

Month of June

THE 30TH DAY

Commemoration of the Holy New-Martyr Alexander of Munich

At Great Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, we chant "Blessed is the man...", the first antiphon.

On "Lord, I have cried...", 8 stichera: 4 in Tone II, Spec. Mel.: "When from the Tree..."—

When the darkness of insanity beset all creation, and the mighty of this world bowed down before the idols of mindless atheism, then with ardent heart and the fervor of divine faith the glorious martyr Alexander stood forth with those who were of like mind with him, and in writing and word denounced their mindlessness, moved by love to shed his blood for Him Who shed His own blood on the Cross for the sake of all. *Twice*

When at the behest of God the glorious Alexander took up the struggle beyond human nature, rejecting him who corrupteth the body, then, strengthened by the power of the Almighty, he dreaded neither his trial nor the cutting sword; wherefore, bowing his neck before God, the blessed one accepted his end with joy.

When the valiant athlete Alexander beheld the savagery of the ungodly, then, hating injustice with all his heart, he turned to the Bestower of light; and disdaining the darkness of the world, he trod the path of martyrdom with firm resolve, paying no heed to the lies of the tyrants; and, denouncing human wickedness, he hastened to the realm of the King of heaven.

And 4 stichera in the same tone: Spec. Mel.: "With what wreaths of praise..."—

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown the holy martyr Alexander whom we hymn: the fervent helper of Christians, the adornment of the lands of Russia and Germany, the delight of the whole world, who had ardent faith and love for Christ Who destroyed the dominion of the demons and granteth the world great mercy?

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown thee, O martyr Alexander, who with thy trenchant discourse destroyed the webs of rhetorical wisdom written with malice? Thou didst teach with faith and suffer patiently for Christ, being well adorned and crowned with the passion-bearers.

With what wreaths of praise shall we now crown thee who art hymned, O martyr Alexander? For from earliest childhood thou wast Christ's, possessing the sense of a grown man from boyhood; and, desiring divine wisdom, thou becamest wholly a most pure habitation of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Glory...: Idiomelon, in the same tone—

The city of Munich hath been enriched by thy shrine; and, summoning the Christ-loving flock, we cry out: Come, ye who love the martyrs! Be filled with light at the splendid memorial! Come, therefore, ye who love the feasts of the Church, and be glad! Come and behold the heavenly luminary who dwelt on earth. Come and hear what a bitter death the valiant and steadfast one endured for the sake of life everlasting; for he entreateth Christ, the Judge of the contest, that we who keep his memory with faith and love be delivered from corruption, temptations, and all misfortunes.

Now & ever...: Dogmatic theotokion, in the same tone—

The shadow of the law passed away when grace arrived; for, as the bush wrapped in flame did not burn, so as a Virgin didst thou give birth and yet remain a Virgin. In

place of the pillar of fire, the Sun of righteousness hath shone forth. Instead of Moses, Christ is come, the Salvation of our souls.

Entrance. Prokimenon of the day. Three Readings:

READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH

Thus saith the Lord: "All the nations are gathered together, and princes shall be gathered out of them. Who will declare these things? or who will declare to you things from the beginning? Let them bring forth their witnesses, and be justified; and let them hear, and declare the truth. Be ye My witnesses, and I too am a witness, saith the Lord God, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know, and believe, and understand that I am He; before Me there was none other God, and after Me there shall be none. I am God; and beside Me there is no Savior. I have declared, and have saved; I have reproached, and there was no strange god among you. Ye are my witnesses, and I am the Lord God, even from the beginning; and there is none that can deliver out of My hands. I will work, and who shall turn it back?" Thus saith the Lord God that redeemeth you, the Holy One of Israel.

READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastened, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. Those who put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

Though the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the grey hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was beloved of Him: so that living among sinners he was translated. Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of naughtiness doth obscure things that are honest; and the wandering of concupiscence doth undermine the simple mind. He, being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time: for his soul pleased the Lord: therefore hastened He to take him away from among the wicked. This the people saw, and understood naught, neither laid they up this in their minds, that His grace and mercy is with His servants, and that He hath respect unto His chosen.

At Litia, the sticheron of the temple; and these stichera idiomela, in Tone IV—

Dyed in the blood of thy flesh, O glorious martyr Alexander, thou wast clothed in the purple robe of grace divine, and thy head was adorned with a crown of life incorruptible. And, drawing ever nigh unto the kingdom of heaven, thou hast not been parted noetically from thine earthly homeland.

In a foreign land thou didst maintain love for the land of thy birth, . O glorious martyr Alexander, and, strengthened by the Orthodox Faith, thou didst denounce the

ungodly tyrant, standing firmly in the righteousness of Christ, faithful to Christ until the end.

Thou wast recognized as a warrior of Christ, O glorious martyr Alexander; for, refusing to accept the lies of the tyrant, thou didst reject the clemency of the ungodly and didst receive the glorious crown of martyrdom, as a faithful son of the Orthodox Church and the Master Who reigneth forever.

Glory...: Idiomelon, in Tone VI—

O glorious martyr chosen by the Lord, blessed and most honored Alexander beloved of Christ! Who doth not marvel, hearing of thy works that transcend man? How thou didst oppose those who held power, refusing to mock thine own Russian land and Orthodox Faith, composing divinely fashioned discourses in prison, consoling thy kin, and willingly accepting a martyr's end.

Now & ever...: Theotokion, in the same tone—

The eye of my heart do I raise to thee, O Mistress; disdain not my feeble sighing. At the hour when thy Son shall judge the world, be thou my protection and helper.

Aposticha stichera, in Tone IV: Spec. Mel.: "Thou hast given a sign..."—

A most perfect stone, quarried by suffering and dressed by punishments, hath been shown to be holy and been set in the temple of the Lord, having crushed to the earth the diabolic wiles and falsehood of the tyrant. Him do we therefore bless as a dweller in paradise, a component of the temple of heaven.

Stichos: The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.

Draw forth grace, receive enlightenment, gladness and mercy, ye who touch the holy relics of the sacred martyr Alexander, from whence the divine energy of healings richly floweth. And, blessing him as a favorite of the Lord, let us earnestly cry aloud: O our God, glory to Thee!

Stichos: They that are planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God they shall blossom forth.

Illumined with godly works, the most glorious Alexnader hath been counted worthy to behold the beauty of Christ with the eyes of his heart; and having imitated Him in suffering, he washeth away the defilement of grievous passions from all who have recourse to him with faith,. By his supplications, O Lord, grant unto all of us who pray to Thee great mercy.

Glory...: Idiomelon, in Tone II—

O holy zealot, most lauded Alexander, be thou honored with worthy praises; for having struggled mightily, suffering for God in steadfast confession, thou didst receive crowns of victory. Wherefore, thou joinest chorus with the angels in the highest, earnestly beseeching the Holy Trinity to grant peace to the world and thy land, and to save our souls.

Now & ever...: Theotokion, in the same tone—

O new wonder greater than all the wonders of the past! For who hath ever known a mother to give birth without having known a man, and to bear on her arm Him Who sustaineth all creation? Yet it was the will of God to be born. O all-pure one, who didst bear Him in thine arms as an infant and hast maternal boldness before Him: Cease not to pray in behalf of those who honor thee, that He have compassion and save our souls.

After the Blessing of the Loaves, we chant the troparion of the saint, in Tone IV—

Today the most glorious city of Munich is radiantly adorned, having within itself thy holy relics, O holy martyr Alexander; wherefore, entreat Christ God to deliver us from all peril, that having gathered together with love we may celebrate thy memory with splendor, imitating thy courage, and opposing ungodly rulers and adversaries. *Twice*
And "Virgin Theotokos, rejoice!..." , once.

At Matins

At "God is the Lord..." , the troparion of the martyr, twice; Glory..., Now & ever...: Resurrectional theotokion, in the tone of the martyr's troparion.

After the first chanting of the Psalter, this sessional hymn, in Tone I—

Today the most festive and radiant day of the glorious martyr Alexander hath shone forth. Come, all ye who love the martyrs, and, bearing candles in godly manner, let us celebrate his memorial with light. *Twice*

Glory..., Now & ever...: Theotokion—

Hastening with love to thy goodness, we all beseech thee, the Mother of God, who wast shown to be a virgin even after giving birth; for we have thee as a fervent intercessor, O only most immaculate one.

After the second chanting of the Psalter, this sessional hymn, in Tone I—

Thou didst follow after Christ, O divinely wise Alexander, and, illumined with the light of Christ, thou didst hate worldly-mindedness; and having comforted thy parents and brethren, thou madest thine abode in the eternal mansions. *Twice*

Glory..., Now & ever...: Theotokion—

When Gabriel announced to thee, "Rejoice!", O Virgin, the Master of all became incarnate within thee, the holy tabernacle, at his cry, as the righteous David said. Thou wast shown to be more spacious than the heavens, having borne thy Creator. Glory to Him Who made His abode within thee! Glory to Him Who came forth from thee! Glory to Him Who hath set us free by thy birthgiving!

Polyeleos, and this magnification—

We magnify thee, O holy passion-bearer Alexander, and we reverence thine venerable sufferings, which thou didst endure for Christ.

Selected Psalm Verses—

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| A | Our God is refuge and strength. | [Ps. 45: 2] |
| B | A helper in afflictions which mightily befall us. | [Ps. 45: 2] |
| A | Therefore shall we not fear when the earth be shaken. | [Ps. 45: 3] |
| B | O God, who shall be likened unto Thee? Be Thou not silent, neither be still, O God. | [Ps. 82: 2] |
| A | For behold, Thine enemies have made a noise, and they that hate Thee have lifted up their heads. | [Ps. 82: 3] |
| B | Against Thy people have they taken wicked counsel, and have conspired against Thy saints. | [Ps. 82: 4] |
| A | They have made the dead bodies of Thy servants to be food for the birds of heaven. | [Ps. 78: 2] |
| B | The flesh of Thy saints for the beasts of the earth. | [Ps. 78: 2] |
| A | They have poured out their blood like water. | [Ps. 78: 3] |
| B | For Thy sake we are slain all the day long. | [Ps. 43: 23] |
| A | We are counted as sheep for the slaughter. | [Ps. 43: 23] |

B Thou hast made us a byword among the nations. [Ps. 43: 15]
 A And I became a man scourged all the day long. [Ps. 72: 14]
 B By fire hast Thou tried us even as silver is tried by fire. [Ps. 65: 11]
 A We went through fire and water, and Thou didst bring us out into refreshment. [Ps. 65: 12]
 B Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous. [Ps. 31: 11]
 A For the Lord is in the generation of the righteous. [Ps. 13: 5]
 B And their inheritance shall be for ever. [Ps. 36: 18]
 A The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them. [Ps. 33: 18]
 B A light hath dawned forth for the righteous man, and gladness for the upright of heart. [Ps. 96: 11]
 A In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be. [Ps. 111: 6]
 B In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous; He hath wrought all His desires in them. [Ps. 15: 3]
 A Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel. [Ps. 67: 36]
 B The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied. [Ps. 91: 13]
 A The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. [Ps. 63: 11]
 B And all the upright in heart shall be praised. [Ps. 63: 11]

Glory..., Now & ever... Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to Thee, O God. *Thrice*
After the Polyeleos, this sessional hymn, in Tone IV—

With a blade the accursed godless ones cut off thy precious head, O glorious Alexander; but we, the faithful, kiss it with love. *Twice*
Glory..., Now & ever...: Theotokion—

Thou art an invincible rampart for us Christians, O Virgin Theotokos; for fleeing to thee we remain unharmed; and though we sin again, yet do we have thee as an advocate. Wherefore, we cry out to thee in thanksgiving: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace! The Lord is with thee!

Song of Ascents, the first antiphon of Tone IV.
Prokimenon, in Tone IV—

The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.

Stichos: They that are planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God they shall blossom forth.

“Let every breath praise the Lord.”

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, §63

The Lord said: “There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. And I say unto you, My friends: Be not afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, who after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you: Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: Ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you: Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he

who denieth Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him who blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven. And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.”

After Psalm 50, this sticheron, in Tone VI—

Today the whole world is enlightened with the shining rays of thee, the passion-bearer, O Alexander, and the Church of Christ, adorned with flowers, crieth out to thee: O favorite of Christ, fervent helper, never cease to pray for thy servants!

Canon of Supplication to the Theotokos [the Paraclesis], with 6 troparia, including the irmos; and that of the saint, with 8 troparia, in Tone II—

Ode I

Irmos: Come, ye people, let us chant a hymn to Christ God, Who divided the sea and guided the people whom He had led forth from the bondage of Egypt, for He hath been glorified.

Enlightened with the radiant brilliance of the Spirit, dispel the dark clouds of my soul, that, rejoicing, I may hymn thy luminous and honored memory, O all-valiant martyr of Christ.

Joining chorus for the memorial of the athlete Alexander, let us sing praise today unto God Who gave him the strength to destroy the might of the foe.

Suffering lawfully, to the Benefactor thou didst bring thyself as a gift, a sacred oblation, a goodly sacrifice, a fragrant offering, O greatly suffering martyr.

Theotokion: The all-divine Word, Who in His goodness desired to become incarnate of thy womb, O pure Virgin Mother, saveth the whole of me.

Katavasie: I will open my mouth...

Ode III

Irmos: Establishing me upon the rock of faith, Thou hast enlarged my mouth against mine enemies, for my spirit doth exult when I chant: There is none holy as our God, and none righteous save Thee, O Lord!

Having set thyself upon the rock of the immaculate Faith through godly virtues, O blessed one, thou wast shown to be a beauteous and comely temple, wherein the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit dwelt.

Fulfilling the divine law, O all-praised martyr Alexander, giving noetic bread in abundance to those who hunger for Truth and righteousness, thou didst instruct them in divine piety, and didst show thyself to be a mediator of salvation for them.

Undespondent in prison, thou wast accounted worthy to receive communion of the divine Mysteries; and having spurned the falsehood of the tyrant, thou didst cast down the ungodly persecutor.

Theotokion: O Virgin who tasted not of wedlock, through whom the Word, Who is understood to be above every principality, shone forth upon us: save thy flock, and every city and land, from all evil circumstances, O divinely joyous one.

Sessional hymn, in Tone I—

Thou wast shown to be the sweet fragrance of the fiery Spirit, O Alexander, gladdening our hearts with thy suffering, O adornment of the martyrs and beauty of the

faithful; wherefore, celebrating thy most holy memory today, we who honor thee with love are all sanctified. *Twice*

Glory..., Now & ever...: Theotokion—

Through the divine Spirit thou didst conceive in thy womb the Creator, God and Fashioner of all, O pure one, and thou gavest birth to Him without corruption. Glorifying Him, we hymn thee, O Virgin, as the palace of the King of all and the defense of the world.

Ode IV

Irmos: I hymn Thee, O Lord, for I heard report of Thee, and I was afraid; for Thou comest to me, seeking me who have strayed. Wherefore, I glorify Thy great condescension toward me, O greatly Merciful One.

Confessing the Savior, God and Lord Who shone forth from the Virgin, O glorious Alexander, by thy patience thou didst humble the arrogance of the tormenters in the midst of the tribunal, and didst denounce their apostasy from God.

In no way daunted by threats and blasphemies, O thou of valiant mind, thou didst amaze the angels who beheld thy patience; and having destroyed incorporeal foes therewith, thou wast shown to be a victorious martyr.

Full of divine dew, with valiant mind thou didst pass through a furnace of noetic trials, O wise Alexander, wherein, in nowise consumed, thou wast seen rejoicing with the angels, O blessed one.

Theotokion: The great and awesome mystery of thy birthgiving doth amaze every intelligence, O pure one; for in His goodness God willed to become man, unto the salvation and upbuilding of the world.

Ode V

Irmos: O Christ my Savior, enlightenment of those who lie in darkness and salvation of the despairing: rising early unto Thee, O King of the world, may I be enlightened by Thy radiance, for I know none other God than Thee.

Thou didst bring thyself to Christ, O glorious Alexander, mightily denouncing the godless wickedness of the tyrant, and thou didst hasten in gladness to the light of the Faith.

Thy pangs poured forth myrrh of sweet savor, O martyr Alexander, dispelling all the stench of ungodliness, and ever perfuming the Holy Church of Christ that doth manifestly bless thee with faith and love.

As the accursed tormenters beheld thee enduring tortures without weakening and praying unceasingly, they were filled with dread, unable to withstand the grace of the Spirit in any way.

Theotokion: Pray for us, O all-pure, all-blessed one, unto Him Who became incarnate of thee, that we who ever confess thee to be the Theotokos be delivered from all enemies, visible and invisible, O most immaculate one.

Ode VI

Irmos: From the belly of the sea monster, Jonah cried out to the Lord: Lead me up from the abyss of hell, I pray, that with a spirit of truth and in a voice of praise I may sacrifice to Thee, as to my Deliverer!

By the cutting off of thy head and the shedding of thy blood thou didst drown hordes of the demons, O valiant warrior, and as an excellent victor thou didst hasten to God, wearing thy wreath.

"Were strength not given me from on high," the right victorious Alexander cried to the tyrant, "how would I, who am flesh, be able to endure the cutting off of my head?"

In hoping to weaken thy strength and overcome thee by the blandishments of a hierarch, O martyr, the tyrant imagined he could prevail over the help of heaven.

Theotokion: The laws of nature are renewed in thee, O Ever-virgin; for in manner transcending nature thou gavest birth most gloriously to God Emmanuel, Who is unapproachable in His nature, unto the rebirth of us, the faithful.

Kontakion, in Tone IV—

Having received thy love for Christ from thy mother, and been raised in the fear of God by the step-mother who loved thee, O all-glorious one, to Him thou didst hasten with all thy being, O most honored Alexander, and with the angels thou prayest to Him with fervor. Beg remission of sins for all who honor thy memory.

Ikos: In hymns let us praise the martyr Alexander, great among the passion-bearers, the helper of the lands of Russia and Germany; and with divine hymns let us crown his most precious head; for therewith he destroyed the darkness of the falsehood of godlessness and deadened the activity of the demons. Wherefore, having endured labors with mighty resolve and grace, he now prayeth to Christ that we be saved.

Ode VII

Irmos: When the golden image was worshiped on the plain of Dura, Thy three youths spurned the ungodly command, and, cast into the midst of the fire, bedewed, they sang: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

When thy head was cut off, thou didst crush the head of idolatry; and paying no heed to the lies of the tormenters, thou didst pass over to the mansions of heaven, having been pleasing to Christ God.

Delighting in the sweetness of divine understanding that falleth from the lips of the apostles and the fathers, in letters thou didst instruct thy kinsmen in the Truth of Christ.

Steered by the hand of Christ in piety, thou didst sail across the deep of atheism, O Alexander, and didst hasten to the tranquil haven of heavenly radiance, O athlete.

Theotokion: The sacred prophets manifestly announced beforehand the mystery of thine honored birthgiving, O pure one; and, looking upon its fulfillment from afar, we now piously bless thee.

Ode VIII

Irmos: God, Who descended into the fiery furnace for the Hebrew children and transformed the flame into dew, hymn ye as Lord, O ye works, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Seeing thee unvanquished and strengthened by the divine Mysteries, O thou of valiant mind, the mindless tormenter decided to give thee over to beheading; yet naught could separate thee from the love of Christ.

Despising things that are fleeting and corruptible, thou wast vouchsafed to behold incorruptible things, O all-praised martyr Alexander. Wherefore, deliver from temptations and misfortunes those who call upon thee.

Thy tormenters feared the light of day and executed thee at nightfall. But thy head shone forth like a fragrant rose and hath illumined all who have recourse to it with love.

Theotokion: O Theotokos, intercessor and boast of Christians, deliver us from all need and misfortune, that we may hymn thee, the all-immaculate one, for all ages.

Ode IX

Irmos: O ye faithful, with hymns let us magnify in oneness of mind the Word of God, Who from God came in His ineffable wisdom to renew Adam who had grievously fallen into corruption through eating, and Who became ineffably incarnate of the holy Virgin for our sake.

That thou mightest be counted worthy of future glory and the ineffable beauty of Christ, the Judge of the contest, thou dost incline thy neck and accept the cutting off of thy head; and thou fillest with joy the divine ranks of the martyrs.

O right laudable Alexander, thy right laudable memorial hath dawned for those who desire it like myrrh of sweet aroma, filling with sweet savor the hearts of the faithful. By thy supplications fill with divine fragrance us who celebrate it.

The city of Orenburg boasteth in thy swaddling-bands, O valiant athlete of the Lord, and the city of Munich is adorned with thy sufferings, possessing thy much-suffering body as true riches, a wellspring of healings and the washing away of infirmities.

Theotokion: We all cry out to thee the cry of the angel, O Virgin, thou palace and throne of God: Rejoice, thou through whom we have been vouchsafed the kingdom of heaven, though of old we mindlessly destroyed our primal beauty and were cast out because of our corruption.

Exapostilarion—

With hymns let us crown the valiant martyr Alexander, for he denounced the vain-minded falsehood of the enemy, and having endured trials and the severing of his head for Christ, hath been counted worthy of ineffable glory. *Twice*

Glory..., Now & ever...: Theotokion—

Rejoice, palace of God! Rejoice, mountain overshadowed! Rejoice, bush unburnt! Rejoice, throne of glory!! Rejoice, divine table! Rejoice, jar all of gold! Rejoice, fiery lamp-stand! Rejoice, light cloud, O Mary, Virgin Mother!

On the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone II—

Having stained thy body with torrents of blood, thou didst safely travel the path of torment; and when thy head was cut off, thou didst destroy the heads of the demons, O athlete Alexander; wherefore, girded about with divine strength, thou didst shatter the machinations of the enemy. Entreat Christ God in our behalf, that our souls be saved.

Twice

Come, ye faithful, let us hymn the triumph of the athlete Alexander today! For neither the sword, nor fire, nor any other torment, nor the most crafty pursuit of the enemy vanquished him, to whom we cry out with faith: Beseech Christ, O most glorious and valiant martyr, to grant us great mercy.

Enduring patiently in prison, thou didst entreat God in behalf of those close to thee, seeking freedom in Christ; and pondering the endurance of thy native land, and boasting in its faith and love, thou didst find consolation in the Mysteries of Christ, and didst depart into eternity, trusting in God alone.

Glory...: Idiomelon, in Tone VI—

Having studied the healing arts, ever mindful of love for God and neighbor, thou didst tread the path of suffering and enter into the courts of thy Lord; and as a brave

martyr thou hast received the grace to heal sufferings of the flesh and the soul. By thy supplications to God deliver from spiritual ailments those who hymn thee with love.

Now & ever...: Theotokion—

The recovery of the sorrowful and the release of the ailing art thou, O all-hymned Theotokos. Save thou this land and its right believing people, O pacification of those who do battle, calming of the tempest-tossed, who alone art the helper of the faithful.

Great Doxology. Troparia. Litanies. Dismissal. First Hour.

At Liturgy

On the Beatitudes, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III, and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the martyr.

Prokimenon, in Tone IV—

For Thy sake, O Lord, are we slain all the day long.

Stichos: We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS, §233

Brethren: Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia, in Tone IV—

Stichos: The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.

Stichos: They that are planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God they shall blossom forth.

Gospel according to John, §52

The Lord said to His disciples: "These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you: The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name's sake, because they know not Him Who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He who hateth Me hateth My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law: They hated Me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, Who proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken

unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.”

Communion verse—

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright.