

May 30

Commemoration of Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Monastery of Dalmatus (5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Resurrection (Tone 8)

6. O Lord, You made Your Apostles shine with the splendor of the Paraclete. You set them as stars shining the spiritual light of the knowledge of God upon the world. Thus, we fall prostrate before Your surpassing goodness.
5. Lord, surrounding Your sheepfold with the prayers of Your divine Apostles, you keep it in peace from the attacks of Enemies. Having redeemed it at the price of Your blood, You have set it free from the bondage of the Enemy, O Savior, in the compassion of Your heart.
4. O blessed Apostles, who stand before the Trinity and intercede for our souls, you are like precious jewels set in the crown of the Church of Christ. By your radiance, you give light to the universe which shines with the knowledge of God through you.

For Isaac (Tone 4)

3. Asceticism was the javelin you used to wound the enemy, and you triumphed over hosts of demons. Christ strengthened you, O blessed father Isaac, and granted you the reward as a conqueror. Entreat Him to drive away all harm and danger from the faithful who celebrate your venerable memory.

2. Having reached the heights of contemplation, O blessed Isaac, you were unmindful of all passing things here below, although you were still living in the flesh. Under the guidance of the Spirit, you lived the angelic life on earth. Thus you became a guide for monks, a rule and wondrous model in the faith.
1. Illumined by the holy graces of the Spirit, O divinely-inspired Isaac, you became a guiding beacon for the whole world. At your prayers, the shadows of passion, suffering and evil are driven away, for you save from all danger and illness the faithful who celebrate your blessed memory.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

All-holy one, you reassure me by your tireless prayer before the Lord and your constant protection. Silence my temptations, calm the storm of my passions, comfort my afflicted heart. O Virgin, I entreat you to fill my spirit with your grace that I may rightly glorify you.

"O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.

APOSTICHA (*Tone 8*)

1. O Lord, the Apostles loved You sincerely above all things on earth; they counted all things as ashes and waste in order to possess You as their only Treasure. For Your sake, they handed over their bodies to torment. Thus glorified in Heaven, they intercede for our souls.

All: To You I have lifted up my eyes, to You who live in heaven. Behold: the eyes of the servants are turned to the hands of their masters, and the eyes of the maid-servants to the hands of their mistresses; thus do our eyes watch the Lord our God until He takes pity on us.

2. O Lord, You have glorified the memory of Your divine Apostles on earth. Now as we all gather together in their memory, we glorify You, for You grant us healing through their prayers. At their intercession, the world receives peace and great mercy.

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have been filled with shame: our soul has been filled to overflowing. May scorn befall detractors, and humiliation come to the proud.

3. All praise and glory to the holy martyrs: they bowed their heads to the sword for the sake of You who bowed the heavens and came down. They emptied out their blood for the sake of You who emptied Yourself and took the form of a servant. Imitating Your poverty, they humbled themselves to death. At their prayers, O Lord, have mercy on us in Your great compassion.

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

Theotokion

Those who were judged worthy to see God incarnate in the flesh proclaimed you to be a Bride and Virgin worthy of the Father and His Divinity, the Mother of the divine Word and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit, O holy one, filled with grace and the fullness of the Divinity!

TROPARION OF ISAAC (*Tone 8*)

Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighings made your labor fruitful a hundredfold. You became a star shining over the world with miracles, holy father Isaac. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

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

THEOTOKION OF THURSDAY (*Tone 8*)

O Pure Theotokos, Gate of Spiritual Life, save from dangers those who run to you with confidence to glorify your holy birth-giving for the salvation of our souls.

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TROPARION OF ISAAC (*Tone 3*)

You are indeed a model of temperance, a support for the Church, O Isaac, splendor of the Fathers! Having made your life radiant through the virtues, you strengthened the expression of the Orthodox Faith. O venerable father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

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

THEOTOKION OF THURSDAY (*Tone 3*)

The prophets foretold, the apostles taught, the martyrs professed and we have believed that you are indeed the Theotokos. Wherefore we exalt your inexpressible birth-giving.