

The 20th Day of May

Holy Martyr Thalelæus; and the discovery of the relics of our father among the saints, Aleksey, Metropolitan of Moscow whose service can be found following this service — *incomplete as of 12/2017*

Vespers

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

When the tribulations of the world laid hold of thee /
And the storm smote thy soul, O glorious one, /
Thou didst traverse, unharmed, the great abyss of torture
Steered by thine exalted name, as with a rudder, thou didst attain the harbor of
heaven
Where thou wast filled with everlasting calm, ///
O martyr Thalelæus.

Lifted high upon a tree /
Thy sides cruelly slashed by savage torturers, /
Thou didst emulate the suffering of the Master of creation, /
And thou didst denounce their mistaken beliefs, O glorious one. /
Reviling the falsehood of idolatry, thou didst confirm the strength of piety, ///
O martyr Thalelæus.

At the command of the tyrant /
Thou wast then cast into the depths of the sea, /
Yet, through divine grace, thou didst not drown, O martyr wise in God, /
But with the streams of thy blood didst thou drown the evil Pharaoh and all
his army. /
Thus, strengthened by Christ, didst thou utterly destroy him, ///
O martyr Thalelæus.

[But if this day falls within the fast, the following stichera of the Theotokos are chanted *before* those of the Martyr, in the same Tone and melody.]

Keepest me from evil transgressions /
That I be not condemned, O most holy bride of God, /
And through thy prayers deliver my humble soul from death; /
That I may receive justification on the Day of Judgment /
Which the assembly of the saints have already gained, /

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And show me cleansed through my tears and repentance ///
Before the coming of the end.

Shower my thoughts with the dew of the Most-holy Spirit, /
O most pure Mother of Christ, /
Who in His boundless compassion, /
Cleansed the multitude of our transgressions with a drop of dew. /
Dry up the source of my passions, /
And through thy prayers, O Lady, ///
Vouchsafe that I may ever drink at the stream of life.

Grant that the torrent of my tears of repentance /
And the thought of the dread and awesome hour of judgment /
May serve as an excellent and saving remedy, /
That through thy prayers, O Virgin who gave birth to God my Savior, /
I may be delivered from condemnation ///
And receive divine grace and escape the fearsome punishments.

Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone: and melody.

Thousands of times have I promised /
To repent of my sins, O pure one, /
But the despised yet cherished habits of mine evil offenses will not depart from me /
So I fall down before thee, crying out: /
Rescue me from their tyranny, O Lady, ///
And instruct me along the higher path which leads to salvation.

Or this Stavrotheotokion: (in the same Tone and melody)

Seeing 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?

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The General Troparion for a Martyr, in Tone 4 (No Troparion given in the Menaion)

Thy holy martyr Thalelæus, O Lord, /

HOLY MARTYR THALELÆUS

Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Matins

The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8:

— *incomplete as of 4/2013*

Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 3: *To the melody, “Today the Virgin gives birth”*

Revealed as a witness and weapon-bearer of the martyrs /
Thou wast an excellent warrior of the King of Glory; /
And through trials and torture thou didst trample down the arrogance of the
idolaters. /
Therefore, we sing the praises ///
Of thine hon’rable memory, O wise Thalelæus.

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