

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of March**  
**Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia.**

**Evening Service**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 Stikhera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs...”***

**R**evealing thyself to be a most-sacred priest, /  
An unshakeable pillar and very foundation of the Church, /  
A true wonderworker given to us by God, O all-glorious one; /  
And as a bright and holy lamp, /  
Thou didst acquire Jesus, the Giver of Life /  
And [come to] the Tree of Life in the middle of Paradise, ///  
O hieromartyr Theodotus.

**B**eaten with the sinews of oxen, /  
Shut in prison, thy feet cruelly pierced with nails, /  
Stretched out upon a tree and flayed, /  
Then placed upon a fiery grill, /  
Thou revealed thyself untouched, O truly wondrous one, /  
Glorifying Him who gave thee strength to endure all things, ///  
O hieromartyr Theodotus.

**H**aving crushed the enemy with the force of thy struggles /  
Thou didst destroy his power through thy courage, O radiant one; /  
Coming to dwell in the kingdom with the victorious martyrs, on-high, /  
Thou didst attain enlightenment rejoicing with them, /  
Ever praying for the salvation of those who honor thee, ///  
O Theodotus, glory of martyrs.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Same Tone: *(and melody)***

**K**ep me from evil transgressions /  
That I be not condemned, O most holy bride of God, /  
And through thy prayers deliver my humble soul from death; /  
That I may receive justification on the Day of Judgment /  
Which the assembly of the saints have already gained, /  
And show me cleansed through my tears and repentance ///  
Before the end comes.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion: *(in the Same Tone and melody)***

## 2 MARCH: HIEROMARTYR THEODOTUS

Seeing Thee nailed to the Cross, O Lord, /  
The ewe-lamb, Thy Mother, cried out in amazement: /  
'What is this sight, O Most-desired Son? /  
What has the ungrateful assembly done to Thee /  
Having once delighted themselves in Thy many miracles? ///  
But I glorify Thy ineffable condescension, O Master!

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

### **General Troparion of a Martyr, in Tone 4: (None given in the Menaion)**

Thy holy martyr Theodotus, O Lord, /  
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God /  
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /  
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///  
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

### **Morning Service**

#### **The Canon of the Martyr**

*— incomplete as of 12/2013*

#### **The Kontakion of Saint Theodotus, in Tone 3:**

By exposing the seas of false belief /  
Thou didst capsize the godless pride of idolatry /  
Through the strength of the Orthodox faith, /  
Becoming thyself a burnt offering to the Lord /  
Showering thy miracles now upon the earth, /  
O holy hierarch, father Theodotus, ///  
Pray Christ God that He grant us great mercy.