

## **The 30<sup>th</sup> Day of July**

**Commemoration of Holy Apostles Silas, Silouan (Silvanus) and those with them.**

### **Vespers**

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

Illumined with divine splendors, O Apostles, /  
You soared above the earth like eagles on the wing /  
Driving away the darkness of idolatry /  
Making us children and inheritors of the day. /  
Therefore, we venerate your holy relics today ///  
And we honor and celebrate your memory.

**L**et us today with joyful hearts /  
Honor and sing the praises /  
Of Silas and Andronicus, /  
Silouan and Crescens, /  
And the wondrous Epenētus, /  
For by them we have been delivered from the deceit of the idols ///  
And have piously received the radiance and light of the Trinity.

**C**hrist sent you into the world, O Apostles, /  
To cleanse it from the stench of wickedness /  
And to restore our souls poisoned by corruption, /  
And to bring them to perfect health. /  
Therefore, we honor you as our benefactors and physicians, ///  
And the most-wise instruments of the Holy Spirit.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion: *(in the Same Tone)***

**R**ejoice, thou divine radiance /  
Rejoice, thou throne of the never-setting Sun /  
Who shone forth with Its ineffable Light upon the world! /  
Rejoice, O divine perception, shimmering with knowledge divine, /  
Flashing with the lightening that enlightens the ends of the world! /  
Rejoice, thou good, all-pure and golden radiance, ///  
That shines the unwaning Light upon us the faithful.

**Or this Stavrotheotokion: *(in the same Tone)***

**S**eeing Christ being put to death /  
As He was putting to death the great deceiver, /

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The most pure Lady cried bitterly before Him who came forth from her womb, /  
And marveling at His longsuffering, she cried aloud: /  
O my most-belovèd Child, forget me not, Thy servant! ///  
Do not delay my consolation, O Lover of mankind!

**The Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 3:**

**O** holy apostles Silas and Silouan, /  
Intercede with our merciful God, /  
That He may grant to our souls ///  
The remission of our transgressions.

**Matins**

**The Canon**

**The Canon of the Saints, in Tone 2**

*—incomplete as of 3/30/2017*

**The Kontakion of the Saints, in Tone 4:**

**O** Silas and Silouan, disciples of the Lord /  
You were like branches in the vineyard of Christ /  
Bearing clusters of virtues /  
And pouring out for us the wine of salvation. /  
Drinking of it, we are filled with joy, /  
And we celebrate your honored mem'ry, O wise Apostles of the Lord, ///  
As we entreat you to pray for the remission of our sins.

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