

June 13

**Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Aquilina
and of our Holy Father Triphyllios,
Bishop of Leucosia on Cyprus
(5th Class)**

VESPERS

Stichera for the Apostles (Tone 2)

6. O Apostles of God, you were seen to be heralds of the Word who appeared on earth. You revealed His salvation to all. You gathered all the nations to lead them to the Faith as you destroyed the strongholds of error. Thus you have rightly received the honors and crowns of victory, O blessed ones!
5. Truly the multitude of Angels in the heights of Heaven celebrated and rejoiced as they saw the divine Apostles boldly and firmly proclaiming the incarnation of the Lord as they said: "Behold, this is our God, who existed before all ages! He has willed to take flesh and become one of us, He who shares the same throne as the Father and the same glory with the Holy Spirit!"
4. O fishermen of the whole world, hasten to free my soul which has been captured by the hook and lures of the enemy. Save me from the danger which I am experiencing in my despair. Grant me strength to bear worthy fruits of repentance, O divine Apostles, that escaping the fires of Gehenna, I may be judged worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

For Aquilina (Tone 4)

3. We celebrate your radiant memorial, O martyr victorious in combat, virginal bride made resplendent by the Holy Spirit. With faith, we bow before your holy reliquary, drawing from it healing for our sufferings. We rightly glorify you, O Aquilina, all-worthy of acclamations.
2. Smitten with love for your Creator, you imitated His sufferings in your flesh, enduring a strong storm of torments. You live forever in Heaven, bearing the unfading crown in never-ceasing glory. O Aquilina, you contemplate the One whom the choirs of angels behold in joy.
1. As a dowry, O venerable one, you brought your Bridegroom the shreds of your mistreated body. Thus you were worthy of His radiant bridal chamber, and the Most High made you shine with the light of His divine glory. You stand before Him with joy; intercede for us who celebrate your memory with faith.
- 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

Divine Bride, Mary, with the streams of your love, wash away the mire from my heart, dry up the sea of my sins, and grant that I might repent, incorrigible as I am. In you who gave birth to the harbor of mercy, I place all my hope, O all-spotless Virgin.

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

APOSTICHA *(Tone 2)*

1. O Savior, You exalted the names of Your chief Apostles throughout the whole world: they were instructed in the

ineffable mysteries of heaven; they became a source of healing for those on earth; their shadow alone was enough to heal the sick. The first wonderworker was once a fisherman; the second, who explained the divine mysteries of grace, was chosen from the Jews. At their prayers, O compassionate God, grant us Your great mercy.

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. Assailed unjustly on every side, we take refuge in You, O God of truth, and call out to You with the words of Your Disciples: "Save us, O Lord, for we are perishing!" We entreat You to show our enemies that You protect Your people and save them from all danger. At the prayers of Your Apostles, pardon the multitude of our sins in Your great goodness: O Lord and Master, glory to You!

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. Great is the glory which you acquired through your faith. You not only overcame the enemy in your sufferings, but you still cast out devils and heal the sick, O physicians of souls and bodies. O holy martyrs, intercede with God that He have mercy on our souls.

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

Gracious Virgin, who protect those who in faith flee under your powerful arm, we have none other to plead for us before God but you in time of adversity and tribulation. We sinners stoop down under the weight of our sins. Mother of God, the Most High, we bend our knees to you and beseech you: deliver your servants from all kinds of trouble.

TROPARION OF AQUILINA (*Tone 4*)

Your ewe lamb, O Jesus, cries out to You in a loud voice: "O my Bridegroom, I long for You and I struggle in my quest for You. I am crucified with You and buried with You in Your Baptism. I suffer for Your sake in order to reign with You; I die for You in order to live with You." Accept her as an immaculate victim, since she is immolated for Your love. Through her intercession, O Merciful One, save our souls.

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

TROPARION OF TRIPHILLIOS (*Tone 4*)

Sharer in the Apostles' way of life and successor on their thrones, inspired by God, you found ascetical effort as the means to contemplation. And so, dispensing rightly the word of truth, you fought for the faith unto the shedding of your blood, O hieromartyr Triphyllios, intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

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

THEOTOKION OF THURSDAY (*Tone 4*)

O Virgin Theotokos, we acknowledge that the Word of the Father, Christ our God, was incarnate of you, the only pure one, the only blessed one. Wherefore we sing to you a hymn of praise and we exalt you.