

The 10th Day of April

**Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno,
Alexander, Theodore, Macarius, and 33 others beheaded at
Carthage.**

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4:

The numerous and glorious company of martyrs /
Courageously endured great torments /
And went rejoicing to our One God, /
Making glad with the host of angelic powers; /
For they fearlessly vanquished the host of vipers ///
By the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise in song the most glorious Maximus, /
Great Terence, and Pompeis the wise, /
The godly Macarius and Africanus /
And with them the rest of the martyred company, /
By whose own blood they purchased the kingdom on high ///
And attained the heights of glory.

Neither starvation, nor misfortune; /
Neither life, nor death was able to separate you, O glorious ones, /
From the love which you have towards Him who created you. /
Therefore you inherited the kingdom of heaven /
And its eternal joy and sweetness. ///
And we pray: entreat for us the cleansing of our sins and great mercy.

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

Containing within thy womb the uncontainable God, /
Who, in His love for mankind became a man /
And accepted from thee the substance of our flesh /
Thus deifying our nature, /
Do not disdain me, O All-pure one, in my sorrow. /
But come quickly and take pity on me ///
And release me from the harm and enmity of the evil one.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:

Seeing Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /
The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /

And as a mother cried ot to Thee: /
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Tree of the Cross, /
O Longsuffering One? /
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgressors, O Word? /
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Master?

The General Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4: *(No Troparion of the Saints given in the Menaion)*

Thy holy martyrs, 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.

Matins

The Canon of the Saints in Tone 8,

*having the acrostic: “O ye multitude of right-victorious martyrs,” the composition of Theophanes.
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After the third Ode, the Sessional Hymn of the Saints, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Having been lifted up....”*

The forty-one passion-bearers of Christ, /
Armed only by His power /
Defeated the horde of demons by their faith, /
And dying, they passed over to eternal life, rejoicing ///
And they ever pray for the remission of sins for us who celebrate their victory.

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

Though I am enamored by my sin, /
Yet do I beseech thee, O most pure Lady, /
Who gave birth to the sinless God: /
Take pity on my sinful soul /
And cleanse me from my many transgressions, ///
For thou art the purification, help and salvation of the faithful.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:

She, who in these latter days /
Gave birth in the flesh to Thee, begotten of the unoriginate Father, /
Cried ot beholding Thee upon the Cross: /
“Woe is me, O most beloved Jesus, /

MARTYRS TERENCE, POMPEIUS, AFRICANUS AND OTHERS

How is it that Thou Who art glorified as God by the angels /
Art now crucified of Thine own will by the transgressing people? ///
Yet do I praise Thy Longsuffering, O Christ.'

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Martyrs, in Tone 2: To the melody,
"The Theotokos, who is ever vigilant..."**

Today we honor the precious memory /
Of the martyr Terence the wise, and his forty companions. /
Let us gather together and worthily rejoice /
That we may receive the gift of healing; /
For they have received from God the grace of the Holy Spirit ///
For healing the infirmities of our souls.

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