

**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
MARTYR TROPHIMUS**

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and thirteen martyrs with them, suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Brought to trial, they bravely confessed themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After fierce tortures, they broke the legs of the holy martyrs and threw them into a fire. Strengthened by the Lord, they came out of the fire completely unharmed, and they glorified Christ all the more. Unable to break the will of the holy confessors, the torturers beheaded them.

GREAT VESPERS

LORD I CALL: *Seven stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 6 (spiral bound Vespers book), followed by three stikhera of the saint*

Saints, tone 1:

You were undaunted as you entered the judgment hall,
O Martyr Trophimus.

You endured sufferings and torture.
As you were wounded, you wounded the contending enemy,
seizing victory over him.//
Therefore pray that our souls may be granted peace and great mercy.

With yourself, you led a choir of martyrs.
You suffered and rejoiced with them, O wise one!
You have fittingly received heavenly blessings.
With them, remember us who praise you in faith,//
entreating Christ that He may grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Come, O faithful,
let us praise the martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus,
and with them, thirteen companions!
They quenched the fire of delusion with their precious blood.
Now they live in the Kingdom on high,//

ever asking that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.
GLORY...NOW AND EVER... the Dogmatikon in tone 6 (spiral bound Vespers book)

APOSTIKHA: *All Resurrection in tone 6 (spiral bound Vespers book)*

TROPARIA

Resurrection, tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure Body.
Thou didst capture hell,
not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee.

Saints, tone 4

Your holy martyr Trophimus and his companions, O Lord,
Through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from
You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion, tone 4

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.

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