

The 15th Day of February
Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy.

Vespers

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

We celebrate today the sacred memory /
Of the divine apostle and martyr of God, /
Born into the faith through the faith of Paul, /
And adopted by grace for the sake of his faith to God. ///
Let us praise Onesimus in song.

Prudently escaping the slavery of deception /
Through the grace of the Holy Spirit and thy faith in Christ /
Thou didst become of child of God, O wise one, /
Joining thyself to the disciples of the holy and all-praised apostle Paul, ///
O belovèd of God, Onesimus.

Becoming a disciple of the Word /
Through the holy and all-praised apostle and preacher Paul, /
Thou didst receive a triple crown from Christ, O thrice-blessed one, ///
As a priest, and a preacher, and a martyr, O most-praised Onesimus

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

Armed with the staff of thy protection, O most-pure Mother of God, /
Drive away the beastly passions of mine accursèd soul; /
And direct my life in peace ///
And number me among thy chosen flock of sheep.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)*

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?

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

15 FEBRUARY

The Troparion of the Apostle, in Tone 3:

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

Matins

— *incomplete as of 1/2015*

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

We honor thee, O blessed one, /
For thou didst shine thy light upon the world /
With the brilliance of Paul, that illustrious star, /
Who enlightened the whole universe, ///
O glorious Onesimus.

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