

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Day of January

**Commemoration of our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor;  
and the Holy Martyr Neophytus;**

**The Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candius,  
Valerian and Aquila, whose service is sung at Compline — *incomplete*  
as of 12/6/2017; the Commemoration of the Virgin-Martyr Agnes of  
Rome — *incomplete as of 12/6/2017*; and the Commemoration of our  
Venerable Father Maxim the Greek, whose services are found  
following this.**

### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera:**

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

**O** ven’rable father Maximus, /  
Thou didst truly witness to Him /  
Who in His loving-kindness didst deign to take upon Himself the form of man /  
And is known as having two wills and acting as both God and man; /  
And thou didst stop the unbridled mouths of the heretics /  
Who through the temptation of the devil, the author of evil, ///  
Taught Him as possessing only a single will.

**T**hou didst destroy the mad ravings of Pyrrhus the liar /  
By the powerful words of thy teachings, O father, /  
And thou didst suffer great persecution and sorrow, /  
O ever-memorable Maximus: /  
Thou wast cruelly tortured and thy tongue was cut off, /  
And thy blessed hand which wrote such exalted words was severed, ///  
The hand which was ever stretched forth to God!

**T**hy blessed tongue, O holy father Maximus, /  
Was sharpened by the Spirit like the pen of a scribe, /  
And with the penmanship of grace thou inscribe upon the scrolls of our hearts /  
The laws of the divine virtues /  
And didst reveal to us the divine teachings /  
Of God’s incarnation for mankind in two natures ///  
And His appearance in a single hypostasis.

**And 3 stichera of the Martyr, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”***

**O** most-glorious wonder! /

The dove, came down from heaven /  
 And spoke with Neophytus the martyr in human speech. /  
 He then shone on earth living the life of an angel, /  
 And though but a youth, he suffered mightily /  
 Being tortured in five unspeakable ways. /  
 O, the divine works of the holy martyr! ///  
 By his prayers, O deeply-compassionate Christ, save our souls.

**O** most-glorious wonder! /  
 The holy martyr Neophytus /  
 Displayed perfect wisdom from his earliest days: /  
 He brought forth water from a stone /  
 And raised his mother from the sleep of death /  
 O, the divine works of the holy martyr /  
 Who was tortured in five unspeakable ways! ///  
 By his prayers, O deeply-compassionate Christ, save our souls.

**O** most-glorious wonder! /  
 The thrice-bless't martyr Neophytus suffered for Christ, /  
 And frightened the enemy with his marvelous revelations; /  
 He quenched the flames of the fire when he was cast in them; /  
 And wild beasts were terrified of him when he was thrown to them. /  
 O, the invincible works by which the martyr causes us all to marvel! ///  
 By his prayers, O God, save our souls!

**Glory..., of St. Maximus, in Tone 6:**

**T**he report of thy deeds, O venerable father, /  
 Has gone out into all the earth, /  
 And thou hast found the reward of thy labors in heaven; /  
 For thou didst defeat armies of demons /  
 And attained the ranks of the angels, /  
 Whose life thou didst blamelessly emulate. /  
 So, having boldness before Christ God ///  
 Entreat Him to grant peace to our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone, or this Stavrotheotokion (it being a Wednesday or a Friday), in the same Tone: To the melody, "Having set all aside...."**

**B**ehold her Lamb upon the Cross, /  
 The unblemished ewe-lamb, the immaculate Lady, /

Cried out in maternal amazement: /  
“What is this new and all-glorious wonder, /  
O my Sweetest Child? /  
How hath this ungrateful assembly betrayed Thee to Pilate, /  
And condemn Thee to death, the Life of all? ///  
Yet do I praise Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!”

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

**The Aposticha is from the Octoechos, then:**

**Glory..., of St. Maximus, in Tone 8:**

**We** honor thee as the instructor of a multitude of monastics, /  
O our father Maximus; /  
For truly we have learned to walk aright by following in thy steps. /  
Blessèd art thou, for having labored for Christ, /  
Thou hast destroyed the power of the enemy, /  
O converser with the angels and companion of the righteous, ///  
Pray with them to the Lord that He grant our souls great mercy.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone, or this Stavrotheotokion in the same Tone: To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”**

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

**The Troparion of Saint Maximus, in Tone 8:**

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

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

**Thy** martyr Neophytus, O Lord, /  
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. /  
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /

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And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///  
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

**At Compline**  
**One Canon of the Martyrs, in Tone 2,**

*having the acrostic: "I praise the four victorious martyrs." — incomplete as of 12/6/2017*

**Matins**

**One Canon from the Octoechos, with 6 Troparia, including the Irmos; and two  
Canons of the Saints, with 4 Troparia each.** — *incomplete as of 12/1/2017*

**After the Third Ode, the First Kontakion of St. Maximus, in Tone 8:**

**L**et us, the faithful, honor with worthy hymns the great Maximus, /  
Who was most zealous for the Trinity, and courageously taught faith in God, /  
And glorified Christ in His two natures, two wills and action as both God and man. ///  
Therefore, let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O proclaimer of the Orthodox Faith!

**After the Sixth Ode, the Second Kontakion of St. Maximus, in Tone 6: (to the  
melody: Steadfast protectress of Christians...."**

**T**he thrice-radiant light abiding in thy soul, /  
Revealed thee as an elect vessel, O father Maximus,  
And thou didst attain a divíne repose, O all-blessed one, /  
For, speaking eloquently of things beyond our meager understanding /  
Thou didst clearly proclaim the Truth ///  
Of Him who hath no beginning, the pre-eternal One.

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