

The 24th Day of August

Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder...”*

O blessed martyr Eutychius /
Thou wast taught the holy words /
By the honored disciple, the preacher of eloquence divine. /
Thou didst learn the sacred doctrines from him, /
And was thyself revealed as a light /
Illumining every thought with the grace of thy sacred theology. ///
Therefore, we honor thy holy memory.

Through thy steadfast endurance, /
Thou didst destroy the fortress of delusion /
And through thy sufferings and death, /
Thou didst attain to life immortal, O richly-blessed one; /
Abiding now with the choirs of the martyrs /
And the ranks of angels, ///
Through divine communion, being made perfect in godliness.

Cast into the prison, O glorious one, /
Thou didst receive from heaven the bread of life, /
And when cast into the fire, thou didst remain untouched by its flames; /
And after enduring cruel beatings and scorgings /
Thou didst tame the wild beasts through thy prayers; /
Finally wast thou beheaded by the sword. /
Then wast thou drawn up into the tranquility of heaven ///
As on a divine chariot.

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

Save me, O most pure sovereign Lady, /
Who ineffably bore Christ our Savior! /
For I have thee as my invincible wall and protection; /
O mediatrix, joy and divine consolation of my soul, /
Thou alone can deliver me from the gnawing of the worm that never sleeps ///
And from the eternal fire, O Mother of Christ God.

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

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“**W**hat 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.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Aposticha from the Octoechos.

The (General) Troparion of a Hieromartyr, in Tone 4:

Like the apostles in character, /
A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /
Through visions thou didst find thy work /
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O hieromartyr Eutychius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Matins

The Canon

Both Canons of the Octoechos, and that of the Saint, with 4 Troparia, in Tone 8.

*the composition of Joseph
— incomplete as of 7/21/2014*

After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Today the Virgin....”*

Thou didst live piously as one of the hierarchs, /
And didst travel the path of martyrdom, /
O divinely-inspired one, thou didst extinguish the sacrifices to idols, /
And wast a protector of thy flock. /
Honoring thee, we cry out in our hearts; /
Always deliver us from dangers through thy prayers ///
O our father Eutychius.

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