

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November



### Commemoration of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians and Wonderworkers of Asia, Cosmas and Damian.

**Note:** If this be a church of Ss. Cosmas and Damian or if the Rector so desires, we may sing a Polieley-ranked service to the saints.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera, in Tone 6:** *To the melody, “Having set all aside...”*

**H**aving placed all their hope in heaven /  
Thy saints set aside for themselves a treasure /  
Which cannot be stolen away. /  
Freely have they received and freely they give healing. /  
Following the Gospel they sought neither silver nor gold /  
But bestowed blessings upon both men and beasts, /  
They were truly obedient to Christ in all things, ///  
And with boldness they now pray to Christ for us all. *(twice)*

**S**haring a common wisdom and character of the saints /  
And spurning the corruptible things of the earth /  
These citizens of heaven appeared to be angels /  
While dwelling in the flesh here on the earth.  
Freely they healed the sufferings of all, /  
Giving without payment to those in need of blessings. ///  
So, let us worthily celebrate this hon’rable feast of those who fervently  
pray to Christ for our souls. *(twice)*

**T**ruly the godly-wise Cosmas and Damian, /  
Made of themselves an abode for the Trinity. /  
Thus they pour forth the waters of healing /  
From the very source of the Life-bearing spring! /  
The very touch of their relics heals all passions, /  
At the sound of their names illnesses flee away. /  
They are a safe haven to all ///  
And with boldness they pray to Christ for our souls.

**H**aving set aside, through Christ, the torments of doubt and passions /  
And having trampled the evil serpent underfoot /  
You appeared to be shining stars above the earth /  
Illumining all with the light of divinity. /

By this grace you dispel darkness and drive illnesses away /  
Rescuing those who a firm and steadfast faith ///  
Celebrate your glorious memory, O most-wise Cosmas and Damian.

**Glory..., in Tone 6: *(the composition of Anatolius)***

**E**ndless is the grace which the saints received from Christ. /  
And even now, their relics cease not to work miracles by the power of God. /  
Even their names, spoken with faith, heal incurable diseases.  
Through them, O Lord, free us from all spiritual and physical infirmities, ///  
For Thou art the Lover of mankind.

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

**O** Theotokos, thou art the true vine /  
Who didst bud forth for us the Fruit of Life: /  
We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the unmercenaries Cosmas and  
Damian, and all the saints ///  
That He will have mercy on our souls. /

**Or this Stavrotheotokion: *To the melody, "Having set all aside..."***

**B**eholding 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 from the Octoechos.**

**Note:** *If this be a Polieley-ranked service to the saints, then, at the Aposticha, we sing the following verses:*

**Tone 2:**

**T**he pool of healing cured only one man each year, /  
Now multitudes are healed at the temple of the unmercenary  
physicians. /  
For the treasury of the saints Cosmas and Damian is abundant and  
it never fails. ///  
Through their intercessions, O Christ, have mercy on us.

*Verse:* God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

*(The composition of Theophanes):*

**H**aving lived in the love of God and the desire of future blessings /  
You travelled along the path of salvation. /  
Keeping your souls in complete purity, you did not keep material  
possessions, /  
And you were made as brilliant as gold by the Holy Spirit, /  
O holy unmercenary wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian, /  
Resplendent, divine, and enlightened brothers and companions, /  
Our defenders in our sufferings and afflictions ///  
Who freely heal all the diseases of our souls

*Verse:* The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints who  
are in His land.

*(The composition of Germanus):*

**O** wondrous saints Cosmas and Damian, /  
You were found worthy of great gifts, /  
And you lived your lives on earth in great humility /  
Freely healing the suffering of the sick wherever you travelled. /  
Indeed, you were the companion of the angels, O marvelous brothers. ///  
Through your prayers, heal us from our passions and sorrows.

### **Glory..., in Tone 6**

**W**ith Christ working ever within you /  
O Cosmas and Damian, /  
You continue to work wonders in the world by healing the sick. /  
Your miracles are an inexhaustible fountain— /  
We fill our cups and it flows anew; /  
We drain it daily and it gushes abundantly, /  
Always providing to all it remains plentiful. /  
Therefore, we call you Physicians, for you heal our bodies and souls, /  
Unmercenaries, for you freely heal the world with the gifts of Christ the Savior, ///  
Who grants us His great mercy.

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

**N**o one having recourse to thee, /  
O all-pure Virgin Mother of God, /

Goeth away from thee ashamed; /  
For asking grace of thee ///  
He is given that gift which is gainful to him.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion:** *To the melody, “On the third day....”*

**B**eholding Thee crucified, O Christ /  
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /  
“What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /  
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///  
Dost Thou die on the Tree?”

**The Troparion of Saints Cosmas and Damian, in Tone 8:**

**V**isit our infirmities, O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers Cosmas and  
Damian, ///  
Freely you received and freely you give to us!

### **Matins**

*— incomplete as of 9/17/13*

*If a Polieley service **is not** sung, at Matins we sing the service according to the Menaion.*

*At Matins we sing the Sessional Hymns to the saints; at the Canon, we sing one Canon to the Theotokos and both Canons to the saints; and we sing the Praises and the Doxology.*

**Kontakion of Saints Cosmas and Damian, in Tone 2:**

**O** glorious and wonderworking physicians, /  
Who have received the power of healing, /  
Extend it upon those in need /  
And in your kindness towards us, hold down the enemies' pride ///  
And heal the world through your miracles.

### **Liturgy**

**Prokeimenon, 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.

**Epistle:** (153) 1 Cor. 12:27-13:8

**Alleluia, Tone 2:** Behold how good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell in

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unity! *Verse:* For there the Lord commanded the blessing: Life for evermore.

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

*Communion Hymn:* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!  
Alleluia....

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