

The 20th Day of October
Commemoration of Greatmartyr Artemius.

Evening Service

At “Lord I call...,” 6 stikhera, in Tone 4: Special melody “As one valiant among the martyrs....”

Offering up thy long-suffering body /
To execution through various tortures and cruel wounds, /
Not renouncing Christ by offering sacrifice to idols, /
O divinely-wise Artemius, /
Instead, thou didst suffer in expectation of future rewards ///
And of the immortal blessedness which lies ahead. (*Twice*)

Hung on a gibbet and broken by stoning, /
Flayed by hot irons and sliced with a sword, /
Through these thou didst remain steadfast in thy faith, /
And on the foundation of reason didst establish a way for thy soul. /
For the sake of this great victory /
Thou wast numbered among the angels and martyrs ///
And filled with the inexpressible light. (*Twice*)

The grace which flows forth from thy relics, /
Grants healing to those who love thee, Artemius, /
It drowns the many passions and illnesses, /
Driving away the forces of the evil demons; /
It quenches the thirst of all hearts that believe, /
Nourishing in them the divine fruit of the virtues, ///
And the knowledge of piety, O glorious one. (*Twice*)

Glory..., Tone 2: by Joseph the Studite

Let us honor Artemius the spiritual light of the faith, /
For he has exposed the evil ruler /
For which God hath adorned the Church with the royal blood his martyrdom /
And granted him the plentiful gift of healings, /
That he may heal the [diseases] and illnesses ///
Of all the faithful who venerate the shrine of his relics

Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 2:

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came. /
As the bush burned, yet was not consumed, /
So the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a virgin. /
The Sun of Righteousness has risen instead of a pillar of flame! ///
Instead of Moses, Christ the salvation of our souls!

Or this Stavrotheotokion: *Special melody “When from the tree....”*

When the pure ewe-lamb beheld her Lamb /
Of His own Will being led to the slaughter as a man /
She cried aloud, lamenting: /
O Christ, why dost Thou now hasten to make me childless, who gave birth to Thee? /
What is this that Thou art doing, O Deliverer of all? /
Still, I praise and glorify Thee Who hath extreme grace beyond all understanding ///
O Lover of mankind.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection Service.

The Apostikha from the Octoechos.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Having suffered under the law for Christ, O Artemius, /
And having cast down both a mortal King and the clever enemy /
Rightly didst thou receive from the Savior, Who suffered His own Passion, a
crown [as thy reward]. /
Now in heaven with the angelic ranks thou art rejoicing, /
Manifestly delighting in the brightness on-high /,
Communing abundantly with the first and Tri-hypostatic Light. /
Therefore, we the Orthodox people who revere the martyrs cry out to thee in song: /
Rejoice, O indestructible gemstone of the soul and strong armor of Christ, /
Rejoice, spoiler of the falsehood of idolatry and true champion of the Light, /
Beseech the Lord to receive us who are yet on the earth abiding in the love of God, ///
That we may stand before the throne of His majesty.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotkion: *Special melody “On the third day...”*

Beholding Thee crucified, O Christ /
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /
“What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///

Dost Thou die on the Tree?"

The General Troparion for the Saint, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Artemius, O Lord /

Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown 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

Two canons from the Octoechos (not including that for the Martyrs) and this one for the Saint with 6 troparia, in Tone 2, with the acrostic: “*Grant unto me thy rich bounty, O blessed one,*” the composition of Joseph.

incomplete as of 8/2013

After Ode 3, the Sedalen, in Tone 8: Special melody “*Of the Wisdom....*”
not translated as of 8/2013

After Ode 6, the Kontakion for the Saint, Tone 2: Special melody “*The steadfast....*”

Having gathered together, /

Rightly, let us sing our praises to Artemius, /

The greatest among the martyrs /

And giver of rich miracles, /

For as a devout and crowned martyr, he laid hold of the enemy, /

Vanquishing him with victories. ///

Therefore he now prays to the Lord for us all.

Exapostilarion (for the Saint):

As thou standest before the Holy Trinity and are illumined richly with its brilliance, O Artemeus, from heaven thou watchest over those who honor thee with love, O glorious Greatmartyr, and as thou art a most excellent soldier of Christ, help us fight against hostile enemies, O bearer of victory, the with divine weapons of the Cross-bearing King.

Glory..., (also for the Saint):

With light shining mystically from thine heart, O passion-bearer Artemius, thou didst courageously endure the cruelest tortures. For this, thou didst receive the grace of healing from on-High, to heal all illnesses and diseases.

Now and ever..., Theotokion:

The Light which eternally shines forth from the Father before the ages, has now, in time, shone forth from thee, O Virgin, and hath come forth for the salvation of the world. Cease not beseeching Him for the [sake of us all].

The Apostikha from the Octoechos.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Today all the inhabited earth /
Is illumined by the rays of the bearer of victory, /
And the Church of God, adorned with bright colors, /
Cries out to thee, O Artemius: /
O great favorite of Christ /
And our most-fervent intercessor, ///
Cease not to pray for us thy servants.

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Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 troparia: 4 from the Octoechos, and 4 from Ode 3 of the canon to the Martyr.

Prokeimenon, in Tone 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him. **Verse:** Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee!

The Epistle: (292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10

The Alleluia, in Tone 7: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. **Verse:** They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

The Gospel: (52) John 15:17-16:2

Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.