

THE 4th DAY OF THE MONTH OF JULY
COMMEMORATION OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS ANDREW THE
JERUSALEMITE, ARCHBISHOP OF CRETE.
COMMEMORATION OF OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MARTHA,
MOTHER OF THE HOLY SYMEON OF THE WONDROUS MOUNTAIN.
AT VESPERS

On “Lord, I have cried ...,” 6 Stichera: 3 for the holy hierarch, in Tone I:

Spec. Mel.: “Joy of the ranks of heaven ...”:

Hating the earthly authority of the body, * with pure temperament and a simple heart * thou didst cleave unto the Lord, O wise father, * and wast shown to be * a divinely inspired instrument of the Comforter, ** playing the psalmody of salvation for us.

Finding the Mother of the Lord * to be the subject of great praise, O Andrew, * thou didst also hymn * with honeyed discourses * the sacred apostles and the company of the blessed martyrs. ** With them be thou mindful of us who honor thee.

We know thee to be a pillar of Orthodoxy, * a model of chastity, an example of meekness, * and a godly hymnographer * illumining the Church of Christ, * O father Andrew, initiate of sacred mysteries. ** Wherefore, we celebrate thy solemn feast.

And 3 for the venerable one, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: “As one valiant among the martyrs ...”:

Through fasting and tears thou didst set thyself apart * for painful ascetic endeavor and courageous battle * against the hordes of the enemy * who have crippled human nature, * sparing not thy flesh * for the sake of God’s love. * Wherefore, thou didst undertake godly struggles, * casting down the mind of the adversary, ** O honored and most glorious Martha. (Twice)

Thou didst spurn transitory things, * and avoid the love of what is corruptible, * and having desired the heavenly portion * which is everlasting, * and meet for the righteous and incorrupt, * inherited never-ending life, O pure one. * Wherefore, celebrating thy radiant and splendid memory with faith, * O glorious Martha, ** we honor thee with divine hymns.

Glory ..., in Tone IV:

Relieving ailments with the grace of the Spirit, thou dost drive away evil spirits, heal sufferings and enlighten the faithful with the radiance of thy miracles, O all-glorious Martha. Wherefore with unceasing hymnody, we hymn thy splendid, radiant and right wondrous memory today.

Both now ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone IV:

Stavrotheotokion: Upon beholding Thee, * the Lamb and Shepherd, upon the Tree, * the ewe-lamb who bore Thee lamented, * and maternally exclaimed to Thee: * “O most desired Son, * how is it that Thou art suspended upon the tree of the Cross? * How is it that Thine arms and legs are nailed * by the iniquitous ones, O long-suffering Word, ** and that Thou hast shed Thy blood, O Master?”

On the Aposticha, Glory ..., in Tone VIII:

We honor thee, O Andrew our father, as the instructor of a multitude of monks; for through thee we have truly come to know how to walk thy path aright. Blessed art thou who, laboring for Christ, didst denounce the power of the enemy, O converser with the angels, companion of the venerable and the righteous. Pray thou with them to the Lord, that our souls find mercy.

Both now ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: “O most glorious wonder ...”:

The unblemished heifer, beholding her Bullock * willingly nailed upon 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, ** O my most beloved Child?”

Troparion of the holy hierarch, in Tone IV:

The truth of things revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, * icon of meekness, and teacher of temperance; * wherefore, thou hast attained the heights through humility and riches through poverty; * O hierarch Andrew our father, ** entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

Troparion of the venerable one, in Tone VIII:

In thee, O mother, the image of God was preserved, * for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow after Christ; * by activity thou didst learn to disdain the flesh, as something transient, * but to care for thy soul as something immortal. ** Wherefore, with the angels thy spirit doth rejoice, O venerable Martha.

Both now ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in Tone VIII:

AT MATINS

One canon from the Oktoechos, with 6 Troparia;
And two canons for the saints, with 8 Troparia.

ODE I

Canon of the holy hierarch, the acrostic whereof is:
“Let us weave manly hymns for Andrew”, in Tone V:

Irmos: Christ, who with an upraised arm * bringeth wars to naught, * hath shaken horse and rider in the Red Sea; * but Israel hath He saved * as they chanted a song of victory.

Casting off sleep from thine eyelids, by virtue thou didst splendidly prepare thyself as a habitation and place of divine rest for the Master, O venerable one who hast been revealed by God.

Moving thy harp to play melodiously, thou didst adorn the Church of Christ with thy hymnody, O wondrous Andrew, instructed by the divine grace of the Holy Spirit.

Wisely submitting to the law written by God, with fasting thou didst mortify the bodily passions; and elevate thy mind with mighty desire, chanting hymns to God, O most wise one.

Theotokion: Thy Son and God is all desire, most pure delight, the fulfillment of good things, O all-immaculate one. Him do thou beseech, that He deliver those who now have recourse unto thee with faith.

Canon of the venerable one, in Tone VIII:

Irmos: Unto Him Who overthrew the tyranny of Pharaoh in the sea * and led Israel over dry land, * let us chant unto Christ our God, * for He hath been glorified throughout the ages.

Wounded with divine desire for eternal good things, thou didst despise corruptible food and glory. Wherefore, in a godly manner thou didst live an angelic life, O venerable one.

Aflame with divine zeal, and having lived a godly and manly life, thou hast given birth to a beacon and rampart for the faithful, a second Samuel, O beauteous offspring of the desert.

Thou hast been shown to be a scion of abstinence shining forth upon us a sun of great splendor, the great and most wise healer Symeon, the intercessor and bulwark of the lands of the East.

Theotokion: We, the children of the earth, having become children of God through divine grace and thine ineffable birthgiving, hymn thee earnestly, the sole cause of our salvation.

ODE III

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: By Thy command Thou didst establish the earth upon nothing * and suspended it unsupported; * do Thou establish Thy Church on the unshakeable rock of Thy commandments, O Christ, * who alone art good * and the Lover of mankind.

Thou didst direct thy life with virtue, O venerable one, uniting thyself unto God with divine desire; and wast shown to be a reason-endowed instrument, illumining the whole world with hymns and drawing forth divine treasures.

Thou wast full of heavenly wisdom; for, opening the mouth of thy spirit, O venerable one, thou didst manifestly receive all the brilliant radiance of the effulgence of the threefold Sun, in that thou art a sacred minister.

Making firm the powers of thy soul and restraining thy flesh by abstinence, O venerable one, thou didst wholly become a most radiant star, adorning the Church with thine Orthodox teachings and melodious hymnody.

Theotokion: Now do I beseech thee, O most immaculate Mother of God, to deliver me from the captivity of the passions and to cleanse all the wounds of my sins, for thou didst most gloriously give birth to Him Who taketh away the sin of the world.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: There is none as holy as the Lord, * and none as righteous as our God, * Whom the whole of creation doth hymn: * There is none more righteous than Thee, O Lord.

Offering the all-honored fruit of thy womb to the Master, O Martha, thou didst offer thyself art as a perfect sacrifice on the fire of abstinence, chanting hymns unto Him.

To thine immortal Christ thou didst offer a right acceptable sacrifice, him who sprung forth from thy womb, O venerable God-bearer, thou confirmation, bulwark and rampart of the faithful.

Thou didst give wings to both soul and body to fly to the heights of heaven, and made thine abode there with the wise virgins, and art a divine model for those who with faith have recourse unto God.

Theotokion: O most pure one, establish the ascents of my soul upon the rock of my hope which remaineth ever immovable, that I may praise and glorify thee, mine only helper.

Kontakion of the venerable one, in Tone II:

Spec. Mel.: “In prayers ...”:

Standing before the Lord and the most pure Virgin Theotokos in prayer, * and offering up hymnody and praises, O honored Martha, * thou hast given birth to a sacred child, * the all-wondrous Symeon, the beacon of the whole world. ** With him do thou ever pray for us all.

Sessional Hymn of the holy hierarch, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: “Go thou quickly before ...”:

Adorning the crown of the Church with thy discourses as with precious stones, O most wise Andrew, thou wast a sacred minister. Wherefore, after manifold labors in this life, thou hast received glory and the kingdom which ageeth not. Therein, O father, be thou mindful of those who commemorate thee.

Glory ..., Sessional Hymn of the venerable one, in Tone IV:

Keeping ceaseless vigil in prayer, pleasing God with almsgiving, going often to the divine churches, and praying with tears, faith and fasting, O all-famed Martha, thou didst receive a sacred child. With him pray thou, that we who honor thee with love be saved from misfortunes.

Both now ..., Theotokion in Tone IV:

O all-immaculate Virgin who hast given birth to the transcendent God: do thou unceasingly entreat Him with the incorporeal ones, that He grant forgiveness of transgressions and correction of life before the end, to us who, as is meet, hymn thee with faith and love, O thou who alone art all-hymned.

Stavrotheotokion: **O** all-immaculate Virgin Mother of God, a sword passed through thy most holy soul when thou didst behold thy Son and God crucified of His own will. Cease not to beseech Him, O blessed one, that He grant us forgiveness of our transgressions.

ODE IV

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: Habbakuk, prophetically apprehending * Thy divine self-emptying, O Christ, * cried out to Thee with trembling: * Thou hast come for the salvation of Thy people; * to save Thine anointed Ones.

Openly proclaiming the glory of the supremely hymned Trinity, thy discourse adorned by thy manner of life, O wondrous one, wast shown to be an excellent standard of theology.

O wise and divinely eloquent Andrew, showing forth an ascent of vision through activity, by thy manner of life thou wast like unto one clothed in divine vision.

Fighting like a shepherd, as a most noetically rich hierarch of God, thou didst repel the attacks of lions from the Church, O Andrew, namesake of manliness.

Finding the Theotokos to be a great subject of laudation, thou didst show forth redoubled zeal, O wise one, honoring her who is above praise with many and varied praises.

Theotokion: Without a physical union thou didst conceive within thy womb without corruption, and hast given birth without pain; and, giving birth to God in the flesh, thou wast preserved a virgin even after child-birth.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: From the overshadowed mountain, * from the only Theotokos, * the Prophet in divine vision * foresaw Thy coming in the flesh, O Word, * and with fear he glorified Thy power.

Having Christ ever in thy mind, thou didst spurn the love and desire of things corruptible; wherefore, glorifying Him, O Martha, thou hast been deemed worthy of spiritual gifts.

Utterly quelling the threefold waves of the passions, O Martha, thou didst put down the assaults of wild beasts; thereby eluding the complex snares of the noetic Amalek.

Thou hast been a rampart and bulwark for the faithful who honor thee with pure love and keep thy holy memory, O godly blessed one, thou helper of the faithful.

Theotokion: Thou hast been shown to be a noetic cloud, O Theotokos, bearing the very Sun of glory in the flesh, Who illumineth all creation with the light of divine grace.

ODE V

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: O Thou Who hast clothed Thyself in light as with a garment, * I rise early unto Thee and cry out to Thee: * Enlighten my darkened soul, O Christ, * in that Thou alone art compassionate!

We who are now adorned with thy teachings and in a sacred manner delight in thy divinely inspired hymns, honor thy memory, O all-blessed Andrew.

Manifestly illumined by the splendor of the Spirit, in a most holy manner thou didst praise the choirs of the saints; and with them dost now rejoice, O all-blessed Andrew.

Thou now beholdest things divine, not with the senses or a corruptible body, nor in illusions, but noetically O most wise one, uniting thyself to higher things by the actions of thy soul.

Theotokion: With tears I fall down before thee, praying intensely, that I may now be delivered from mine offenses, O all-immaculate one, and be deemed worthy of everlasting joy.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: Thou 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.

Beholding thine offspring uplifted toward heaven on a pillar by his divine activities, O Martha, thou didst hymn Christ Most High.

Thou didst manifestly receive an answer from heaven, O Martha, and according to the revelation of God, didst conceive His great servant.

O venerable one, the city of Antioch setteth thine offspring forth as a fervent intercessor, a rampart and refuge for those who are in tribulation.

Theotokion: We who place our trust in thee, O Bride of God, having thee as a staff of power, vanquish the hordes of the adversary.

ODE VI

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: Calm the raging sea of the passions, * O Master Christ, * with its soul-destroying tempest, * and lead me up from corruption * in that Thou art compassionate.

With thy splendid mouth thou didst denounce the ungodly rhetors; for thou didst truly explain the veneration of the precious icons, O initiate of sacred mysteries.

In a sacred manner thou didst adorn thy life, O glorious father; for thou didst quell the tumult of the passions and hasten to the life of dispassion.

All the faithful rejoice, piously delighting in the beauties of thy discourses and teachings, vanquishing the blasphemies of the heretics.

Theotokion: By His incarnation from thee, O most immaculate Bride of God, He Who shone forth without beginning from the Father hath entered into full fellowship with me.

Canon of the venerable one

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

Desiring the Queen of all with all thy soul, thou didst adorn thyself with purity, O Martha, and for her sake hast received spiritual gifts.

The angels marveled at thy mature wisdom, O honored one, and mankind doth hymn the Creator of all Who hath glorified thee.

Thou didst adorn thyself like a beautiful and well-planted tree, and thou wast a clear mirror reflecting the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Theotokion: Ever looking to thee as the calm in the midst of the tempest of passions and misfortunes, O Sovereign Lady, I hasten to the haven of salvation.

Kontakion of the holy hierarch, in Tone II:

Spec. Mel.: “Seeking the highest ...”:

Manifestly trumpeting forth hymns of divine sweetness, * thou wast shown to be a most radiant beacon for the world, * shining with the light of the Trinity, O venerable Andrew. * Wherefore, we all cry out to thee: ** Cease thou never to pray for us all.

Ikos: Wretch though I am, I desire to praise thy life, O father; and now made aware because of thy corrections, I seek to receive the praises of thine adornments as gifts, O Andrew, and to weave a wreath of praise for thee, whom even the angels hold in honor; and I cry aloud: Cease thou never to pray on behalf of us all!

ODE VII

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: The supremely exalted Lord of our fathers * quenched the flame, * and bedewed the Youths * as they chanted in harmony: * O God, blessed art Thou!

That thou mightest behold the splendor of the saints, O venerable one, with the splendor of thy works thou didst illumine thy life, crying aloud: O God, blessed art Thou!

Clad in a body, thou didst emulate the ranks of the incorporeal ones, O venerable one, and, rejoicing together with them, thou criest aloud: O God, blessed art Thou!

Jerusalem now rejoiceth in splendor, having shone thee forth upon the world as a beacon of great radiance, O blessed one, crying aloud: O God, blessed art Thou!

Theotokion: He Who before was incorporeal becometh incarnate of thy holy womb in His boundless tender compassion, O most pure one. To Him do we all chant: O God, blessed art Thou!

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: O Thou who in the beginning founded the earth * and by Thy word made the heavens firm, * blessed art Thou throughout the ages, * O Lord God of our Fathers.

Shedding the robe of the passions, thou didst array thyself in the garment of dispassion, O venerable one; and in purity didst betroth thyself to Christ, and wast pleasing unto Him.

O honored Martha, thine offspring was shown to be a pillar of fire illumining the world and cleansing those in the world of dark ignorance and all wrath.

Thou didst extinguish the uprisings of the flesh, despising the machinations of the noetic foe, O venerable Martha, and didst cast their snares down to the ground.

Theotokion: **O** thou who art full of the grace of God, pray thou earnestly, that we who hymn and desire thee may behold the glory of thy Son and enjoy it in purity.

ODE VIII

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: **Unto Thee the Fashioner of all, * the children in the furnace chanted a hymn: * All ye works of the Lord, * supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.**

O father, thou didst manifestly gladden the Church of the new ark, and didst form choirs, crying: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

In holiness thou didst utter new hymnody to the Creator in the Church: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

Laboring in godly manner with virtue, thou didst hymn the sufferings of all the saints who of old were made wondrous and perfect by Christ throughout all ages, **O** most wise Andrew.

Theotokion: **C**ome ye, let us hymn the divine Maiden with divine hymns, saying: Rejoice, **O** most blessed Virgin, for whose sake joy hath been given to human nature!

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: **Glorified in the holy mountain, * the Lord revealed the mystery of the Ever-Virgin unto Moses * in the flames of the burning bush: * praise ye and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.**

Through poverty in transitory things thou didst acquire eternal riches and glory, **O** Martha; wherefore, thou didst cry out with love: Hymn the Lord and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

Knowing thy heart and desire, **O** venerable Martha, with heartfelt faith God divinely crowned him to whom thou hast given birth, and who crieth out to Him with faith throughout all ages.

The radiant day of thy festival illumineth the minds of the faithful, enlightening all the world like the morning star, shining even unto the ends of the earth.

Theotokion: **H**e Who fashioned our nature, **O** Theotokos, having clad Himself therein through thee, doth transform and restore those who truly hymn and glorify thee as the Theotokos, in that He is the Lover of mankind.

ODE IX

Canon of the holy hierarch

Irmos: **O** Isaiah, rejoice and be glad! * The Virgin hath conceived in her womb, * and hath borne a Son, Emmanuel, * who is both God and man; * and Orient is His name; * Him we magnify, and the Virgin we call blessed.

The proclamation of thy words, and the beauty and splendor of thy doctrines have passed throughout all the world, O blessed Andrew. Wherefore, Christ, the King of all, hath crowned thee with a crown of magnificence.

Enjoying the thrice-radiant light through a higher union, O Andrew, initiate of supra-natural mysteries, by thy supplications preserve now from tribulations those who in a sacred manner lovingly keep thy holy memory.

With the incorporeal ranks thou dost now rejoice in the heavens; for, living thy life on earth, O divinely eloquent and right wondrous one, thou wast shown to be an excellent preacher of the Orthodox Faith.

Theotokion: **H**aving truly given birth in a manner past understanding to everlasting Life in the flesh, thou hast halted the unremitting onslaught of death; and, smiting its mouth, thou didst abolish bitter hell, O most holy Virgin Mother.

Canon of the venerable one

Irmos: **We magnify thee O Mother of God, * and We glorify thee, O Virgin Theotokos, * for thou hast given birth to Christ the Savior of our souls.**

Joining chorus with thy Son, O Martha, entreat Christ our God on behalf of those who honor thee.

Having lived piously amid toil, thou didst struggle manfully: hence thou hast uncovered heavenly riches.

We venerate the shrine of thy relics, O most honored Martha, from whence we draw forth waters of healing.

Theotokion: **T**hy prayer, emitting rays which surpass those of the sun, illumine those who magnify thee, O most pure one.

Exapostilarion Canon of the venerable one:

Spec. Mel.: “The heaven with stars ...”:

Desiring the life of the angels, O venerable one, thou didst therefore manfully subdue the carnal passions, becoming angelic, O God-bearing father.

Theotokion: **A**ll of us sinners have thee as an intercessor, O most holy Virgin. By thy supplications move thy Son to clemency.

On the Aposticha, Glory ..., in Tone VI:

O venerable father Andrew, word of thy corrections hath gone forth into all the earth; wherefore, thou hast found the reward of thy labors in the heavens, hast destroyed hordes of the demons and attained unto the ranks of the angels, whose life thou didst blamelessly emulate. As thou hast boldness before Christ God, beg peace for our souls.

Both now ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in Tone VI:

Spec. Mel.: “On the third day ...”:

Stavrotheotokion: “**P**ondering Thy seedless conception and ineffable birthgiving, I marvel greatly: How is it that it is Thy good pleasure to die thus as a malefactor, O my Son?”, the most pure one exclaimed, weeping.

AT LITURGY

Troparion of the holy hierarch, in Tone IV:

The truth of things revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, * icon of meekness, and teacher of temperance; * wherefore, thou hast attained the heights through humility and riches through poverty; * O hierarch Andrew our father, ** entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

Troparion of the venerable one, in Tone VIII:

In thee, O mother, the image of God was preserved, * for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow after Christ; * by activity thou didst learn to disdain the flesh, as something transient, * but to care for thy soul as something immortal. ** Wherefore, with the angels thy spirit doth rejoice, O venerable Martha.

Kontakion of the venerable one, in Tone II:

Standing before the Lord and the most pure Virgin Theotokos in prayer, * and offering up hymnody and praises, O honored Martha, * thou hast given birth to a sacred child, * the all-wondrous Symeon, the beacon of the whole world. ** With him do thou ever pray for us all.

Kontakion of the holy hierarch, in Tone II:

Manifestly trumpeting forth hymns of divine sweetness, * thou wast shown to be a most radiant beacon for the world, * shining with the light of the Trinity, O venerable Andrew. * Wherefore, we all cry out to thee: ** Cease thou never to pray for us all.

Prokeimenon, in Tone VII: The saints shall boast in glory, * and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

Verse: Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS, § 318 (HEB. 8: 3-6)

Brethren: Every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Alleluia, in Tone II: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

Verse : For the Lord hath elected Sion, He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, §21 (7: 12-21)

The Lord said: All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Communion Verse: In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings.