

THE 6th DAY OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
COMMEMORATION OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS, PAUL THE
CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE
AT VESPERS

On "Lord, I have cried ..." , 6 Stichera, in Tone IV:

Spec. Mel.: "Thou hast given a sign ...":

The divinely eloquent Paul, * ordaineth thee, O all-blessed one, * as his namesake and emulator, * adorned with his character and piety * and his endurance of evil circumstances, * and aflame with his zeal, * O champion of Orthodoxy. * With him thou art now glorified ** in the mansions of heaven. (Twice)

With the strong cords of thy dogmas * thou didst strangle the ungodly Arius * and the impious Macedonius; * and with thy right discourse on doctrine * thou didst make multitudes of the Orthodox steadfast, * O hieromartyr and father. * Wherefore, accepting thy most radiant confession, * the Lover of mankind ** hath shown thee to share in His kingdom. (Twice)

With a splendid wreath of righteousness * hath Christ crowned thee, * O blessed hierarch * who finished thy race * and kept the Faith; * and He hath adorned thy confession, O right wondrous one. * Wherefore, having received a heavenly inheritance, * pray thou to the Savior ** on behalf of those who hymn thee. (Twice)

O all-blessed Paul, * namesake of confession, * as intercessor for those who fervently praise thee, * deliver us from all misfortune and every sin, * from the tempest of the passions and tyranny, * in that thou art an invincible martyr * and a right acceptable hierarch, O father; * for thou hast acquired boldness ** before Christ our God.

Glory ..., the composition of Germanus, in Tone I:

Arroyed in hierarchal vestments, O venerable father, thou didst emulate thy namesake Paul: having endured persecution and tribulations, in thy constant pangs thou didst put to shame the pernicious opinions of Arius; and having suffered for the beginningless and consubstantial Trinity, thou didst cast down the impious Macedonius, the opponent of the Spirit, and, having made the Orthodox Faith clear to all, thou dwellest with the immaterial angels. With them pray now, that our souls be saved.

Now & ever ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in Tone I:

Spec. Mel.: "O all-praised martyrs ...":

Stavrotheotokion: **U**pon beholding Thine unjust slaying, O Christ, * the Virgin, cried out to Thee, weeping: * "O my sweetest Child! * How is it that Thou diest unjustly? * How is it that Thee Who hast suspended the whole earth upon the waters * dost hang upon the Tree *? * Leave me not alone * who am Thy Mother and handmaiden, ** I pray, O greatly merciful Benefactor!"

At the Aposticha, the Stichera from the Oktoechos; and this Sticheron, in Tone I:

Verse: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, * and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

O venerable father Paul, invested with virtue by Christ God, strengthened by the Faith thou didst valiantly conquer every horde of demons and barbarians, establishing thy flock upon a rock, un-assailed by any heresy. Wherefore, joining chorus with the angels, pray thou to the Savior, that our souls be preserved in peace.

Glory ..., the composition of Byzantium, in Tone II:

Sailing the deep of fasting with the sail of abstinence, thou didst escape the tempest of passions, O venerable one. Wherefore, being the namesake of the divine Paul, thou didst endure persecution and tribulations, maltreated amid the blasphemies of the heretics. Wherefore, having cast down the opinions of Arius, and, vanquished the heresy of Nestorius, thou hast been revealed to be a zealot of the Church of Christ. Him do thou entreat, O blessed hierarch, that our souls be saved.

Now & ever ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion:

Spec. Mel.: "When from the Tree ...":

Stavrotheotokion: **W**hen the unblemished ewe-lamb beheld her Lamb * willingly led as a man to the slaughter, * she said, weeping: * "Dost Thou now hasten to leave me childless who gave Thee birth O Christ,? * What is this that Thou hast done, O Redeemer of all? * Even so I will hymn and glorify Thine extreme goodness, * which is beyond understanding and all telling, ** O Lover of mankind!"

Troparion, in Tone III:

Through thy confession of the divine Faith the Church hath shown thee to be another Paul, * a zealot among her priests; * and Abel crieth out to the Lord with thee, as doth the righteous blood of Zachariah. * O venerable father, entreat Christ God, ** that we be given great mercy.

AT MATINS

Both canons from the Oktoechos; and that of the saint, with 6 Troparia, the acrostic whereof is: "I most wisely hymn Paul, the teacher of the mysteries", the composition of Theophanes, in Tone IV:

ODE I

Irmos: I shall open my mouth, * and the Spirit will inspire it, * and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother: * I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast * and joyfully praising her wonders.

We proclaim thee, O Paul, to be the confirmation of the Faith, a teacher of the Church, an unshaken pillar of confession, a greatly luminous lamp of grace and the mouth of the fiery Spirit.

Paul the most great, the sun of the whole world, setteth thee forth as a mighty fire, like a second Paul mightily consuming heresies, and as a scythe cutting down ungodliness.

Thou didst contend lawfully, O divinely eloquent one, bearing the brunt of the divine battle of preaching; and as a faithful hierarch thou didst strangle like a wild beast with the cords of thy dogmas, the vain-minded Arius.

Theotokion: **C**ome ye, let us hymn the most pure Mary, who alone hath adorned the race of mankind, giving birth to God incarnate, and remaining an intact virgin.

ODE III

Irmos: **O** Theotokos, thou living and plentiful fount, * grant strength to those united in spiritual fellowship, * who sing hymns of praise to thee: * and in thy divine glory * grant unto them crowns of glory.

Adopted through divine grace, O Paul, thou didst not assume the nature of the only-begotten Son to be a created being, following the dogmas of the God-bearing Paul.

With thy mouth, heart and tongue thou didst preach the wisdom and power of God, the hypostatic Word, O divinely wise and venerable Paul, denouncing the impious Arius.

O all-wise one, thou didst preach God Who in essence is all-creating and omnipotent, through the righteous judgment of the transcendent authority of the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are deified.

Theotokion: **T**he Word of the beginningless Father Who is beyond any beginning, hath now received a beginning, incarnate, from thee, O pure one; and He hath come under time Who transcendeth all time.

Sedalion, in Tone III:

Holding fast to Orthodox dogma, thou didst reject ungodly words, O divinely wise Paul, putting Arius to shame; for thou didst preach the Son as one in essence with the Father, making the faithful steadfast. O venerable Father, entreat Christ God, that we be granted great mercy.

Glory ..., in Tone VIII: Spec. Mel.: "Of the Wisdom ...":

As the namesake and emulator of the chosen vessel, O father, thou didst endure tribulations and persecution for the Faith; and like him, thou didst also go to Rome, everywhere preaching that all the Hypostases of the Trinity receive equal adoration. Wherefore, having reached the end of thy course in Armenia, thou didst receive from the Lord a crown, as is meet, putting to shame Macedonius and the ungodly Arius. Therefore, entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Now & ever ..., Theotokion in Tone VIII:

All we, the generations of mankind, * call thee blessed, * in that thou art the Virgin who alone among women * hast given birth without seed unto God in the flesh; * for the fire of the Godhead made its abode within thee, * and thou didst feed the Creator and Lord * with milk as an infant. * Wherefore, we, the race of mankind and of angels, * glorify thy birthgiving, * and together we cry out to thee: * Entreat Christ God to grant forgiveness of sins ** unto those who with faith worship thy most holy Offspring.

Stavrotheotokion: Upon beholding the Lamb, Shepherd and Redeemer * upon the Cross, * the ewe-lamb exclaimed weeping, bitterly lamenting, and crying aloud: * "The world rejoiceth, having received deliverance through Thee, * but my womb doth burn, beholding Thy crucifixion, * which Thou hast endured in Thy merciful loving-kindness. * O long-suffering Lord, * Thou abyss and inexhaustible well-spring of mercy, * take pity, and grant forgiveness of sins ** unto those who hymn Thy divine sufferings with faith!"

ODE IV

Irmos: Perceiving the profound counsel of God, * that from the Virgin, * Thee the Most High will assume flesh, * the Prophet Habbakuk cried aloud: * Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

With His life-bearing right hand the Creator hath set upon thy head the crown of confession as a most precious honor, in that thou wast victorious, O divinely revealed and blessed Paul.

In that thou didst struggle beforehand for the sake of the dogmas of piety, O all-wise one, thou hast received rewards, having now attained unto the Tree of life, O divinely revealed, blessed and wondrous Paul.

As a splendid struggler and champion of the truth, O most honored Paul, thou hast been deemed worthy to join chorus in the land of heaven, where the feet of the meek dance.

Theotokion: Desiring to save humanity, O Savior, as the Son, visibly consubstantial with the Father, thou became incarnate from the Virgin in a form consubstantial with us.

ODE V

Irmos: All creation stands in awe of thy divine glory; * for thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, * didst contain within thy womb Him Who is the God of all; * and giving birth to the timeless Son, * thou grantest peace unto all who hymn thee.

Thou didst bring the pasturage and corruption of heresy to an end, O divinely wise father, applying a most excellent remedy: thy splendid confession of Orthodox dogmas, which is pure beyond understanding, and by thy divine zeal.

The grace of the Holy Spirit was poured forth in abundance through thy lips, O all-blessed one, truly finding thee to be a mighty and most excellent champion of Orthodoxy for the faithful. Wherefore, thou hast illumined the councils of the godly.

Thou didst smite the blasphemy of Arius and Macedonius with the sling of thy divinely inspired dogmas and doctrines, O Paul, as David did the Philistine, and, having first strangled them, thou didst utterly cast them down.

Theotokion: The timeless and beginningless Word hath now come under time, receiving animate and rational flesh from thee, O pure Virgin who knewest not wedlock, granting peace to all who hymn thee.

ODE VI

Irmos: I have reached the depths of the sea * and the tempest of my many sins hath engulfed me; * but do Thou raise up my life from the abyss * O Greatly-merciful One.

Arius, who uttered blasphemy against the highest and belittled the Son and Word of God as a creature, hath been damned, anathematized by thee, O divinely wise one.

The mindless, foolish and ungodly Macedonius, who rejected the Spirit of God, O father, hath been cast down by thy mighty opposition, O divinely manifest one.

The creeping serpent who raised up a horde of heresies is slain by thy vivifying words, O all-blessed hierarch of God, most sacred and divinely eloquent one.

Theotokion: O Virgin Mother of God, we hymn thy birth giving and undefiled purity, which transcend nature; for in thee virginity and an incorrupt birthgiving wondrously meet.

Kontakion, in Tone II: Spec. Mel.: "Seeking the highest ...":

O Paul, who shone forth upon the earth * like a star of heavenly splendor, * thou dost now enlighten the universal Church for which thou didst suffer, * laying down thy life. ** And like that of Zachariah and Abel thy blood crieth out to the Lord.

Ikos: Thou didst receive thy name from on high, and thy birth from the earth below, O Paul; and ripe as a comely garden, thou didst blossom forth like a garden in fasting, perfuming all with the sweet scent of the labor of thy manifold struggles, thy sweat, imprisonment, starvation, thirst and all thy tribulations. Therein thou didst successfully pass on, adorned with a wreath of victory, for thy blood crieth out to the Lord.

ODE VII

Irmos: **The holy children bravely trampled upon the threatening fire, * refusing to worship created things in place of the Creator, * and they sang in joy: * ‘Blessed art Thou and praised above all, * O Lord God of our Fathers.’**

Thou hast passed over to the tabernacles of heaven, O divinely wise and venerable one, and, drawing nigh unto God, deified by communion with Him, thou hast become divine, chanting: O all-hymned Lord and God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Made wise by thy words, O all-praised Paul, we learn to worship the indivisible and inseparable Godhead in three Suns, and to the Trinity do we chant: O all-hymned Lord and God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Having purified thy most sacred, divine and God-pleasing confession like gold, with gladness thou didst offer thyself to God as a right acceptable sacrifice, O venerable one, emulating the suffering of our Savior.

Theotokion: **T**hou hast been shown to be the only mediatrix of divine deliverance for all mankind, having given birth to the Redeemer of all, O all-immaculate one. To Him do we all chant: O all-hymned Lord and God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

ODE VIII

Irmos: **The Offspring of the Theotokos * saved the holy children in the furnace. * He who was then prefigured hath since been born on earth, * and he gathers all creation to sing: * O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.**

Springs of thy dogmas gush forth watering the whole Church, O father; and with thy precious blood thou hast hallowed all who follow thee in the Orthodox Faith and cry aloud: Hymn the Lord and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

Having thrust aside the threefold waves of life thou hast now anchored in the calm harbor; for thou didst have the Lord; Who createth all things with His hand, as thy helmsman, steering the passage, O all-praised Paul, Him do we supremely exalt throughout all ages.

Dwelling within thee, the thrice radiant light of the supremely divine Trinity hath shown thee to be a secondary luminary illumining the council of the Orthodox and darkening the horde of the heretics, O father, who dost chant: Hymn the Lord and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

Theotokion: **F**ollowing the words of the prophets, O Virgin, we proclaim thee to be the Theotokos; for thou hast given birth to the Child named Emmanuel, Who is more ancient than all things. To Him do we now cry aloud: Hymn the Lord, ye works, and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

ODE IX

Irmos: Let every mortal born on earth, * radiant with light, in spirit leap for joy; * and let the host of the angelic powers * celebrate and honor the holy feast of the Mother of God, * and let them cry: Rejoice! * Pure and blessed Ever-Virgin, * who hast given birth to God.

My whole self do I offer to thy godly protection, O divinely eloquent one, for, having received from Christ, as a hieromartyr, the authority to loose transgressions, save me by thy supplications and illumine me with the divine light, cutting away the bonds of mine offenses.

Thou hast been revealed to be a new Paul aflame with zeal, O most excellent father Paul, in that thou hast now heard ineffable words in paradise; for thou dost share his character, having shared also his name, and hast received a most magnificent crown in the kingdom of Christ.

Thou hast been revealed to be a temple denouncing every heresy, and a godly champion of Orthodoxy, O all-glorious hieromartyr Paul, manifestly illumined with rays of grace and filled with the light of the uncreated Trinity.

Theotokion: Clad in flesh He received from thee, O all-immaculate one, the Word dwelt, incarnate, in the world, in that He is compassionate; and suffering no diminution, in that before He was incorporeal, with His divine power He cast down the one who from of old hath tormented all.

Exapostilarion: Spec. Mel.: "By the Spirit in the holy place ...":

Aflame with the zeal of thine ardent heart, thou wast revealed to be a spiritual champion of grace, mowing down the assemblies of the heretics with the sword of thy words, O holy hierarch; and, having finished thy race, thou hast earned a place with the multitude of the martyrs.

Theotokion: Thou wast a most immaculate Bride and a most honored temple of an ineffable pregnancy, O Theotokos; for the pre-eternal Light made His abode within thee, and thou didst give birth to the Word of God. Hymning thy birthgiving, O all-immaculate Maiden, we magnify thee as is meet.

Aposticha Stichera from the Oktoechos; and Glory ..., in Tone VII:

Thou didst penetrate to the depths of the Spirit, living on earth like one of the incorporeal ones; and from thence thou didst draw forth a wealth of divine knowledge and hast enriched men by thine Orthodox teachings, O venerable father.

Now & ever ..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in Tone VII:

The ewe-lamb, the Virgin, seeing her Lamb stretched out upon the Tree between two thieves, cried aloud: "Woe is me, my sweet Child! What is this strange and most glorious mystery that I see? How hath the iniquitous assembly nailed Thee to the Cross and given Thee vinegar to drink, Who hast fed men with manna?"

AT LITURGY

On the Beatitudes: 8 Troparia: 4 from the Oktoechos, and 4 from Ode III of the saint's canon.

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Prokeimenon, in Tone VII: The saints shall boast in glory, * and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

Verse: Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS, § 318, [HEB. 8: 3-6]

Brethren: every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Alleluia, in Tone II: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, §64 [LK. 12: 8-12]

The Lord said: Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven. And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Communion Verse: In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings.