

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

AFTERFEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS  
MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS AND DORYMEDON

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon suffered for Christ during the reign of the Roman emperor Probus (276-282). A pagan festival was being celebrated in the city of Antioch. Sacrificial offerings were brought, the wine was poured, and vile acts were performed. The Christians Trophimus and Sabbatius arrived in the city just as the festival was taking place, and were saddened by this loud and indecent spectacle. They prayed that the Lord would guide the errant on the way of salvation. As they said this, the idolaters noticed their presence. Seeing that the strangers did not worship the idols, they arrested them and took them to the governor.

At their interrogation, the saints firmly confessed their faith. When they were told to renounce Christ, they resolutely refused to do so. Saint Sabbatius died under the fierce torment. Saint Trophimus was sent to the city of Synnada in Phrygia for even more terrible tortures.

For three days Saint Trophimus walked shod in iron sandals with sharp nails, driven on by a cavalry guard. The governor of Frigius, Dionysius, infamous as a torturer and executioner, used all manner of tortures to break the will of the brave Christian. Saint Trophimus merely repeated the words of Scripture: "many afflictions has the righteous one, but from them all will the Lord deliver him" (Ps 33/34:20).

The senator Dorymedon, a secret Christian, visited Saint Trophimus in prison, washing and binding his wounds. When the pagans learned that the senator would not participate in the festival of Castor and Pollux, they asked the reason for his refusal. He said that he was a Christian, and would not attend a festival in honor of the demons. He and Saint Trophimus were thrown to the wild beasts to be eaten by them, but the martyrs remained unharmed. Then they were beheaded with the sword.

GREAT VESPERS

*LORD I CALL: Four stikhera of the resurrection in tone 4 (spiral bound Vespers book), followed by three of the Feast and three for the Saints*

*Feast, tone 4:*

The most holy Cross, the invincible trophy,  
comes forth today like a hidden treasure revealed from the earth,  
enriching the whole world with rays of universal goodness.  
Therefore, we glorify the all-good dispensation of Christ our God, //  
Who willed to be crucified on it.

The Cross depicted of old by the Prophet Moses,  
the faithful seer and beloved of God,  
routed the hordes of the foreign oppressors.  
Now, shown forth in divine elevation at the hands of sacred ministers,  
it dispels the hordes of demons and assemblies of evil ones, //  
reproving the boldness of the ungodly.

Your Cross, our Savior, is the invincible might of Christians.  
By it multitudes of enemies are vanquished;  
the peace of Your Church, O Christ, is given to those who offer  
fitting glory.

As we venerate it now, we entreat You, O Lover of mankind, //  
count us worthy of a portion with Your saints!

*Saints, tone 8:*

Desiring to take pleasure in inexhaustible food,  
O martyr Trophimus,  
you strove with the pain of your body,  
passing over from corruption to incorruption,  
rejoicing and adorned with the witness of your martyrdom. //  
Therefore by your prayers entreat great mercy for us all!

The glorious Sabbatius,  
having endured many torments,

has now been blessed to celebrate with great joy in the courts of heaven.

Receiving honors for his struggles,  
he is numbered among the assemblies of Angels.//  
By his prayers, O Christ, grant Your people great mercy!

Destroying the counsel of the ungodly, O Dorymedon,  
you steadied your mind with divine counsels.  
You entered courageously upon the trials of tortures,  
receiving trophies of honor.//  
Now you ever reign with Christ, praying for us all.

***GLORY... for the Feast, tone 4:***

Let us proclaim today a festival of song,  
and, with radiant faces let us loudly exclaim:  
“O Christ, You have accepted condemnation for us,  
and, after enduring spitting and scourging,  
You were robed in purple and ascended the Cross.  
Seeing You, the sun and the moon hid their light,  
the earth quaked in fear,  
and the veil of the Temple was orn in two.  
Grant us Your precious Cross as our guardian and protector,  
which drives demons away,  
that we may all embrace it and cry out:  
‘Save us by your power, O Cross!  
Sanctify us by your radiance, O precious Cross,  
and strengthen us through your Exaltation;//  
for you have been given to us as the light and salvation of our  
souls!’”

***NOW AND EVER... the Dogmatikon in tone 4 (spiral  
bound Vespers book)***

***APOSTIKHA: All stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 4 (spiral  
bound Vespers book)***

***GLORY...NOW AND EVER... the Theotokion for the  
Feast, tone 5:***

The words of Your prophets Isaiah and David are fulfilled, O God.  
They said: “All nations will come and bow down before You.”

Behold the people filled with grace in Your courts in Jerusalem, O  
good One!  
You endured the Cross for us, granting us life through Your  
Resurrection.//  
Preserve and save us!

**TROPARIA**

**Resurrection, tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection;  
They cast away the ancestral curse  
And elatedly told the apostles;  
Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,  
Granting the world great mercy.

**Martyrs, tone 8**

God praised in Trinity has glorified a trinity of martyrs:  
Trophimus, Sabbátius, and Dorymedon.  
By their faith, they overthrew the adversary.//  
Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us!

**Cross, tone 1**

O Lord, save Your people,  
and bless Your inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross,//  
preserve Your habitation!

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