

THE 5th DAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR DOROTHEUS,
BISHOP OF TYRE
AT VESPERS

On “Lord, I have cried ...,” 6 Stichera of the holy hieromartyr, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: “All-praised Martyrs ...”:

O Divinely-wise, and blessed Dorotheus, brightening thy sacred and divine vestments with the purple of thy blood, thou didst ascend from strength to virtuous strength and from glory to greater glory; do thou now entreat the Lord that peace and great mercy may be granted to our souls. (Twice)

As a truly lawful priest thou didst first offer unto God the bloodless sacrifice, then as a most true Martyr by the spilling of thy blood thou didst offer thyself unto Christ as a whole-burnt and acceptable sacrifice, O Godly-spoken and all-honored one entreat Him on behalf of those who hymn thee. (Twice)

By thy precepts and teaching, O holy Father, thou hast brought unto Christ legions of Martyrs, not only by instructing and teaching in word, but by offering thyself as an example, O Divinely-wise one; pray together with them that peace and great mercy be granted to our souls. (Twice)

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion in Tone VIII:

My thoughts are impure, and my lips are false, all my works are defiled. What, then, shall I do? How shall I meet the Judge? O Virgin Sovereign Lady, entreat the Lord, thy Son and Creator, that He accept my soul in repentance, in that He alone is compassionate.

Stavrotheotokion: The unblemished heifer, beholding her Bullock willingly nailed to the Tree, cried out aloud, lamenting piteously: “Woe is me, O my most beloved Child! How hath the ungrateful assembly of the Jews rewarded Thee, desiring to leave me childless and bereft of Thee, my most beloved Child?”

Troparion of the holy hieromartyr, in Tone IV:

As thou didst share in the ways of the apostles * and didst occupy their throne, * thou didst find thine activity to be a passage to divine vision, * O divinely inspired one. * Wherefore, ordering the word of truth, * thou didst suffer for the Faith even to the shedding of thy blood, ** O Hieromartyr Dorotheus, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

AT MATINS

The Canon of the holy hieromartyr, in Tone VIII,

ODE I

Irmos: Let us sing unto the Lord, * who led His people through the Red Sea: * for He alone hath gloriously been glorified.

Enlightened by the light of Christ, do thou, O glorious Hierarch Dorotheus, enlighten by thine intercessions my darkened soul, that I may hymn thee, O all-blessed one.

Thy pure heart like an untarnished mirror reflecting the rays of divine enlightenment emiteth knowledge upon all through thy salutary preaching, O blessed Father.

By fasting, thou didst subdue the activity of the passions, by abstinence thou didst transform thy desire, and by manifold ascetic exploits thou didst attain to the height of dispassion.

Theotokion: God who existed before all ages and before the fashioning of every creature, seedlessly assumed flesh from thee; through thee we have come to know Him, wherefore we hymn thee as the true Theotokos .

ODE III

Irmos: O Lord, thou art the confirmation of those who flee to Thee, * Thou art the Light of those in darkness, * and my spirit doth hymn Thee.

With the conscience of a Martyr, as one who suffered in the ascetic life, thou hast presented thyself unto Christ through Martyrdom as an all-perfect living sacrifice.

By thy sacred life, through thy divine words and with thy divine deeds thou didst make ascent in thy heart attaining to the true contemplation of God.

In a godly-wise manner thou didst direct thy words in accordance with the commandments of the Savior, wherefore thou wast found worthy to be an invincible defender of the faith.

Theotokion: By giving birth to the Immortal One thou hast brought relief to our souls which waxed dull through the thought of our mortality, and by thy birth-giving O Virgin thou hast woven for us a vesture of incorruption.

The Sessional Hymn of the holy hieromartyr, in Tone III:

O Hieromartyr Dorotheus, * enlightened by the Divine Spirit and through thy great wisdom and pastoral boldness * thou didst humble the ferocity of the godless tyrant, * and traversing the abyss of temporal life, * thou didst reach the divine refuge. * O holy Father * entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion in Tone III:

Without separating Himself from the divine Essence, * when taking flesh in thy womb, * He remained God though He had become a man; * and even after thy birthgiving, preserved thee, His Virgin Mother, * as immaculate as thou wast before giving birth. * Him do thou earnestly beseech, ** that He grant us great mercy.

Stavrotheotokion: **T**he unblemished ewe-lamb of the Word, * the incorrupt Virgin Mother, * beholding Him Who sprang forth from her without pain * suspended upon the Cross, cried out, maternally lamenting: * “Woe is me, O my Child! * How is it that Thou dost suffer willingly, * desiring to redeem mankind ** from the indignity of the passions?”

ODE IV

Irmos: **O** Lord, I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation; * I have considered Thy works, * and I have glorified Thy Divinity.

As a divine whole burnt-offering and a pure sacrifice wast thou brought before the Savior of all, O most wise Hierarch.

Instructing the flock of Christ in the light of the knowledge of God, thou didst drive away the darkness of godlessness.

With the streams of thy sweat hast thou, O Father and Hierarch, dried up the depths of godlessness.

Theotokion: **W**ith thy light do thou, O most pure one, enlighten my darkened soul, since thou hast given birth unto the One Hypostatical Light.

ODE V

Irmos: **T**hou hast enlightened * with the knowledge of God * the ends of the universe * that lay in the night of ignorance, * do Thou also, O Lord, illumine me * with the dawning of Thy love for mankind.

Christ, the true wisdom, seeing thine exceeding love for Him, hath granted thee O blessed one, both riches and glory, length of days, and eternal life.

With the staff of faith thou didst drive away the snares of heresies, and uniting thy flock in the bond of love, thou hast, by love and faith, preserved it unharmed.

By thy strict ascetic life, refusing temporal food, thou hast satisfied the needs of thy soul with the food of unceasing prayer, instruction, and humility by which one is raised on high to God.

Theotokion: **W**e have acquired in thee, O pure one as our protection, a sure hope, a mighty shelter, a wall of refuge, and a bridge that leadeth into the Kingdom of heaven.

ODE VI

Irmos: **O** Thou that puttest on light as a garment * grant me also a robe of light, * O All-merciful Christ, our God.

Both a sacrifice and a priest, thou hast wholly given thyself to God for the sake of the faith, and thus preserved undefiled the fulfillment of thy ministry to Him.

A spectacle seen as slain by the world, yet remaining alive in God, thou O godly-spoken one, passed over to Christ enriched by the life of incorruption.

Passing from earthly life into the never-waning glory, do thou, O holy one, by thy supplications fervently heal and cleanse my soul savaged by the passions.

Theotokion: **O** most pure and all-immaculate one, who didst conceive Christ, Who taketh away the sins of the world, ever entreat Him that remission of sins be granted unto thy servants.

Kontakion of the holy hieromartyr, in Tone V:

Refulgent with the virtues, * and more radiant than the sun in thy divine teachings, and pangs, O blessed one, * thou hast illumined all the earth, O Dorotheus, * driving away the gloom of wicked heresy, and polytheism, ** wherefore with splendor we celebrate thy memory.

ODE VII

Irmos: **The Hebrew children in the furnace * boldly trampled upon the flames, * changing the fire into dew, they cried aloud: * ‘Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, throughout the ages’.**

Appearing unto all as a wellspring of wisdom full of virtue, by thy preaching and sublime life thou hast gathered thy flock, O godly-wise one, and having well tended it, together with them, thou dost cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, throughout the ages.

O Father thou hast passed over from this temporal life and entered into the most honored habitations of the righteous, and now dwelling with the Angels, thou dost rejoice with them; wherefore honoring thee, O all-blessed one, with boldness we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, throughout the ages.

Blessed art thou and well it is with thee, for now, in thy heavenly dwelling where the legions of the righteous, the multitude of the Martyrs and the choirs of the all-wise Apostles abide, thou cry aloud with them: Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, throughout the ages.

Theotokion: **T**hou alone, O most pure Virgin, art known to be a Mother who knew not a man, and the Mother of Him Who in His wisdom fashioned creation; wherefore we fervently cry unto thee, saying: ‘Blessed art thou who hast given birth to God in the flesh’.

ODE VIII

Irmos: **T**reading down the fiery flame in the furnace, * the divinely eloquent children sang: * ‘Bless the Lord, ye works of the Lord’.

With fervor didst thou execute the ministry of the mysteries of Christ, and like a noetic ewe-lamb offered thyself unto Him as an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice, perfected with the spilling of thy blood, O all-blessed one.

Adorning thy Hierarchical vestments with virtues, O most wise one, thou didst manifest thyself as a guardian of chastity, a partaker of the true food of abstinence, a teacher of prayer, and an instructor of repentance and law, unto eternal life.

At the time of our oblation, let us always bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, since the barren fig-tree lives ever threatened of being cut off; Fear such a curse O my soul, and worthily receive Christ, the abundant fruit of virtue.

Theotokion: **O** most venerated defender of the Christian race, despise not the voice of us thy servants and deliver us, O holy Virgin, from every danger and from every cruel assault of the enemy, for thy motherly intercessions ever incline God to mercy.

ODE IX

Irmos: **T**he prophetic vision of the lawgiver on the mountain, * in the fire of the burning bush, * prefigured thy birthgiving O Ever-Virgin, * the salvation of us the faithful, * wherefore with never silent hymns we magnify thee.

Thou, O Father, didst utterly destroy the many and varied slings of the enemy by the fire of abstinence, burning up the corruption of the flesh with the coals of chastity, wherefore thou wast gloriously deemed worthy of the true purity that exists in the highest.

Thy radiant memory, O Father, hath shone forth, illuminating the souls of those who piously celebrate it, rendering them, O worthy of all admiration, partakers of the divinity; wherefore we render unto thee veneration in spiritual odes, O godly-wise one.

Thou, O Father, having received from the right hand of God the reward of thy victory art now adorned with a crown of Martyrdom, for finishing thine endeavors and radiating with the fullness of the divine light we the faithful now offer thee unto Christ as our fervent intercessor.

Theotokion: **O** Virgin and Mother of the Word, the true Theotokos, our mediatrix, thou hast brought forth unto us the eternal Life of God and the Sun of righteousness, Whom we the faithful with one mind magnify in spiritual odes.

AT LITURGY

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