

February 1

Preparation for Hypapanty; Holy Martyr Tryphon

(5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Preparation (Tone 4)

6. The holy Church is preparing to receive the Lord as an infant. He comes with His graces to bring joy mystically to the God-loving assemblies of the faithful, who lift up their voices and proclaim, "You are my glory, my praise, the crown of my fulfillment, O Word! For my sake, You have become a little Child in the flesh!"
5. The bright bridal-chamber, the most precious tabernacle, the holy temple more spacious than the heavens is bringing the Lord into the interior of the Temple. She gives Him to the holy Church as a Bridegroom, interceding that those who rightly glorify her as the Theotokos may be delivered from death and danger.
4. O holy Elder Simeon, come to the Temple to behold Christ, whose consolation you awaited. Receive Him into your arms and say to the Savior, "Now You shall dismiss Your servant." Summon the holy prophetess, that with her, you may glorify the Benefactor who has wondrously become a little child in the flesh.

For Tryphon (Tone 1)

3. O blessed martyr Tryphon, you truly enjoy the pure delights of Heaven forever, for you fought the good fight as a witness to the truth. Entreat Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.

2. O blessed martyr Tryphon, you have become radiant in the rays of the eternal Light. You shattered the shadows of error and, by grace, overthrew the dark princes of this world. Entreat Christ to grant our souls peace and great mercy.
1. O blessed martyr Tryphon, you are worthy to share the happiness of the angels and their joy: for you renounced all the pleasures of life. In the strength of your spirit, you counted them all as nothing. With courage, you bore witness to the end. Intercede now for our souls.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 2)

Renouncing the things below, O blessed Tryphon, you courageously set forth for the arena. In your bloody struggle as a martyr, you skillfully overcame the proud one and received the crown of victory. Never cease to entreat Christ our God, O victorious martyr, for the salvation of our souls.

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatikon (Tone 3)

Today Simeon receives in his arms the Lord of Glory, whom Moses once saw in shadows when he received the tablets of the Law on Mount Sinai. It is He who spoke through the prophets and is the Author of the Law. It is He whom David announced, who is awesome to all, yet rich in mercy and love.

“O Joyful Light...” Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.

APOSTICHA (*Tone 2*)

1. The Light of Triple Radiance which has dawned from the Virgin, ineffably enlightens the whole universe with the rays of His radiant divinity.

All: Now You shall dismiss Your servant Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word in peace.

2. Since the disobedience of Adam, mankind was weakened by the fall. Christ raised us up when, without undergoing change, He was born of the Virgin and became a Child.

All: A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

3. Fulfilling the Law contained in the Scripture, the Lord and Author of the Law is now carried by the Virgin Mary into the temple of the Law as a divine new-born Child.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatikon (*Tone 2*)

The holy Virgin brings the sacred Child to the holy man in the holy place. Stretching out his arms, Simeon receives Him with joy and cries aloud, "Now You shall dismiss Your servant, O Master, according to Your word in peace, O Lord."

TROPARION OF TRYPHON (*Tone 4*)

Your martyr, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from You, O our God, on account of his struggle. Armed with Your strength he has vanquished his persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through his supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

OR TROPARION OF TRYPHON (*Tone 4*)

From infancy you sought the joy which never fails, yet you endured torments for love of Christ our God. Wondrous was the fight you fought, O holy martyr Tryphon. Now that you have received the power to work miracles, deliver from all danger and distress those who call you blessed.

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

TROPARION OF THE PREPARATION (*Tone 1*)

The hosts of Angels look down from the balconies of Heaven to behold upon earth the First-Fruits of all creation carried to the temple, a suckling babe in the arms of a Mother all-pure. Together with us, they sing with joy a hymn in preparation for the feast.