

The 28th Day of June



The Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians and Wonderworkers, Cyrus and John; And our venerable fathers Sergius and Herman, the Wonderworkers of Valaam, whose service is found following this.

—incomplete as of 2/2015

Vespers

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

Let us sing and praise the two martyrs, /
Cyrus and with him, John the great, /
Shining brilliantly with the radiance of the Trinity, /
The foundation of the Faith, /
Who, like flowers, give off the true fragrance of the knowledge of Christ, ///
And who ceaselessly pray to the Lord on behalf of our souls. *(twice)*

O glorious Cyrus, /
Thou didst excel in fasting and the brightness of thy life /
And went on to adorn thy soul with thy suffering; /
And thou, O John the wise, /
Who left the army on earth and joined the forces of heaven, /
Where together you both beseech the Savior ///
For those who hallow your memory, O blessèd ones. *(twice)*

Revealing yourselves as physicians, O blessèd ones, /
And unwavering lamps of the divine Faith, /
Co-witnesses and co-communicants with the martyrs, /
Truly you received your crowns of victory from Christ, /
O glorious Cyrus, and John the wise. ///
Ceaselessly beseech the Savior for those who faithfully sing your praises. *(twice)*

Glory..., in Tone 8:

Today, the pair of wonderworking martyrs, Cyrus and John, /
Shine upon us, healing our spiritual infirmities. /
One, having fully embraced the angelic life /
And completed his course in the end /
Through his martyred blood uniting himself to Christ. /
The other, having excelled in the ranks of the army /
Is now enrolled in the army of heaven. /
Both impart healing to all who faithfully celebrate their memory, ///
Ceaselessly praying for our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone,

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody "O most glorious wonder..."*

"I cannot bear to look upon Thee, O my Child, /
Asleep in death upon the Tree, /
Who grantest life to all mankind, /
Imparting divine and saving life to those /
Who in ancient times fell into the sleep of perdition /
Through the fruit of transgression." /
Cried the weeping Virgin, whom we magnify.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a resurrection service.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and

Glory..., of the Saints, in Tone 2:

Come, let us the faithful, assemble today, /
And let us crown Cyrus and John with songs of praise. /
They are instruments of grace who generously grant the petitions of all, /
Revealing themselves as glorious physicians ///
Ever praying for our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone,

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

Beholding Thee, her Lamb being voluntarily led to the slaughter /
The chaste ewe-lamb wept and cried aloud: /
"What art thou doing, 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 Saints, in Tone 5:

Thou hast granted us the miracles of thy holy martyrs, /
As an impregnable stronghold, O Christ God. /
By their prayers destroy the counsels of the enemy /
And preserve our nation in peace, ///
Since thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

Matins

The Canon

**Both Canons of the Octoechos; and one Canon of the Saints,
with 6 Troparia, in Tone 8:**

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Kontakion of the Saints, in Tone 3: *To the melody, “Today the Virgin....”*

Having received the gifts of miracles by divine grace, O holy ones, /
You ceaselessly worked wonders throughout the world, /
Invisibly removing all our passions by the work of your hands /
For you are truly divine physicians, ///
O divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John.

At the Aposticha, the stichera from the Octoechos, and

Glory..., of the Saints, in Tone 4:

Come, let us the faithful, assemble, /
And let us worthily honor Cyrus and John. /
Who were as of one blood in spirit and of one mind in the flesh, /
And with them let us honor the laudable Athanasia /
And her children, Theodóta, Eudoxia, and Theoctístè, /
The virgin passion-bearers and martyrs ///
Who ceaselessly pray to Christ on behalf of our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone,

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

Beholding Christ, who loveth mankind, crucified, /
His side pierced by a spear, /
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /
‘What is this, O my Son? /
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /
For all the good things Thou hast done for them? /
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most belovèd Son? ///
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!’

Liturgy

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

1-4. From the appointed Canon.

5. Thou didst sharpen Thy saints with Faith, O Christ, and Thou didst forge them with Hope; Thou didst enflame them with Love, and from this triple armory didst thou weave for them a three-strand crown of victory.

6. With valor you stood against the impious tormentors, O invincible martyrs, and you passed unharmed beyond the snares of deception, armed by Christ and rejoicing together with Him.

7. Thy martyrs were established on the rock of ascent in the Faith, like divinely-erected pillars having unshakeable foundations, and were watered by the drink of immortality flowing from the rock that is the Cup of Christ.

8. Theotokion: Thou didst become the dwelling-place of the Spirit having received the fullness of the Godhead in the Son, giving birth to the Savior, Lord, and Redeemer of the human race.

The Prokeimenon in Tone 4: The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land. *Verse:* I keep the Lord always before me; for He is at my right hand, and I shall not be moved.

The Epistle: (153) I Cor. 12:27-13:8

The Alleluia is in Tone 2:¹ Behold how good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell in unity! *Verse:* For there the Lord commanded the blessing: Life for evermore!

The Gospel: (34-ctr) Matt. 10:1,5-8

The Communion Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

¹ The Alleluia verses differ between the Slav Menaion and the Slav Apostol. The ones given here are from the Apostol.