

## The 28<sup>th</sup> Day of July

### Commemoration of the Holy Apostles and Deacons of the Seventy: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas.

And the Appearance of the Smolensk (Hodegitria) Icon of our Lady, the Mother of God, whose service is provided separately.

#### Evening Service

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 1: *Special melody: “The heavenly ranks...”***

**By** divine election you were chosen to serve the requests of the saints, /  
Being filled with divine wisdom, enlightenment, and grace; /  
Now you abide in the heavens ///  
Ceaselessly rejoicing with the angels.

**Being** revealed by the grace of the Spirit /  
To be bright candles to the world, /  
You shone brightly with the radiance of understanding /  
Scattering the fog of evil ///  
And now you abide with the never-setting light, O Apostles.

**Let** us praise the most-sacred Nicanor and Prochorus /  
And together with them let us honor Timon and Parmenas, /  
For they fulfilled the commandments of the Word /  
And gave their riches away to the poor ///  
And are the most fervent intercessors before our God.

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

**I** am laid low and lie in the filth of my vices, /  
Yet I crawl to thy peaceful refuge, O Virgin! /  
Deliver me from the storms of passion and from every temptation /  
That I may ever sing ///  
The praises of thy grace, O Birthgiver of God and Ever-virgin Mother

*Or the Stavrotheotokion:*

**When** she beheld the Lamb lifted up upon the Cross, /  
The most pure Virgin cried out lamenting: /  
O my Sweet Child /  
What is this new and all-glorious wonder? /  
How is it that Thou Who holdest all things in the hollow of Thy hand, ///  
Art nailed to the Tree in the flesh?

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a resurrection service.*

**The General Troparion to the Apostles, in Tone 3:**

**O** Holy Apostles, /  
Intercede with our merciful God, /  
That He may grant to our souls ///  
The forgiveness of our sins.

**Morning Service**

**The Canon, in Tone 4**

*The Acrostic of which is: "I sing of the mystical sun". The composition of Joseph  
incomplete as of 6/10/13*

**The Kontakion , in Tone 1:**

**O** ye honorable deacons /  
And eye-witnesses of the Word /  
Ye chosen receptacles of the Faith: /  
Glorious Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas /  
We honor today your holy memory ///  
And we bless you with joyful hearts!