

The 15th Day of April

Apostles of the 70, Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 Stikhera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs....”*

O most-wise ones, by words of divine reason /
You delivered the senseless people, /
And brought to them the saving word /
Of Him Who shone from the unbegotten Father, O apostles. ///
Beseech Him to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Let us praise, as true preachers of Christ, /
Pudens and Aristarchus, with divine Trophimus, /
For by the warmth of divine grace, they resolved the winter of deception, /
Now they abide in the never-setting radiance, /
Having received the reward of their labors, ///
Deified by ineffable communion.

O glorious ones, following after Paul the glorious disciple, /
You raised up your sufferings: /
By being shut in prisons and made subject to torturing, /
And beheaded at the end by a sword. ///
Beseech Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 1:

Woe is me! What shall I do? /
My mind and soul and body are defiled by my transgressions! /
What shall I do? How shall I avoid the unbearable flames /
And the eternal and unbreakable chains? /
Yet, before the end, O all-immaculate one, ///
Beseech thy Son to grant me remission [of my sins].

Or the Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)

When the unblemished Virgin beheld upon the tree, /
Him Whom she bore in her womb without seed, /
Not able to endure her maternal pain, she tore her hair and cried:
“How art Thou, Who by a gesture, upholdest all creation, /
Raised upon the Cross as one condemned, ///
In Thine absolute desire to save mankind?”

No Troparion of the Saints is given in the Menaion.

Morning Service

The Canon of the Saints

... incomplete as of 2/2014

The Kontakion of the Saints, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

Today the honored feast of the apostles, /
Hath shone forth and enlightened us, /
Dispelling the darkness of sins /
Of all those who cry: ///
The Light hath appeared and our Deliverance hath come!

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