

The 25th Day of August



Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; the Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera,

3 stichera of Saint Bartholomew, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

Let us fervently bless the glorious Bartholomew, /
Who is as radiant as the Sun, /
Shining as a never-setting star, /
Which animates the heavens proclaiming the saving glory of God; /
A divine preacher, a light to the nations /
A river flowing with a stream of understanding ///
Satisfying the thirst of the faithful.

Thy journeys took place in the sea, O apostle, /
Beyond the understanding of men, /
For when thy reliquary was cast into the sea, O Bartholomew, /
Thou didst make thy way into the West, O glorious one, /
And a stream of holy martyrs from the East /
Followed thy passage on both sides of the shore ///
Rendering thee homage at the command of the Master of all.

Thy wondrous travels, O apostle Bartholomew, /
Sanctified the waters /
And brought thee to the Island of Lipari /
Streaming myrrh from thy relics and healing incurable diseases /
Becoming there a haven of salvation for the faithful, /
Their deliverer and intercessor ///
Before the King and Savior of all.

And 3 stichera of Saint Titus, in the same Tone: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”*

Thou didst trouble the sea of idolatry O blessèd one /
By proclaiming One God in three Persons; /
And those drowning in the depths of ungodliness /
Thou didst guide to the calm haven of faith; /
Thereby earning thy reward in heaven, O Titus, /
Beseeching the Lover of man ///
On behalf of those who praise thee.

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Like the Sun thou didst traverse the earth, O blessèd Titus, /
Shedding rays of light upon those in gloomy shadows /
For thy mind was illumined with divine radiance; /
And together with the apostle Paul, /
Thou didst deliver the world from the darkness of night. /
Therefore we bless thee as a God-pleasing hierarch, ///
A fervent intercessor and an apostle divine.

Setting forth from the isle of Crete /
And returning home again, /
Thou didst establish there the True Faith /
Built on an unshakeable foundation; /
And through the divine power of heaven /
Thou didst instruct the faithful, /
O blessèd Titus, first hierarch of Crete, and the companion of Paul, ///
And the consolation of the faithful,

Glory..., in Tone 1:

Forsaking every earthly thing, /
Thou didst go and follow Christ; /
And bearing the sign of the Holy Spirit /
Thou wast sent by Him unto the perishing nations /
To turn the people to the light of the knowledge of God; /
And completing thy course by enduring great suffering and torments /
Thou didst commend thy soul to Christ God. ///
Pray to Him, most blessèd Bartholomew, that He grant us great mercy.

Now and ever..., Theotokion.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 1:

Beholding thee nailed to the wood of the Cross, O Jesus /
She who knew not wedlock cried out weeping: /
“O sweet Child, Thou Unapproachable Light of the All-unoriginate Father, /
Why hast Thou left me alone, who gave birth to Thee?
But hasten Thou and glorify Thyself ///
That they who glorify Thy divine sufferings may receive divine glory!”

The Troparion of the Apostles, 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

One Canon from the Octoechos, and two of the Apostles, with 8 Troparia.

Ode 1

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew, in Tone 4,

*having the acrostic "With hymns I honor my good intercessor,"
the composition of Joseph.*

Irmos: *I shall open my mouth, and it shall be filled with the Spirit, I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother: I shall be seen radiantly keeping festival, and joyfully praising her wonders.*

Refrain: Holy apostle of Christ Barnabas, pray to God for us!

The Rock of life hath revealed thee to be a most precious rock, upon which He hath founded His Church, O Bartholomew, apostle of the Lord. Therefore, we honor thee and call thee bless't.

Thou didst learn things sublime, discovering the hypostatic Wisdom in a manner transcending mind and thought; and, thou didst bring wisdom to the ends of the earth by thy divine teaching, and didst reveal the foolishness of the idolatry of the Greeks.

Though thy lifeless body was enclosed in a coffin, thou didst traverse the sea, obedient to the commands of God, O apostle; and like the sun, thou didst pass from the East to the West, illumining the world.

Theotokion: **H**e who is full, hath emptied Himself: the Pre-eternal God hath come under the span of time, and wast born of the divine Virgin Maiden. Him didst thou proclaim as having two natures but a single hypostasis, O divinely bless't apostle.

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus, also in Tone 4

*having the acrostic "Wisely do I praise Titus, the disciple of Paul,"
the composition of Theophanes.*

Irmos: *I shall open my mouth... (Same as above)*

Refrain: Holy apostle of Christ Titus, pray to God for us!

The grace of the Spirit hath enriched thee with every gift, O most glorious Titus, and sent thee forth to preach the incarnation of the Word unto the ends of the earth.

Receiving the radiance of divine grace, O blessed and most wise apostle, thou didst shine forth like the sun upon souls dwelling in darkness, illumining them, stripping them of their ignorance, and delivering them from slavery to falsehood and deceit.

Glory...

The wise apostle Paul, full of the gifts of the Spirit, laid his hands on thee, O most wondrous Titus, ordaining thee as a minister and disciple of God and a preacher of the True Faith.

Now and ever...

Theotokion: **T**he Lord shone forth from thy womb, O Bride of God, delivering the ends of the earth from deception. Do thou ever beseech Him, to save those who honor thee with faith, O holy Virgin.

Ode 3

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

Irmos: **O** Theotokos, living and abiding fountain, strengthen those united in spiritual fellowship, the choirs assembled in thy divine glory, and give them crowns of glory.

Those held fast by foolishness and deception, and madly enshrouded in the gloom of godlessness, have found mighty consolation in thee, and a light delivering them from evil, O Bartholomew most wise.

Thou wast like unto the mouth of God the Word, O glorious apostle Bartholomew, having delivered all from the jaws of the wicked wolf, bringing them to thy Master through the font of baptism.

Having burned up the stunted brushwood of falsehood with thy fiery tongue, O most wise one, thou hast restored hardened hearts of the people and made them receptive to understanding the mysteries of heaven.

Theotokion: **G**od the Word, who in a manner past all telling, was well-pleased to be born of thee in the flesh, O pure Virgin Mother, chose the glorious Bartholomew as His close servant and disciple.

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

Irmos: **We** glory not in wisdom nor in power, nor yet in riches, but in Thee, the hypostatic Wisdom of the Father, O Christ, for there is none more holy than Thee, O lover of mankind.

Not by earthly wisdom didst thou make the foolish listen to thy words, O blessed one, but rather by the teaching and the understanding of the Truth didst thou drive away the blindness of the souls of those who came unto thee.

With the scythe of God thou didst clear the lands of the Gentiles, the furrows choked with the thorns of godlessness, sowing in their place the seed of understanding.

Preaching the one Godhead in three Hypostases, O blessed one, thou didst drive

away the gloomy pagan pantheon, leading the furthest reaches of the earth to the understanding of the divine Faith.

Theotokion: **H**e who was born of thee in the flesh hath rendered thee holier than the angels and more exalted than all creation; therefore, we honor thee as the Sovereign Lady of all.

The Kontakion of the apostle Titus, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “When Thou didst descend to death”*

O Titus, worthy of all praise, preacher of Christ’s mysteries /
Thou didst become the companion of Paul. /
With him thou didst teach us the doctrine of God /
Therefore, we cry out to thee, ///
Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all.

Sessional Hymn to the apostle Bartholomew, in Tone 3: *To the melody: “The faith divine....”*

O Apostle Bartholomew, /
Thou art a treasure of the Church which cannot be stolen away; /
Thou art truly an unshakable pillar of piety; /
And setting thy path in the waters, thou pourest forth a sea of divine healings. /
Entreat Christ God, O right glorious apostle, ///
That He grant mercy to our souls.

Glory..., Sessional Hymn to the apostle Titus, in the Tone 8: *To the melody: “Of Wisdom”*

Like a star following the sun, thou didst travel with the apostle Paul, /
O glorious apostle Titus, /
Illumining the earth and enlightening the darkness. /
And settling in the isle of Crete, O blessed one, /
In death thou didst leave thy travails and thy teachings behind /
To comfort and instruct us with their never-fading beams of light, /
O holy apostle wise in God. /
And, illumined by them, we piously honor and cry out to thee: /
Entreat Christ God, that He grant the remission of sins ///
To those who honor thy holy memory with faith and love.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, Tone 8:

As the pure bride of the Creator, /
And the Mother of the Savior, /

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As one who knew not wedlock: /
The all-praised receptacle of the essence of the Comforter, /
Hasten to deliver me who has become the abode of evil, /
The plaything of demons and their evil spite; /
And make me the bright dwelling place of virtues, /
O radiant and incorruptible one! /
Drive away the clouds of my passions, ///
And through thy prayers, make me worthy to partake of the things of heaven.

Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the Same Tone:

When she beheld the Lamb, /
The Shepherd and Deliverer stretched out upon the Cross, /
With maternal tears the Ewe-lamb cried aloud: /
“The world rejoiceth for it hath received deliverance though Thee, /
Yet my womb burns at the sight of Thy crucifixion, /
Which Thou dost endure in Thy compassion and mercy. /
O longsuffering Lord, and infinite source of mercy, /
Have pity and grant the remission of sins ///
To those who faithfully praise Thy divine suffering.”

Ode 4

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

***Irmos:** Perceiving the unsearchable purpose of God concerning Thine incarnation from a Virgin, O Most-High, the prophet Habakkuk cried out: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!*

The sayings of the prophets have been fulfilled, for the divinely eloquent disciple hath gone as a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and to illumine the ends of the world.

Illumined by the divine light, O glorious one, thou wast revealed as a secondary light by divine communion, ministering from the beginning to Him who abased Himself and assumed flesh for our sake.

Deliver thy flock from the tempest of sin, and from every misfortune and tribulation brought on by the hands of the adversary, O glorious one, and by thy grace, guide us to the tranquil haven of salvation.

***Theotokion:** In that thou hast ineffably given birth to the ineffable Source of tender compassion and mercy, O pure Lady, enrich us with divine gifts, who have become paupers through our sins.*

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

***Irmos:** He who sits in glory on the Throne of divinity, Jesus the True God is come on a swift cloud: with His pure hand He has saved those who cry: Glory to Thy power, O Christ!*

Drawing from inexhaustible treasures, O all-wise and glorious apostle, thou didst fill the hungry minds with a true wealth of understanding, bringing life to dead hearts, and driving away the darkness of ignorance.

Paul ensnared thee in the net by the grace of divine providence, O Titus, and in time thou, thou didst diligently draw many nations out of the depths of deception into piety with the rod of thy teachings.

Following the glorious and godly Paul like a lamb, O divinely eloquent one, thou didst drive away the wolves of evil, and cast the temples of the idols to the ground making us mortals into temples of God.

Theotokion: **T**he holy Theotokos is rightly called bless't, in that she is the undefiled tabernacle, the portal of the Light, the altar and golden jar, and the unquarried mountain, for she contained within herself the Creator of all.

Ode 5

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

Irmos: **A**ll creation was awed by thy divine glory, for thou, O Virgin who knewest no wedlock, yet didst bear in thy womb the God of all; thou gavest birth to the timeless Son who grants salvation to all who exalt thee in song.

Traveling by foot and preaching, thou didst proclaim the glad tidings to all, O blessed Bartholomew, announcing peace to the world, and banishing the ancient enmity by thy divinely inspired teachings, O holy apostle of the Savior.

Thine eloquent discourse was a healing balm for those bitten by the deadly and venomous serpent, O Bartholomew; and, in accordance with the prophecy, the foundations of the impious crumbled at the proclamation of thy most wise and holy words.

Traversing the unfathomable depths of the sea borne aloft on the crests of the waves, together with the divine martyrs, O Apostle Bartholomew, thou didst arrive at the island of Lipari, and brought life to a man dead for many days.

Theotokion: **I** glorify thee, the most pure Mother of God, and like the angel I joyfully praise thine glorious conceiving and I cry out to thee: Rejoice, O blessed and joyous Lady, thou awesome vessel holding the Master of all creation.

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

Irmos: **T**he impious do not perceive Thy glory, O Christ, but we, rising early in the night sing Thy praises, O Only-begotten radiance of the Father's glory who lovest mankind.

Like a most excellent physician and a minister of grace, thou didst bind up the fetid and evil wounds of the Gentiles' souls, O blessed one, with the sweet medicine of

thy divine and eloquent words.

Meekly mastering the precepts of Paul, O Titus, thou most wise and honored herald of God, with him thou didst traverse the world, proclaiming words of grace and understanding.

Teaching the Word who is equally active and co-enthroned with the Father, O divinely eloquent apostle, thou didst wisely subdue the haughty and vain-minded, causing them to cast aside all the delusions of idolatry.

Theotokion: Adorned with godly acts and with pure minds, let us honor the most pure Lady, the beauty of Jacob, and let us piously praise her as the Mother of our God.

Ode 6

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

Irmos: Let us clap our hands in gladness, fulfilling this divine, most solemn Feast by knowing God through the Mother of God. Let us glorify Him who was born of her.

Thy radiant teachings, O holy apostle, were like a ray of the Sun who shone forth in the flesh upon the world, driving away the night of the darkness of idolatry.

Thou didst teach the people the salvation wrought by God, who in His surpassing goodness, manifested Himself in the likeness of our flesh, O Bartholomew, preacher and apostle to the nations.

Thy path went over the sea and thou didst make thy way through its waters, O blessed apostle. Thy steps were indeed foreseen in ages past through the Spirit, as the prophet David had foretold.

Theotokion: Thou wast a truly a temple of glory, the portal of the Light, the mountain densely covered in mystery, O divinely joyous Virgin Mother, who art hymned by these prophetic signs.

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

Irmos: I will sacrifice to Thee with a voice of praise, O Lord! The Church cries out to Thee, having been cleansed of the blood of demons by the blood which, for mercy's sake, flowed from Thy side.

Paul, the never-setting sun shining over all the world, brought thee along as is companion, O blessed Titus, and like a ray of splendor, thou didst illumine the hearts of those who sat in the darkness of ignorance.

Full of life-giving and salvific waters, O blessed one, the streams of thy divine teachings washed away the swamp of ignorance, cleansing with divine grace the assemblies of the Gentiles.

Theotokion: Generations of generations sing thy praises, O all-hymned Lady; for, in a manner past all telling, thou hast given birth to the Word of God, whom the ranks of angels and mankind glorify.

The Kontakion of the holy apostle Bartholomew, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

Thou hast appeared as a great and shining Sun of the Church, /
Illumining with divine radiance and wondrous miracles all who sing thy praises ///
O Bartholomew, apostle of the Lord.

Ikos: Having passed over the earth like a sun of great radiance, illumining it with the rays of thy discourses, thou didst set, dying a martyr’s death; and with the splendor which issues forth from thy tomb thou dost dispel the darkness of the passions. Wherefore, those consumed with envy, driving thee like the sun toward the West, O passion-bearer, set thee afloat on the sea; and a wonder most great was beheld in thee, who in awesome manner sailed the depths of the sea in a wondrous voyage, O Bartholomew, apostle of the Lord.

Ode 7

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

Irmos: *The godly youths worshipped the Creator not the creature; they trampled on the flames boldly, singing in joy: Blessèd art Thou, and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers.*

Thou didst heal mankind rendered foolish through wickedness, with the sweet balm of thy words, O glorious apostle, and having brought them to the faith, they now sing aloud: Blessèd art Thou, and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers.

From the loftiest heights of heaven, O divine Apostle, dost thou noetically proclaim, with an exalted voice, the glory of our God, and with thee we cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers.

Having woven a robe from the threads of divine grace, O blessed one, thou hast clothed those who have been cruelly stripped bare by the malice of the serpent, and hast given them the faith to cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers.

Theotokion: Richly bless’t, O pure Theotokos, we thy servants, ceaselessly cry out with faith to thee, our intercessor and invincible rampart: Rejoice, O blessèd Lady, thou ladder leading from the earth to God!

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The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

Irmos: Blessèd art Thou, O all-praised God of our fathers, who saved the children of Abraham in the fire, and slew the Chaldeans, whom justice rightly pursued.

Teaching all to praise the one Godhead and to worship the one Power and Dominion, Titus converted from the madness of idolatry those who piously exclaim: Blessèd art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

Instructed by thee, O disciple and preacher of ineffable mysteries, those whose souls were deadened by the worship of inanimate idols, came to acknowledge God, the Bestower of life, who was put to death for our sake.

As a servant of the Truth, thou didst dispel all falsehood, O glorious one; and as a disciple of Paul, thou didst endure persecutions and tribulations, and didst sing aloud with him: Blessèd art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

*Theotokion: A*dorned with the virtues, O immaculate Lady, thou hast taken thy place at the right hand of the King of all who became incarnate from thy blood, O thou who knewest not wedlock, earnestly pray that we be delivered from every danger and necessity.

Ode 8

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

Irmos: The Offspring of the Theotokos saved the godly youths in the flaming furnace. He who was then prefigured has since been born on earth, and He gathers together all creation to sing: Praise the Lord, all you works of the Lord, exalt Him throughout all ages.

Watered by divine streams, thou didst issue forth like a river from Eden, to irrigate the world with thy teachings, washing away the fetid waters of falsehood by grace, and crying out: Praise the Lord, all you works of the Lord, exalt Him throughout all ages.

God the Word taught thee heavenly discourse, O holy theologian, and loosed thee like a heavenly arrow upon the world, wounding the armies of the enemy, O glorious one, and saving those who sing to Him with faith: Praise the Lord, all you works of the Lord, exalt Him throughout all ages.

Thou wast truly like a mountain issuing forth river of divine sweetness, O all-laudable apostle; and after thy death thou didst set thy path in the sea, and borne by its waves thou didst sail under divine power, undrowned in its depths, O valiant martyr Bartholomew.

*Theotokion: S*urpassing the laws of nature, thou hast given birth yet remained Ever-virgin; for thou didst bear the Word who, in His surpassing goodness, became a man; and to Him do we all cry aloud: Praise the Lord, all you works of the Lord,

exalt Him throughout all ages.

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

Irmos: The Offspring of the Theotokos... (Same as above)

With the sprinkling of thy blood thou didst quench the fire of delusion; driving out sickness and vanquishing the demons by thy holy prayers to God, O Apostle Titus. Therefore, we praise thee as a divine favorite of Christ, the King of all.

Wholly consecrated to God and adorned with divine graces, O Titus most wise, thou didst preach to all the Word of salvation who hath delivered us, and whom, with true faith, we exalt throughout all ages

As a pure receptacle of the Light, thou hast illumined the world with divine radiance, O right wondrous Titus; and thou hast cast into darkness the oppression of the wicked foe, hymning and exalting the Lord throughout all ages.

Theotokion: **T**he sword which once warded me off from paradise now gives way to me, O Virgin, for thou hast given birth to the Word clad in the flesh and known to be in two natures. Before Him, the ranks of angels tremble, and we mortals glorify Him forever.

Ode 9

The Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew

Irmos: Let every earth-born exult, enlightened by the Spirit. Let the order of the angelic hosts feast in joy, honoring the sacred Feast of the Mother of God, singing: Rejoice, all-blessèd Theotokos, pure Ever-virgin.

Today the choir of the apostles celebrates the feast of thy memory, O Bartholomew, and the martyrs and the ranks of all the righteous do rejoice. And we, the faithful, honor thee with hymns and cry aloud: O disciple of Christ, deliver us from every sorrow!

Receiving thy blessed death upon a cross, O glorious apostle, thou didst emulate the sufferings of thy Lord and Teacher, thus sharing in His radiance and divine glory. Now thou dost ever stand before Him together with the angels, for thou hast been deemed worthy to behold His ineffable light.

The most radiant and harmonious day of thy memory hath dawned, illumining all, O wise Bartholomew, eye-witness of Christ the Lord, and on this day we entreat thee to remember us all, delivering us by thy holy prayers from all adversity and every evil circumstance brought on by the enemy.

Theotokion: **M**ortify our carnal thoughts, O pure Theotokos, and quell the tempest of our passions; still the turmoil of our soul, and with divine thoughts make steadfast the hearts of those who honor thee with faith, O thou pure and unashamed

advocate of us, thy servants.

The Canon of the holy apostle Titus

Irmos: Through weakness, Eve brought about the curse of disobedience, but thou, O Virgin Theotokos, hast budded forth blessing unto the world in the Fruit of thy pregnancy. Therefore, we all magnify thee.

Bearing all thy love and hope to the Redeemer, O Titus, Paul drew thee along as his companion, and he preached the holy Gospel with thee to the nations. Therefore, on this day we honor thee together with him.

Thou dost drive away the ailments of the faithful and dost expel the demons by divine grace. And the great Isle of Crete hath acquired thee as its divine bishop and a luminary of heavenly radiance, O divinely wise and all-laudable Apostle Titus.

Thy memory shines forth upon us like the sun, and, adorned most splendidly with the radiance of the Spirit, it dispels all the clouds from our souls. O all-blessed and all-laudable Titus. Through thy prayers, preserve us who celebrate it with faith.

Theotokion: **B**y thy intercessions, O pure and all-immaculate Lady, loose thou the bonds of my transgressions and destroy the darkness of my soul. O Ever-virgin Lady; still thou the tempest of my passions; crush those who make war upon me, and save me, thy servant.

Exapostilarion of the holy apostle:

Come, O ye faithful, and let us all glorify Bartholomew and Titus, the receptacles of the Light; the brilliant flashes of lightning; and the immutable rays of the never-waning day.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion:

Preserve us all, thy servants, unharmed by the assault of the enemy by thy mighty protection, O pure Lady, for we have thee alone as our refuge amid perils.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the Third Ode of the Canon of the holy apostle Bartholomew, and 4 from the Sixth Ode of the Canon of the holy apostle Titus.

1-2. Those held fast by foolishness and deception, and madly enshrouded in the gloom of godlessness, have found mighty consolation in thee, and a light delivering them from evil, O Bartholomew most wise. *(twice)*

3. Thou wast like unto the mouth of God the Word, O glorious apostle Bartholomew, having delivered all from the jaws of the wicked wolf, bringing them to thy

Master through the font of baptism.

4. Having burned up the stunted brushwood of falsehood with thy fiery tongue, O most wise one, thou hast restored hardened hearts of the people and made them receptive to understanding the mysteries of heaven.

5-6. Paul, the never-setting sun shining over all the world, brought thee along as is companion, O blessed Titus, and like a ray of splendor, thou didst illumine the hearts of those who sat in the darkness of ignorance. *(twice)*

7. Full of life-giving and salvific waters, O blessed one, the streams of thy divine teachings washed away the swamp of ignorance, cleansing with divine grace the assemblies of the Gentiles.

8. Theotokion: Generations of generations sing thy praises, O all-hymned Lady; for, in a manner past all telling, thou hast given birth to the Word of God, whom the ranks of angels and mankind glorify.

The Troparion of the Apostles, in Tone 3:

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

The Kontakion of the apostle Titus, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “When Thou didst descend to death”*

O Titus, worthy of all praise, preacher of Christ’s mysteries /
Thou didst become the companion of Paul. /
With him thou didst teach us the doctrine of God /
Therefore, we cry ot to thee, ///
Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all.

The Kontakion of the holy apostle Bartholomew, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

Thou hast appeared as a great and shining Sun of the Church, /
Illumining with divine radiance and wondrous miracles all who sing thy praises ///
O Bartholomew, apostle of the Lord.

The Prokeimenon, Tone 8: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe! *Verse:* The heavens are telling the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

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The Epistle: (300) Titus 1:1-4, 2:15-3:3, 3:12-13, 15

The Alleluia, Tone 1: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

The Gospel: (11) Matthew 5:14-19

Communion Hymn: Their proclamation is gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe!

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