

AUGUST 7, 2022
AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
MARTYR DOMETIUS OF PERSIA

Saint Dometius

St. Dometius lived during the fourth century, and he was by birth a Persian. In his youth he was converted to the Faith by a Christian named Uaros. Forsaking Persia, he withdrew to the frontier city of Nisibis (in Mesopotamia), where he accepted Baptism in one of the monasteries and was tonsured into monasticism.

But then fleeing the ill-will of the monastery inhabitants, St. Dometius moved on to the monastery of Saints Sergius and Bacchus in the city of Theodosiopolis. The monastery was under the guidance of an archimandrite named Urbelos, a strict ascetic, of whom it was said that For sixty years he did not taste cooked food, nor did he lay down for sleep, but rather took his rest standing up, supporting himself upon his staff.

In this monastery St. Dometius was ordained a deacon, but when the archimandrite decided to have him made a presbyter, the saint, considering himself unworthy, hid himself on a desolate mountain in Syria, in the region of Cyr. Stories about him constantly spread among the local inhabitants. They began to come to him for healing and for help. Many pagans were brought to faith in Christ by Dometius. And one time, in the locality where St. Dometius struggled with his disciples, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363) arrived, traveling on his campaign against the Persians. By order of the emperor, soldiers found St. Dometius praying with his disciples in a cave, and walled them up alive inside.

GREAT VESPERS

LORD I CALL: Four stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 7 (spiral bound vespers book), followed by three for the feast and three for the saint

Feast, tone 4:

Before Your precious Cross and Your Passion,

You took the holy Disciples whom You had especially chosen, and went up, O Master, onto Mount Tabor wishing to show them Your glory. When they saw You transfigured, shining more brightly than the sun, they fell on their faces, struck with amazement at Your might, and they cried aloud:

“ O Christ, You are the timeless light and the brightness of the Father,//
even, though, of Your own will, You are manifested in the flesh without change.”

You, Who from all eternity are God the Word, and cover Yourself with light as with a garment, were transfigured before Your Disciples, and shone more brightly than the sun. Moses and Elijah stood by Your side, making it plain that You are the Lord both of the dead and of the living.

They glorified Your ineffable dispensation, Your mercy and Your great condescension,//
by which You have saved the world utterly lost in sin.

O Lord, Who were born from the Virgin cloud and made flesh, and were transfigured on Mount Tabor, surrounding Yourself with a bright cloud, the voice of the Father in the presence of the Disciples plainly declared You to be the beloved Son, one in Essence and sharing the same throne. Therefore Peter spoke in amazement, not knowing what he said://
“It is good for us to be here, O Benefactor, rich in mercy!”

Saint Dometius, tone 6:

Having set aside all the enchantment of magic and witchcraft and the loathsome rites of the Persians, O Dometius, you fled unto God, Who sustains mankind by His wise providence. By His name, like an Apostle, you healed both the afflictions of animals and the ailments of men, who earnestly came to you, O chosen of Christ.//
Entreat Him with boldness on behalf of our souls!

You devoted your whole life to the Lord
and fervently applied yourself to fasting, O venerable one,
showing forth unfaltering prayer, all-night vigilance,
unceasing praise to God, and a pure and angelic life.
For this you have been enriched with the power to work miracles;
and thus you told your servants to glorify the Lord.//
Entreat Him with boldness on behalf of our souls!

Having clothed yourself with the armor of the Cross,
and equipped with the indestructible shield of faith,
you were terrifying to the fierce hordes of the demons.
Anointed with steadfast faith and prayers to God,
you drove them away,
saving from their wicked harm those who walk the path of faith.
O Dometius, chosen of God,//
entreat Him with boldness on behalf of our souls!

GLORY...for the Feast, tone 6:

Prefiguring Your Resurrection, O Christ our God,
You took with You in Your ascent of Mount Tabor
Your three disciples, Peter, James and John.
When You were transfigured, O Savior,
Mount Tabor was covered with light.
Your Disciples, O Word, threw themselves down upon the ground,
unable to gaze upon the form that none may see.
The Angels ministered in fear and trembling;
the heavens shook and the earth quaked,//
as they beheld on earth the Lord of Glory.

***NOW AND EVER... Resurrection Dogmatikon in tone 7
(spiral bound vespers book)***

***APOSTIKHA: All stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 7 (spiral
bound vespers book)***

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

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of our God,
and behold the glory of His Transfiguration,
the glory of the only-begotten Son of the Father!

Let us receive light from His light!
Let us be uplifted in spirit//
and forever sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity!

TROPARIA

Resurrection, tone 7

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

St. Dometius, tone 4

Trained in asceticism on the mountain,
with the weapon of the Cross you destroyed the spiritual assaults of
the hostile powers, O all-blessed one;
once again you bravely prepared for combat
and for both struggles you have been crowned by God,//
Monk-martyr Dometius of eternal memory.

Transfiguration, tone 7

You were transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God,
Revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting light shine upon us sinners!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

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