

## The 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January

⌘ Translation of the Relics of the Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius,  
Bishop of Antioch, the God-bearer.

### Vespers

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

As a successor of the theologians /  
And following in their footsteps, /  
Rising in the East, thou didst appear in the West /  
Illumining all with the lightning flashes of divine preaching; /  
And having set like the sun from the world thou didst rise like the dawn before God ///  
Crowned with the radiance of grace, O father Ignatius. *(twice)*

Thy relics, sanctified by thy struggles, /  
O all-wise and God-bearing father Ignatius, /  
Were reverently returned to thy city, /  
And shining with grace they fill everything with a sweet-smelling fragrance ///  
And those who celebrate thy memory are inspired with divine joy and gladness.  
*(twice)*

O God-bearing father Ignatius, /  
Thou didst shine forth unto the world /  
Brighter than the morning star from the East /  
Now, with the return of thy divine relics /  
Thou sendest forth thy brilliant rays from the West upon the earth, /  
Ever entreating Christ to deliver from corruption and misfortune ///  
Those who with faith celebrate thine all-precious memory. *(twice)*

**Glory..., in Tone 8:** *(The composition of Anatolius)*

O God-bearing father Ignatius, /  
Having embraced thy beloved Christ, /  
Thou didst receive thy reward for being a priest of His Gospel.  
And thou didst finish thy life by the shedding of thy blood,  
Truly becoming wheat for the immortal Maker of all /  
By being ground by the teeth of wild beasts /  
Thus becoming an offering of the sweetest of bread for Him. ///  
Pray for us, O blessed martyr.

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**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody, "O most glorious wonder..."**

**W**hat is this sight that I see, /  
What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /  
Thou, Who sustainest all creation, lifted up on the Tree, /  
Dost die granting life to all," /  
Cried the Theotokos, weeping, when she beheld upon the Cross ///  
The God-man Who had ineffably shone forth from her.

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

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

**Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 1: (The composition of Byzantius)**

**O** thy firm and adamant mind, O rightly-bless't Ignatius! /  
Being filled with earnest love for Him who loved thee, thou didst say: /  
There is no fire of yearning in me for material things, /  
Rather, the living water speaks deeply within me, /  
Saying: Come to the Father. /  
Therefore being enflamed by the Holy Spirit /  
Thou didst permit the wild beasts to separate thee quickly from this world /  
And send thee to thy belovèd Christ. ///  
Beseech Him now to save our souls!

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody, "O all-praised martyrs...."**

**S**tanding before the Cross of thy Son and God, /  
And beholding His long-suffering,  
O pure Mother, thou didst cry out weeping: /  
Woe is me, O my Child most sweet! /  
What are these things which Thou dost suffer unjustly, ///  
O Word of God, that Thou mightest save mankind?

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

**L**ike the apostles in character, /  
A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /  
Through visions thou didst find thy work /  
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /  
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /

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Even to the shedding of thy blood ///  
O hieromartyr Ignatius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Matins**  
**Both Canons from the Octoechos and that of the Saint.**

— *incomplete as of 11/26/2016*

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 4:**

**O** holy and God-bearing father Ignatius, /  
Thou hast shone forth from the East adorned with the crown of martyrdom ///  
Enlightening all creation with thy teachings.

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