarch Paul, /  
Rightly art thou named ‘Confessor’: /  
Thou art the fervent supplicant for those who honor thee. /  
Deliver us from every misfortune and danger, /  
And from the tempest of passion and sin, /  
For thou art an invincible witness and well-pleasing hierarch ///  
Who hast acquired boldness before Christ our God.

**Glory..., in Tone 1: *(the composition of Germanus)***

**B**eing robed in hierarchal vestments /  
Zealously thou didst emulate thy namesake, the apostle Paul, /  
Enduring great dangers and persecutions as he, /

Thou didst put an end to the blasphemy of Arius. /  
And having suffered for the unoriginate and consubstantial Trinity /  
Thou didst overcome the impious Macedonius, the opponent of the Spirit. /  
And having clearly confessed to all the Orthodox Faith, /  
Now thou dwellest with the bodiless angels ///  
Forever praying with them that our souls may be saved.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 1: To the melody, "O all-praised martyrs...."**

**When** she beheld Thee unjustly slaughtered, O Christ, /  
The most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: /  
O my Sweet Child /  
How is it that Thou Who hast suspended the whole earth upon the waters /  
Art hanging now upon the Tree? /  
Leave me not alone, O greatly merciful One, ///  
I who am Thy servant and Thy Mother, pray Thee!

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

**The Aposticha from the Octoechos, and this sticheron, in Tone 1:**

*Verse:* Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

**O** ven'rable father Paul, /  
Being invested with virtue by Christ our God  
And being strengthened by the Faith /  
Valiantly didst thou overcome barbarians and demons. /  
Thou didst establish thy flock upon the rock, unassailed by any heresy. /  
Therefore, thou art now together with the angels ///  
Ever praying to the Savior that our souls be preserved in peace.

**Glory..., in Tone 2: (the composition of Byzantius)**

**C**rossing the sea of fasting on the sail of abstinence /  
Thou didst escape the storm of passions, O ven'rable one. /  
O namesake of the holy apostle Paul /  
Thou didst endure the persecutions, dangers, and the blasphemies of heretics. /  
Thou didst cast down the heresy of Nestorius and the false teachings of Arius /  
And wast revealed as a zealous defender of the Church of Christ. /  
Entreat Him now, o blessed hierarch, ///  
That He may save our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody "Down from the tree...."**

**B**eholding Thee, her Lamb being voluntarily led to the slaughter /  
The caste ewe-lamb wept and cried aloud: /  
"What dost thou do, striving to make me childless, O Christ, /  
Who gave birth to Thee, the Deliverer of all? /  
Yet I glorify Thine ineffable grace past all understanding, O Lover of mankind.

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 3:**

**T**hy confession of the divine faith /  
Showed thee, O zealot among priests, to be another Paul for the Church; /  
And the righteous blood of Zechariah cries out with Abel and thee to the Lord. /  
Beseech Christ God, O holy father, ///  
That we be granted great mercy.

### **Matins**

**Both Canons from the Octoechos, and one of the Saint with 6 Troparia, in Tone 4,**  
*having the acrostic: "Rightly do I praise Paul, the teacher of the Mysteries,"*  
*the composition of Theophanes. — incomplete as of 10/2016*

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2: To the melody,**  
*"Seeking the highest...."*

**O** hierarch Paul, thou didst shine forth upon the earth /  
Like a star of heavenly splendor, /  
And now thou dost enlighten the universal Church /  
For which thou didst suffer and lay down thy life. /  
And like that of Abel and Zechariah ///  
Thy blood cries out to the Lord.