

The 15th Day of April

Apostles of the 70, Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

O most-wise ones, by words of divine reason /
You delivered the senseless people, /
And brought to them the saving word /
Of Him who shone from the unbegotten Father, O apostles. ///
Beseech Him to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Let us praise, as true preachers of Christ, /
Pudens and Aristarchus, with divine Trophimus, /
For by the warmth of divine grace, they resolved the winter of deception, /
Now they abide in the never-setting radiance, /
Having received the reward of their labors, ///
Deified by ineffable communion.

O glorious ones, following after Paul the glorious disciple, /
You raised up your sufferings: /
By being shut in prisons and made subject to torturing, /
And beheaded at the end by a sword. ///
Beseech Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 1:

Woe is me! What shall I do? /
My mind and soul and body are defiled by my transgressions! /
What shall I do? How shall I avoid the unbearable flames /
And the eternal and unbreakable chains? /
Yet, before the end, O all-immaculate one, ///
Beseech thy Son to grant me remission of my sins.

Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:

When the unblemished Virgin beheld upon the tree, /
Him whom she bore in her womb without seed, /
Not able to endure her maternal pain, she tore her hair and cried:
“How art Thou, who by a gesture, dost uphold all creation, /
Raised upon the Cross as one condemned, ///
In Thine absolute desire to save mankind?”

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The General Troparion of the Apostles, in Tone 3: (*none given in the Menaion*)

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

Matins

The Canon of the Apostles, in Tone 6,

*having the acrostic: "I sing the divine hymn to the disciples of God," the composition of Joseph.
—incomplete as of 2/2014*

The Kontakion of the Apostles, in Tone 4:

Today the honored feast of the apostles, /
Hath shone forth and enlightened us, /
Dispelling the darkness of sins /
Of all those who cry: ///
The Light hath appeared and our Deliverance hath come!

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