

## **The 25<sup>th</sup> Day of October**

### **Commemoration of the holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, the Notaries.**

#### **Vespers**

**At “Lord I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant...”***

**O** martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, /  
Having completed the course and having kept the faith /  
You received your crowns of victory /  
For being unshakeable pillars of the Church, /  
Vessels pouring forth the milk of Truth, /  
Luminous pearls, like lamps, enlightening all creation ///  
With the brightness of piety.

**O** divine friends united in martyrdom, /  
United in reason and in one accord, /  
You destroyed the division of Arius /  
Teaching that we must honor the Son as consubstantial with the Father, /  
And equally co-eternal with the Spirit, /  
Unity in Trinity and Trinity in unity, ///  
One nature undivided in three Persons

**O** blessed Marcian and Martyrius /  
You were followers of the great preacher, the archbishop Paul /  
And by the heroic shedding of your blood /  
You drowned the wicked enemy /  
And stopped the flow of evil heresy /  
With the streams of piety, ///  
Thus watering and refreshing the Church of Christ.

#### **Glory..., in Tone 1: (by Germanus)**

**A**s the disciples and followers of the preacher and confessor Paul, /  
Who preached the consubstantial Trinity, /  
Together you suffered persecution with him /  
And preferred death by the sword than submitting to heresy. /  
Therefore, you have been adorned by God with the crowns of martyrdom /  
And having great boldness before Him ///  
Intercede that He may deliver from danger all who honor your memory.

**Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 1, or this Stavrotheotokion, in**

**the same Tone:** *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

As she beheld her Lamb upon the Cross, /  
Bereft of form or comeliness, /  
The unblemished Ewe-lamb, the sovereign Lady, cried lamenting: /  
“Woe is me! Where hath Thy beauty fled? /  
Where is Thy splendor, O most Sweet One? ///  
Where is the radiant grace of Thine image, O my most beloved Son?

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

**The Aposticha from the Octoechos, then:**

**Glory..., in Tone 3:**

O Marcian and Martyrius, /  
The spiritual lamps of the Church and champ’ons of the Holy Trinity, /  
You drove back heresies with the shield of Faith /  
And enlightened the whole world with the light of Orthodoxy. /  
You were obedient to your pastor, the bishop Paul, /  
The equal-to-the-apostles and the teacher of true doctrines, /  
And cast down the divisions of Arius and Nestorius. /  
You spurned the confusion of Severus and Sabellius, /  
Teaching the One unity of the Holy Trinity, /  
God who came incarnate from the Virgin. /  
You sang the praises of one Christ in two natures /  
Preaching Him to all in a pious manner, /  
Therefore, O all-praised and divinely-eloquent martyrs, /  
You have received your crowns of victory from heaven. ///  
Pray that we be granted great mercy!

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 3, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

A sword has pierced thine heart, O pure one, /  
When thou didst see thy Son upon the Cross; /  
And thou didst cry out to Him: /  
Leave me not alone and childless, /  
Who hath preserved me a Virgin after giving birth to Thee, ///  
O my Son and my God.

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

Thy holy martyrs, O Lord /  
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. /

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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.

### Matins

Two Canons from the Octoechos, and one of the Martyrs with 4 Troparia,  
having the acrostic: *“I praise the two holy martyrs”*  
*(the composition of Joseph), in Tone 4 — incomplete as of 9/2915*

### The Kontakion of the Martyrs, Tone 4:

**F**rom your youth you have been champ’ons of the faith, /  
O Marcian and Martyrius, /  
You vanquished Arius and his heresy /  
And kept perfect the faith by following in the footsteps of the archbishop Paul. ///  
Therefore you enjoy eternal life together with him, O defenders of the Holy Trinity.

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