

**THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF THE MONTH OF MAY**  
**COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDRONICUS & THOSE WITH HIM**  
**AT VESPERS**

On "Lord, I have cried ...": these Stichera, in Tone VIII:

Spec. Mel.: "O most glorious wonder ...":

**A**s a servant of the Word, \* a glorious minister, \* and most radiant luminary of the whole world, \* O divinely blessed one, \* thou didst bring an end \* to the irrational corruption of ungodliness by thy word; \* wherefore, with divine words we joyfully glorify and celebrate \* thy holy memory, \*\* offering praise to the Almighty.

**T**he divine Apostle Paul, \* splendidly praising you all with divine laudations, \* setting forth your valor before the faithful, \* speaking first of all to show that ye \* are divinely wise disciples of the Word of God \* and His true kinsmen, \* O glorious Junia \* and blessed Andronicus, \*\* ye favorites of God.

**I**llumining the whole earth \* with sacred preaching, \* ye dispelled the gloom of vainglory \* and have directed to the light of divine knowledge \* those who from of old were sunk in the darkness of ungodliness, \* O divine apostles, \* ye guides to salvation \* and intercessors for all \*\* who ever honor you with faith.

Glory ..., Now & ever ..., from the Pentecostarion.

Troparion, in Tone III:

**O** holy apostles, \* entreat the merciful God, \* that He grant forgiveness of sins \*\* unto our souls.

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## AT MATINS

Canon of the apostle, the acrostic whereof is: "I offer praise to the wise Andronicus",  
the composition of Joseph, in Tone VIII:

### ODE I

**Irmos:** Let us sing unto the Lord, \* who led His people through the Red Sea: \*  
for He alone hath gloriously been glorified.

**T**he honored Church offereth praise to God on the day of thy most holy memorial, O blessed one, glorifying thy struggles with faith.

**T**hou didst direct all the movements of thy mind to the desire of God, O sacred Andronicus, rejoicing in the fulfillment thereof.

**O** divinely wise Andronicus, thou hast received from God the divine grace to cleanse away ailments and expel evil spirits.

**Theotokion:** **O** Virgin, by thy mediation and grace rain down upon me deliverance from all sins and the correction of my life.

### ODE III

**Irmos:** There is none as holy as the Lord, \* and none as righteous as our God,  
\* Whom the whole of creation hymns: \* There is none more righteous than  
Thee, O Lord.

**H**aving mortified thy members with ascetic feats, thou wast deemed worthy to behold those who live the life of Christ our God, Who bear flesh upon the earth, O Apostle Andronicus.

**F**illed with the fiery inspiration of the divine Spirit, O all-praised Apostle Andronicus, thou didst embrace His fervor with thy pure thought and didst burn up the thorns of delusion.

**T**he sound of thy words and the power of thy miracles have gone throughout the ends of the world, O disciple of the Lord, teaching the faithful the divine grace of the Spirit.

**Theotokion:** **T**here is none most pure other than thee, O Sovereign Lady, and none more immaculate than thee, O all-immaculate one; for thou alone wast the spacious dwelling-place of the God of all.

Kontakion of the saints, in Tone II:

Spec. Mel.: "Seeking the highest ...":

**L**et us praise Andronicus, the apostle of Christ, \* the most radiant star who hath illumined the nations \* with the light of divine knowledge, \* and with him the most wise Junia, \* who shone forth in piety; \* and let us cry aloud: \*\* Entreat Christ God without ceasing on behalf Of our souls!

Sedalion of the apostle, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: "Go thou quickly before ...":

**A**s one radiant, the divine Andronicus illumined men's hearts with the light of divine knowledge, and passed over to the Lord; wherefore, even after his end he poureth forth healings upon those who approach his honored temple with faith, for he asketh great mercy for all the faithful.

Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Sedalion from the  
Pentecostarion, or this Theotokion, in the same tone & melody:

**B**y thy divine birthgiving, O pure one, \* thou hast renewed the mortal nature of those born on earth, \* which had become corrupt through the passions, \* raising up all from death to a life of incorruption. \* Wherefore, as is meet we all bless thee, \*\* O exceedingly glorious Virgin, as thou didst foretell.

**Stavrotheotokion:** **U**pon beholding Thee suspended upon the Cross, \* O Word of God, \* Thy most pure Mother exclaimed, lamenting maternally: \* "What is this new and strange wonder, O my Son? \* How is it that Thou, the Life of all, hast tasted death, \* desiring to bring life to mortals, \*\* in so far as Thou art compassionate?"

#### ODE IV

**Irmos:** **F**rom the overshadowed mountain, \* from the only Theotokos, \* the Prophet in divine vision \* foresaw Thy coming in the flesh, O Word, \* and with fear he glorified Thy power.

**P**aul greeted thee as a kinsman, proclaiming thy divine praises before the faithful, O divinely eloquent Andronicus, who dost lead to the Light those who praise thee.

**A**s a dwelling-place of the most holy Trinity, thou didst demolish the offensive temples, O most praised one, raising up churches for the salvation of our souls.

**S**trengthened by the might of God, O blessed Andronicus, thou wast able to remove the vessels of the mighty one and make a dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit.

**Theotokion:** **O** Virgin Theotokos, all of us, the faithful together, ever hymn thee as the steadfast and constant intercession and salvation of our souls.

#### ODE V

**Irmos:** **T**hou hast enlightened \* with the knowledge of God \* the ends of the universe \* that lay in the night of ignorance, \* do Thou also, O Lord, illumine me \* with the dawning of Thy love for mankind.

**A**ssembling with faith, O Andronicus, we honor thee with Paul, for thou wast his kinsman, and even more his disciple.

**L**et us honor the sacred apostles, the divine Junia and the God-bearing Andronicus, the radiant stars.

**I**n the midst of the Church the blessed Paul declared you to be excellent among the apostles, O blessed ones.

**Theotokion:** **O** most holy Maiden, in sacred images the choir of the prophets portrayed thee to be the Mother of the Lord.

### ODE VI

**Irmos:** **O** Thou that putteth on light as a garment \* grant me also a robe of light, \* **O All-merciful Christ, our God.**

**T**hy house poureth forth springs of healings upon those who have recourse to it, **O** apostle, washing away the infirmities of their souls.

**W**ith thy new teachings thou didst renew a multitude of the heathen who had been corrupted by ungodliness, **O** true friend of Jesus the incorrupt One.

**L**ike the sun thou didst pass over all the earth, **O** most wise Andronicus, proclaiming to the faithful the light of the three-Sunned Godhead.

**Theotokion:** **I**n thee were perceived the divine ways of the Master, Who impoverished Himself by assuming flesh, enriching the faithful, **O** thou who knewest not wedlock.

**Kontakion & Ikos from the Pentecostarion.**

### ODE VII

**Irmos:** **O** Thou who in the beginning founded the earth \* and by Thy word made the heavens firm, \* blessed art Thou throughout the ages, \* **O Lord God of our Fathers.**

**O** wise disciple of Christ, thou drivest grievous ailments and every pang from the souls and bodies of those who have recourse to thy house.

**T**hou turnest away the visitations of demons, cleansing mortals of cruel passions by thy compassion, **O** eye-witness of Christ; wherefore, we bless thee with faith.

**H**aving cast down the prating of the orators by the simplicity of thy teachings, **O** wise one, thou didst proclaim that God hath appeared in the flesh and dwelt with mortals in His goodness.

**Theotokion:** **O** Lord God of our fathers, Who didst make Thine abode within the Virgin's womb, and therein restored Adam: Blessed art Thou!

### ODE VIII

**Irmos:** **G**lorified in the holy mountain, \* the Lord revealed the mystery of the Ever-Virgin unto Moses \* in the flames of the burning bush: \* praise ye and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.

**H**aving seasoned with divine salt the hearts of mortals made foolish by evil decadence, **O** Andronicus, by thy teachings thou didst present them as saved to the Word Who poured Himself forth, **O** thrice-blessed one.

**T**o Him Who in His loving-kindness was sacrificed wast thou known as priest, sacrificer and sacrifice, **O** Andronicus, and hastening to Him, thou didst receive from Him a crown of incorruption and righteousness.

**T**hou wast revealed to be a divine preacher, a godly witness of the apostles, the destroyer of pernicious graven images, the enricher of the poor and a great inhabitant of Sion on high, O glorious and divinely wise Andronicus.

**Theotokion:** **I**n thine arms, as with tongs, O Virgin, thou hast borne Him Who poureth forth divine dew upon those who languish in the flame of delusion, and Who burneth up the passions of those who hymn His kingdom.

### ODE IX

**Irmos:** **T**he prophetic vision of the lawgiver on the mountain, \* in the fire of the burning bush, \* prefigured thy birthgiving O Ever-Virgin, \* the salvation of us the faithful, \* wherefore with never silent hymns we magnify thee.

**O** right blessed Andronicus, by thy life-bearing discourse thou hast given life to those slain before by the assaults of the demons, that thou mightest be shown to be a heir to the life of heaven.

**A**s a right fruitful branch of the true Vine, O most blessed and praised Andronicus, thou didst exude the wine of immortality and hast made glad the hearts of men.

**H**aving utterly consumed the tinder of polytheism like lightning, thou didst openly shed the light of divine knowledge upon those whose life lay in darkness; wherefore, we all glorify thee, O Andronicus.

**T**hy sacred memory, extending today unto the ends of the earth, doth illumine the hearts of those who in sanctity praise thee thereon, O right blessed Andronicus.

**Theotokion:** **O** pure and all-immaculate Virgin who hast given birth to the Light, ask for the enlightenment, forgiveness of sins and salvation of the souls who acknowledge thee to be the true Theotokos.

### AT LITURGY

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