

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October

**Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus at Tarsus in Cilicia; Commemoration of St. Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maïuma, the Composer of the Canons.**

### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera to the Martyrs, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given us a sign....”***

**T**hough thy face was shattered and thy neck was slashed; /  
Thy body broken by clubs; thy head and arms scorched by the flames; /  
Cruelly pierced by the lance; thine ears and lips cut away; /  
Thou was drowned in vinegar, then cast to the beasts; /  
Still thou didst rejoice, O Tarachus, ///  
As thou wast beheaded, O martyr.

**T**hou didst endure a great beating tied to the stake; /  
The tendons of thy legs were cut, and thine eyes made blind; /  
Then thou wast given as food to the wild beasts, O blessèd one; /  
After being burned by the fire, thou wast beheaded, O joy of the martyrs, ///  
O glorious Probus, thou confirmation of the Church and peer of the angels.

**B**urned by the flames and lashed by the whip; /  
Thy skin flayed, thy tongue that spoke of God, cut out of thy mouth; /  
Thy teeth were savagely uprooted, O martyr of the Lord; /  
Then thou wast cast into a pit with wild beasts. /  
Finally, thou didst meet thine end beneath the sword ///  
Thus completing thy great deeds and receiving thy crown, O Andronicus the great.

**And 3 stichera to St. Cosmas, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”***

**W**e praise thee, O hierarch Cosmas, /  
As one nourished in wisdom and sustained by piety, /  
As a treasury of knowledge, and a theologian of great renown, /  
A divine teacher and enlightener of the faithful, /  
O most-blesséd one; /  
And we entreat the Master through thee, ///  
That we be delivered from corruption, misfortune, and every calamity.

**T**hou didst live a life of abstinence, vigil, and prayer, /  
Remaining humble and chaste, O glorious one; /

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And thou wast enriched in every way of reasoning —  
Knowing both earthly and the transitory things as well as the splendors of heaven. ///  
Truly, thou didst sound forth like thunder, O blessed one, ///  
Making comprehensible the incomprehensible, awesome, and great mysteries of the  
King of all.

**T**hou didst live a life of great meekness and humility; /  
Being guileless, chaste and righteous, most simple and whole; /  
Thou wast truly a hierarch sanctified by God and beheld His mysteries. /  
Thou didst nourish thy flock with the golden waters of salvation, ///  
O divinely-bless't Cosmas, wise in God.

**Glory..., in Tone 4:** *(the composition of Anatolius)*

**H**aving forsaken all the beautiful things of this world /  
You three martyrs took up your cross and enlisted in the army of Christ. /  
You followed Him through the arduous path of torture /  
And didst not deny Him before the face of earthly kings. /  
Thus the angels placed crowns of victory upon your heads /  
And your valiant souls entered into the great chamber in Paradise, /  
O Probus, thou glory of the martyrs, Tarachus, thou destroyer of demons, and  
Andronicus, thou victory of the faithful. ///  
As ye have great boldness before the Savior of all, beseech Him that our souls may be  
saved.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**S**eeing Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /  
The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /  
And as a mother cried out to Thee: /  
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Tree of the Cross, /  
O Longsuffering One? /  
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgressors, O Word? /  
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Master?

**The Aposticha is from the Octoechos, and**

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

**T**he three-fold company of martyrs equal in number to the Trinity /  
Have revealed themselves to be like radiant stars shining from the East, /  
Summoning all creation to a sacred festival. /  
For Probus, Tarachus, and wise Andronicus, /

HOLY MARTYRS PROBUS, TARACHUS, AND ANDRONICUS;  
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Presented their own flesh to the wild beasts /  
And having reddened the ground with the spilling of their own blood , /  
They joined chorus with the angels in heaven, bearing their crowns, /  
Entreating God, the Lover of mankind, on our behalf, ///  
That He may grant us the remission of our sins and His great mercy.

**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 ///  
Who am Thy servant and Thy Mother, I pray Thee!

**The Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 5:**

**The heavenly** powers were amazed at the triumph of the holy martyrs, /  
For having fought the good fight with their mortal bodies, /  
They vanquished the bodiless enemies by the power of the Cross. ///  
Now they intercede with the Lord that He may save our souls.

**Glory..., the Troparion of the Venerable Hierarch, in Tone 8:**

As an instructor of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and purity, /  
A lamp of the universe, and divinely-inspired enrichment of hierarchs, /  
O most-wise Cosmas, by thy teachings thou didst enlighten all ///  
O spirit-filled voice, beseech Christ God to save our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion.**

**Matins**

One Canon from the Octoechos with 6 Troparia, and two of the Saints.

The Canon of the Martyrs, in Tone 8,

*having the acrostic: “I sing the glory of Thy martyrs, O Savior,” the composition of Joseph,  
and that of the Venerable Hierarch, in Tone 4,*

*having the acrostic: “Let us wisely praise Cosmas, the composer of the Canons.”  
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**After Ode 3, the Kontakion of St. Cosmas, in Tone 8: To the melody, “O victorious  
leader...”**

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**T**hou wast truly adorned with the virtues, O divinely bless't father Cosmas, /  
And thou didst truly adorn the Church with thy beautiful music and hymns. /  
Pray now to the Lord that we be delivered from the wiles of the enemy, ///  
As we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O richly blessed one.

**After Ode 6, the Kontakion of the Martyrs, in Tone 2: To the melody, "Seeking the highest...."**

**T**he valiant warriors of Christ, /  
Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus, /  
Have revealed to us the glory of the Trinity /  
For they denounced all the godlessness of their tormentors ///  
As they suffered bravely for the Faith.

**The Exapostilarion from the Octoechos,**

**Glory..., that of the Martyrs:**

**L**et us praise the three spiritual heroes, Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus, with hymns of praise, for they endured cruel torture and painful wounds, and now they reign in heaven with Christ.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion:**

**T**hou wast revealed as one more glorious than the cherubim and shown to be more honorable than the seraphim, as thou wast the one who gave birth to God in the flesh who taught mankind to walk the straight leading to salvation.

**Liturgy**

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**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 7:** 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:** (233) Gal. 6:10-17

**The Alleluia, in Tone 4:** The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He  
delivered them from all their troubles. *Verse:* Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
and the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

**The Gospel: Gospel:** (106) Luke 21:12-19

**Communion Hymn:** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous...

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