

The 28th Day of July

The Holy Apostles and Deacons of the Seventy: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas; and the Appearance of the Smolensk (Hodegitria) Icon of our Lady, the Mother of God, whose service is provided immediately following this. *—incomplete as of 12/2013.*

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”*

By divine election you were chosen to serve the requests of the saints, /
Being filled with divine wisdom, enlightenment, and grace; /
Now you abide in the heavens ///
Ceaselessly rejoicing with the angels.

Being revealed by the grace of the Spirit /
To be bright candles to the world, /
You shone brightly with the radiance of understanding /
Scattering the fog of evil ///
And now you abide with the never-setting light, O Apostles.

Let us praise the most-sacred Nicanor and Prochorus /
And together with them let us honor Timon and Parmenas, /
For they fulfilled the commandments of the Word /
And gave their riches away to the poor ///
And are the most fervent intercessors before our God.

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

I am laid low and lie in the filth of my vices, /
Yet I crawl to thy peaceful refuge, O Virgin! /
Deliver me from the storms of passion and from every temptation /
That I may ever extol thy grace ///
O Ever-virgin Mother of God.

Or the Stavrotheotokion:

When she beheld the Lamb lifted up upon the Cross, /
The most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: /
O my Sweet Child /
What is this new and all-glorious wonder? /
How is it that Thou who holdest all things in the hollow of Thy hand, ///
Art nailed to the Tree in the flesh?

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Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 3:

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

Matins

The Canon of the Saints, in Tone 4

*Having the acrostic: “I sing of the mystical Sun,” the composition of Joseph.
— incomplete as of 6/10/13*

The Kontakion of the Apostles, in Tone 1:

O ye honorable deacons /
And eye-witnesses of the Word /
Ye chosen receptacles of the Faith: /
Glorious Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas /
We honor today your holy memory ///
And we bless you with joyful hearts!

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