

## The 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October

**Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Terrance and Neonila; and the Commemoration of our Venerable Father Stephan of St. Sabbas' Monastery, the Composer of Canons.** Also, the & Commemoration of the Holy Greatmartyr Paraskéva, called Piátnitsa, the ✠ **Repose of our Venerable Father Job, Igumen of Pochaev,** and also, the Commemoration of St. Dimitry, Metropolitan of Rostov, *(incomplete as of 11/22)* whose services all follow this in order.

### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:**

**3 stichera for the Martyrs, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

**C**ourageously you endured great torments and suffering /  
And cast down the vain boldness of the enemy /  
By confessing Christ before your tormentors, O blessed ones, /  
Him, who for our sakes willed to appear in the coarseness of our flesh /  
And willingly endure His most pure passions for our sake ///  
To pour forth enlightenment and dispassion upon the world.

**T**hou didst shine forth with Terrence the martyr, /  
O Neonila the glorious, /  
And with thee were the wondrous Sarbelus and Nitus, /  
Together with Photus and Hierax, /  
Who all suffered with thee under the writ of the law, /  
And quenched the fire of torment with the divine dew of the Spirit /  
Rightly becoming acceptable victims and all-pure offerings, ///  
And the true pillars of piety.

**B**eing like the sun of surpassing brilliance, O Terrence, /  
Thou didst join with the moon, Neonila, /  
And gave birth to a choir of seven stars /  
Who were dyed crimson with the blood of martyrdom /  
And shine with a splendid radiance /  
Dwelling in the realm of eternal joy and happiness ///  
Together with the ranks of all the martyrs.

**And 3 stichera for the Venerable Saint, in the Tone 8:** *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

**O** blessed and God-bearing father Stephen, /

Thou didst strengthen thy mind with divine reasoning: /  
 Against rage thou didst employ thy bravery; /  
 Against feelings of desire — chastity; /  
 And with righteousness thou didst direct all the powers of thy soul. /  
 Wisely didst thou steer the chariot of the virtues ///  
 And didst thereby ascend to heaven, O glorious one.

**O** blessed and God-bearing father Stephen, /  
 Thy mind shone with the light of teachings divine /  
 And thou didst brandish thy heart as a lance against heresy; /  
 As thou didst satisfy thy desire to partake of the food paradise /  
 Make us also worthy to taste the heavenly bread, ///  
 O thou who standest before the throne of the almighty King of all.

**O** blessed and God-bearing father Stephen, /  
 Satisfying thy mind by fasting and abstinence /  
 Thou didst spurn the passions and turmoil of this world /  
 And thou didst aspire to ascend to the Source of all things. /  
 By the purity of thy spirit thou didst attain the object of thy desires, ///  
 O most venerable father Stephen, wise in God.

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

**O** vessel of virginity, /  
 Most pure and beautiful dwelling place of God, /  
 I beseech thee, O pure one: /  
 Comfort my soul poisoned by the venom of the serpent /  
 And mortified by my transgressions, /  
 That I may ever glorify thee /  
 Together with all the faithful who magnify thee ///  
 O divinely joyous one.

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

“**W**hat is this sight that I see, /  
 What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /  
 Thou, who sustainest all creation, lifted up upon 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.

**Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4:**

**T**hy martyrs Terrance and Neonila, O Lord, /

Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /  
For having Thy strength they laid low their enemies /  
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///  
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

**Glory..., the Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:**

**A**s an instructor of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and purity, /  
A lamp of the universe, and divinely-inspired enrichment of monastics, /  
O most wise Stephen, by thy teachings thou didst enlighten all ///  
O spirit-filled voice, beseech Christ God to save our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or Stavrotheotokion.**

**Matins**

One Canon from the Octoechos; and two Canons for the Saints, with 8 Troparia.

*— incomplete as of 9/4/2017*

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

**T**hou didst plant a garden of the virtues /  
And watered it with thy tears of repentance. /  
And since thou hast now found the Tree of Life /  
Save thy flock from corruption through thy holy prayers /  
And deliver from every danger and calamity /  
Those who fervently honor thee /  
For we have thee as our intercessor, O father Stephen, most wise.

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

**T**oday we celebrate the honored memory /  
Of the martyrs Terrence and Neonila /  
And having assembled, are filled with joy /  
For these two have received grace from the Holy Spirit ///  
To heal the infirmities and pain of our bodies and souls.