

The 11th Day of April

Commemoration of Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum in Asia.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 4: *Special melody: “Thou hast given a sign...”*

O holy martyr Antípas, /
Thou wast a right-blessèd hierarch, /
A true pastor and unmovable pillar /
A foundation of piety and fountain of miracles /
An adornment of hierarchs and *bastion of* the Church /
Therefore we piously exalt thee with songs of praise ///
And *celebrate* thy memory.

Thou didst steer the ship of the Church /
As an excellent helmsman /
Sailing over the waves of temptations /
Under the firm rudder of thy words, /
Thus avoiding being drowned by the despicable lies of the enemy; /
Thou didst suffer greatly /
Yet thou didst overcome the evil one, /
And didst arrive at the calm haven ///
To Christ, whose sufferings *thou* didst emulate.

From thy relics, O Divinely inspired hierarch /
Flows a never ending stream of myrrh; /
As thou wast truly the sweet fragrance of Christ /
Dispelling the foul odor of the passions /
By thy longsuffering Passion. /
Therefore, we entreat thee, O martyr /
As thou hast acquired great boldness before the Master, ///
Remember us, who with faith honor thy [*holy*] memory.

Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 4:

Let thy boundless mercy, rain down upon me, O Lady /
And refresh my heart consumed with burning passions, /
As thou art merciful, O Maiden, /
And cause it to weep ceaseless tears of compunction /
That through them I might obtain consolation ///
As do all who earnestly entreat thee.

Or the Stavrotheotokion:

Behold Christ, Who loveth mankind, crucified, /
His side pierced by a spear, /
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /
'What is this, O my Son? /
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /
For all the good things that Thou hast done for them? /
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most Belovèd? ///
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service;

The Troparion to the saint, in one 4:

Like the Apostles in character, /
A successor on their throne, O Divinely-inspired One /
Through visions thou didst find thy work /
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///
O Hieromartyr Antípas, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Morning Service

[The Canon for the Martyr]

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The Kontakion to the saint, in Tone 4: *Special melody: "Having lifted up..."*

Thou art the adornment of hierarchs, O blessèd one /
And a worthy heir to the throne of the apostles; /
As a martyr thou hast glorified thyself, /
Shining brighter than the sun and enlightening all; /
Shattering the gloomy night of ungodliness. /
For this cause we honor thee, O holy Antípas ///
As a blessèd hieromartyr and bestower of healing to all.