

The 14th Day of October

Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protáse and Celcius of Milan.

Also, the Commemoration of the Venerable Paraskéva of Serbia, whose service is found following this.

VESPERS

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

Let us praise the valiant warriors /
Nazarius, and Gervase the great, /
Together with Protase, and Celcius wise in God, /
For they finished their course of life as witnesses of the faith /
And for this received their crowns of victory, ///
As voluntary offerings and heirs to the kingdom on high.

Having been enlightened with understanding, O Nazarius, /
By the illumination of the Spirit /
Thy sou^l shone brighter than the sun /
Illumining the souls of those in darkness, /
Teaching and enlightening them by divine grace /
To believe and worship the only Lord /
Who was most-gloriously incarnate of the Virgin ///
Having Himself illumined the world.

The ever-memorable Celcius, Protase and Gervase /
Were radiantly glorified with Nazarius /
And suffered valiantly together with him, /
And courageously, they vanquished the hordes of demons on earth. /
Therefore, they now pour streams of healing ///
And richly water the hearts of the pious with divine grace.

May Protáse be honored and let Nazarius be praised /
With godly Celcius and Gervase /
For they suffered gloriously and vanquished the power of vanity /
And now they are honored by the angelic hosts /
And share in holiness by communion divine /
Having received their crowns of victory ///
From the hands of the Giver of life.

Having completed the course and having kept the Faith, /
O witnesses divine, /

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You received your crowns of martyrdom /
And now you are united with the angels. /
Shining with courage, you trampled the deceitful enemy by the power of Christ . /
Therefore, we now assemble in joy ///
And we celebrate your radiant memory.

By his divine preaching, Nazarius illumined the cities he passed along his way /
And Celcius followed him and also acquired the glory of the martyrs /
By defeating the deceitful enemy. /
So let us honor them with hymns of praise /
As stars and lights shining brightly in the darkness ///
And true physicians of our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 8:

Let us praise the rational sheep Nazarius, Protase, Celcius and Gervase, /
For they cast down the fury of the tyrants and their idols. /
Therefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, ///
Grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the Same Tone: To the melody, "Thy martyrs...."

"O my Child, I cannot bear to look upon Thee /
Asleep in death upon the Tree, /
Who grantest life to all mankind, /
That Thou mayest impart divine and saving life to Adam /
Who through disobedience fell into the sleep of destruction" ///
Cried the weeping Virgin, whom we magnify.

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

The Aposticha from the Octoechos.

The Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4:

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.

MARTYRS NAZARIUS, GERVASE, PROTASE AND CELCIUS

MATINS

Two Canons from the Octoechos, and one for the Martyrs with 4 Troparia, in Tone 4,
having the acrostic: "I will praise in faith the victorious martyrs,"
the composition of Joseph. — incomplete as of 4/2018

The Kontakion of the Martyrs, Tone 4:

You were revealed as radiant lamps, O martyrs, /
Shining upon creation with the light of your miracles, /
Dispelling the profound darkness of our infirmities /
By your ceaseless prayers to Christ ///
On behalf of our souls.

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