

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October

### Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.

Also, the Commemoration of the Venerable Ambrose of Optina,  
whose service follows after this.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”**

**B**eing illumined by the Holy Spirit, O holy martyrs, /  
You armed yourselves against the devices of the prince of this world /  
And courageously, you defeated him. /  
You prevailed against him with divine skill. /  
Therefore, we all celebrate today your bright memorial, /  
And rightfully, we honor and praise your sufferings, ///  
O ye great martyrs of the Lord.

**M**ingling fire with the pain of your torments, O holy ones, /  
You remained firm in your resolve, /  
And like lamps, you burned with the warmth of the Spirit — /  
He who enlightens the hearts of the faithful with grace. /  
Therefore, all ages and generations celebrate your holy memory ///  
Glorifying the Lord with hymns of praise.

**L**ike a divine pair of stars you shone forth with great brilliance, /  
O most honored Eulampia and Eulampius the wise, /  
As you illumined the whole of creation with the radiance of your struggles /  
And the brightness of your miracles. /  
Therefore, as we celebrate today your most sacred memory ///  
We venerate the shrine of your relics with joy.

**Glory..., in Tone 4: (the composition of the monk John of Damascus)**

**A**s loving siblings with matching names /  
O wise Eulampius and Eulampia,  
You were further united by the purity of passionlessness, /  
And you preserved without harm the beauty of familial tenderness, /  
For where God takes up His abode, all thoughts of the world are negated. /  
O the wonder! The serpent who exalted himself to the heights /  
Fell back to earth and was put to death /  
Through the torments of a sibling pair. /  
So, let us the faithful, praise them with spiritual songs and sing: /

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Well have you completed the course of your lives for Christ, ///  
Entreat Him now to grant peace to the world and great mercy for our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 4: To the melody, "As one valiant among the martyrs...."**

**T**he prophet David was a father of the Lord /  
Through thee, O Virgin; /  
He foretold in songs the One who worked wonders in thee: /  
"At Thy right hand stood the Queen, Thy Mother," /  
The Mediatrix of Life, /  
Since God was freely born of her without a father, /  
He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion, /  
So He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder /  
And brought it to His Father, /  
Joining it to the heavenly powers. /  
Christ Who has great mercy ///  
Has saved the world, O Theotokos.

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

**S**eeing 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?"

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.*

**The Aposticha is from the Octoechos, followed by**

**Glory..., of the Martyrs, in Tone 4:**

**I**llumined by the light of the Trinity /  
The brother and sister cast down the savagery of their torturers, /  
And having trampled the flames they rejoiced and cried aloud: /  
"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell in unity." /  
And gazing upon divine glory, they were accounted worthy of heavenly glory /  
Where they now ceaselessly pray to Christ God ///  
That our souls may be saved.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: *To the melody, "As one valiant among the martyrs...."***

Seeing Thee nailed to the Cross, O Lord, /  
The ewe-lamb, Thy Mother, cried out in amazement: /  
'What is this sight, O most desired Son? /  
What has the ungrateful assembly done to Thee /  
Having once delighted themselves in Thy many miracles? ///  
But I glorify Thy ineffable condescension, O Master!'

**The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

Thy holy martyrs, Eulampius and Eulampia, 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**

**Both Canons from the Octoechos (not including the Troparia of the martyrs),  
and this one for the Martyrs with 4 Troparia  
having the acrostic: "We honor thy light-bearing memory, O blessèd ones,"  
(the composition of Theophanes).**

**Ode 1**

**The Canon of the Martyrs, Tone 4**

*Irmos: In days of old Israel crossed the depths of the Red Sea with dry-shod feet, and vanquished the power of Amalek in the wilderness by Moses' arms upraised in the form of the Cross.*

*Refrain:* Holy martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia pray to God for us!

**E**nflamed with the love of Christ, O blessèd and most wise martyr Eulampius, thou didst reject the darkness of the world and fervently drew near to the immaterial light of heaven.

**T**hy love for God forestalled the onslaught of torments, O greatly lauded and all-wise martyr Eulampius, and through thy courage and forbearance, thou didst truly engulf legions of demons in flames.

**H**aving encouraged an army of witnesses with thy divinely-eloquent words, O richly bless't martyr Eulampius, thou didst lead to Christ a divine company of martyrs, a catch of

great bounty, and together with them, thou didst receive an incorruptible crown.

**Theotokion:** God came forth from on high through thy womb, O most pure and all-praised Virgin Theotokos, raising up to Himself all those who had fallen, and made us, mortals, His children by grace.

### Ode 3

**Irmos:** *The Church rejoices in Thee, O Christ, and it cries aloud: Thou art my strength, O Lord, my refuge, and confirmation!*

The enemy sought to entice souls away from Christ by the wicked decree to execute all Christians, but thou, Eulampius, didst cast him into the pit, instead.

Enflamed together with thy brother in your love for Christ, thou didst run to Him, O courageous martyr Eulampia.

**Theotokion:** Having conceived God the Word in thy womb without seed, O all-pure Lady, thou didst give birth to Him in a manner past understanding without the confusion of His two natures.

### **The Sessional Hymn of the Martyrs, in Tone 8: To the melody, "Of Wisdom ...."**

**H**aving courageously passed through the shadow of torture, O martyrs of Christ, /  
You both shone with the grace of the Savior, like the sun. /  
And united together by the bonds of familial love /  
You were adorned with the same splendid scars from your torments. /  
Therefore, in heaven you received the boundless grace /  
To heal all manner of afflictions. /  
So, entreat Christ God, O ye favorites of the Lord /  
That He may grant the remission of sins ///  
To all who lovingly honor your holy memory.

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

**H**aving fallen into the clever snares of mine enemies /  
Both visible and invisible, /  
And beset by the storms of my countless transgressions, /  
I run to the harbor of thy goodness and warmth of thy protection. /  
Therefore, O pure Lady, earnestly pray on our behalf /  
To the One ineffably born incarnate without seed, /  
That all thy servants, who unceasingly and worthily praise thee ///  
May receive the remission of their sins

### **Or this Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

## MARTYRS EULAMPIUS AND EULAMPIA

**W**hen 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 through 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

***Irmos:** Beholding Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, lifted up upon the Cross, the Church stood rooted in place, and rightly it cried aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!*

**H**aving spurned all the deceptions of the world for the sake of the Creator’s love, O holy martyrs, you desired only Him alone, and you cried aloud: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**E**ntering into the flames of the furnace and trampling its flames underfoot, you were richly graced with dew from heaven O ye martyrs, as you cried aloud to Christ: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**I**llumined by the radiance of the Holy Trinity, the valiant pair of martyrs destroyed the darkness of the idols as they cried aloud to Christ: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

***Theotokion:** Having given birth to Christ without corruption, O all-immaculate Virgin Mary, thou didst put an end to the onslaught of death, and united the generations of the earthborn with the ranks of the bodiless angels.*

### Ode 5

***Irmos:** Thou hast come, O Lord, as a light into the world, a holy light turning from the darkness of ignorance those who sing to Thee with faith.*

**T**he pain of your tortures did not diminish your faith, O ye steadfast martyrs, and instead, you set your spiritual feet firmly upon the rock that is Christ the Savior.

**H**aving destroyed the deceit of the ancient demons, O glorious martyrs, you abolished the bloody sacrifices offered to their idols by the shedding of your own blood.

***Theotokion:** O Virgin Mary, bride of God, thou hast annulled the ancient curse by giving birth to God and bearing in thine arms the Joy of the world who has deified mankind.*

### Ode 6

***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.*

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**Y**our blood is shown to be the healing of soul-corrupting passions for all who come before your divine and most splendid reliquary, O all-praised martyrs.

**H**aving suffered under the dictate of the law for the sake of Christ, you have been richly rewarded with a crown of incorruption and the kingdom of heaven, O all-blessèd and glorious martyrs.

*Theotokion:* Finding thee to be an all-pure blossom and a lily of the valley amid the thorns, O Theotokos, the Bridegroom took flesh from thee within thy womb.

**The Kontakion of the Martyr, Tone 3:** *To the melody, "Today the Virgin...."*

Let us honor the two valiant martyrs, /  
A brother and sister in the flesh, /  
The wise Eulampius and Eulampia, /  
For through the power of the crucified Christ our God /  
They put their persecutor's devices to shame ///  
And became the glory and pride of the martyrs.

*Ikos:* Come, all ye faithful, and with sacred songs and hymns let us praise the two valiant martyrs today, for they cast down the deception of the idols, reduced the sacrificial pyres of polytheism to ashes, and put the demons to shame. They did not fear the rage of their tormentors, neither did they feat the fire or the raging beasts but suffered well and courageously. The glorious Eulampius, the most honored Eulampia, and all their companions have been shown to be the glory and boast of all the martyrs.

### Ode 7

*Irmos:* *In Babylon of old, the children of Abraham trampled upon the flames of the furnace as they sang aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!*

**E**nriched with the gift of divine understanding, O all-laudable martyr Eulampius, thou didst truly put down the ragings of the impious as thou didst cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**R**unning the race, O athletes of the Lord, you nobly united yourselves to the love of the Creator, as you sang with all your heart and soul: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

*Theotokion:* **T**hou didst conceive the Word of the Father most miraculously within thy womb, O all-pure Virgin, and thou gavest birth to Him in the flesh for the sake of us who sing: Blessèd art thou amongst women, O most immaculate Lady!

### Ode 8

*Irmos:* *Stretching forth his hands, Daniel the prophet closed the mouths of the lions in the pit; and the young lovers of piety, girded with strength, quenched the power of the fire crying out: Bless ye the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!*

## MARTYRS EULAMPIUS AND EULAMPIA

Neither the numerous torments, nor the blazing fire, nor the pain of your wounds, nor the raging horses, nor the sharp edge of the sword were able to separate you from the love of Christ, O glorious martyrs; but you vanquished them all as you cried aloud: Bless ye the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

You were quickly rewarded in the kingdom of God for your suffering and travail, O glorious martyrs O glorious Eulampius and most honored virgin maiden Eulampia, who cried out to Christ: Bless ye the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

**Theotokion:** As thou alone conceived without seed and gave birth to God, O pure Lady and Mother who knew no wedlock, entreat His mercy that thy flock may be preserved from the temptations of the enemy and may always sing aloud to Christ: Bless ye the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

### Ode 9

**Irmos:** *Christ, the Chief cornerstone not cut by human hands, who united two different natures was cut from thee, the unquarried mountain, O Virgin. Therefore, with joy we magnify thee, O Theotokos!*

With the flow of your blood you destroyed the deception of idolatry and received a habitation and place of rest in heaven as a reward for your sufferings, O ye valiant martyrs.

Behold, O glorious martyrs, how in the place of chains and prison, fire and the sword, a spacious place in heaven and its everlasting light, and repose, and the grace of gladness have been given unto you.

Having completed the divine course of your honorable sufferings, you made your abode amidst the splendors of God, where the ranks of angels and the choirs of all the righteous and the assemblies of the martyrs dwell, O ever-memorable martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.

**Theotokion:** The sayings of the prophets have reached their fulfillment in thee, O most pure Virgin, for thou hast given birth for us to God incarnate. Therefore, with the angels we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O Lady Theotokos!

### Exapostilarion of the Saints:

Divinely wise Eulampius and the honorable Eulampia, the fraternal pair of martyrs, have been enriched with majesty by the providence of God, and now they shine with the splendor and the radiance of working miraculous healings.

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

From thee, O most pure Maiden, hath the transcendent God, in His great and loving kindness for mankind, robed Himself in our human essence, without any confusion of both His natures, but being the One Son with two natures after His birth.