

The 10th Day of June

Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Timothy of Prussa.

Vespers

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

Elevated above all earthly things /
By ceaseless purification, O blessed one, /
Thou didst cast down the wicked serpent with the thunder of thy miracles /
And the awesome lightning flashes of thy words. /
Thus, thou didst receive the grace /
To destroy the deceitful plans of the earthly serpents ///
Under the sheltering power of divine protection.

O holy hierarch Timothy, /
Boast of the faithful of Prussa, /
Shining beacon and universal cham’pion of the world, /
Sacred sacrifice of the faith and the glory of the Church, /
O precious adornment of martyrs: /
Pray thou that those who celebrate thy honored memory with faith ///
Be delivered from all corruption and misfortune.

Thou didst weave for thyself a marvelous garment /
Dyed in the blood of thy sufferings, /
And thou didst receive from on high the heavenly vesture /
Of incorruption and eternal life. /
Now, wearing this immaterial robe in heaven, ///
Pray thou, in behalf of us all who piously praise thy sufferings, O holy martyr.

Note: But if we sing “Alleluia” at Matins instead of “God is the Lord,” then these 3 stichera to the Theotokos are sung at Vespers, at “Lord I call,” before the above stichera of the saint, in the same Tone and melody.

Keepest me from evil transgressions /
That I be not condemned, O most holy bride of God, /
And through thy prayers deliver my humble soul from death; /
That I may receive justification on the Day of Judgment /
Which the assembly of the saints have already gained, /
And show me cleansed through my tears and repentance ///
Before the coming of the end.

Shower my thoughts with the dew of the Most Holy Spirit, /
 O most pure Mother of Christ, /
 Who in His boundless compassion, /
 Cleansed the multitude of our transgressions with a drop of dew. /
 Dry up the source of my passions, /
 And through thy prayers, O Lady, ///
 Vouchsafe that I may ever drink at the stream of life.

Grant that the torrent of my tears of repentance /
 And the thought of the dread and awesome hour of judgment /
 May serve as an excellent and saving remedy, /
 That through thy prayers, O Virgin who gave birth to God my Savior, /
 I may be delivered from condemnation ///
 And receive divine grace and escape the fearsome punishments.

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

Thousands of times have I promised /
 To repent of my sins, O pure one, /
 But the despised yet cherished habits of mine evil offenses will not depart from me /
 So I fall down before thee, crying out: /
 Rescue me from their tyranny, O Lady, ///
 And instruct me along the higher path which leads to salvation.

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

Seeing Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /
 The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /
 And as a mother cried out 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 if a Resurrection service.

The General Troparion for a Hieromartyr, in Tone 4: (No Troparion given in the Menaion)

Like the apostles in character, /
 A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /
 Through visions thou didst find thy work /

HIEROMARTYR TIMOTHY OF PRUSSA

Rightly dividing the word of truth. /

Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /

Even to the shedding of thy blood ///

O Hieromartyr Timothy, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

[No Kontakion is given in the Menaion]

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