

July 18

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Emilian

(5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Apostles (Tone 7)

6. The voice of the holy Apostles has gone forth to the limits of the whole inhabited world. O Lord, glory to You!
5. You are truly the fragrance of the Word of God, O blessed Apostles: pour out upon me the fragrance of the Spirit.
4. You are citizens of the heavenly homeland: teach me to think heavenly thoughts and to speak words in keeping with the will of God.

For Emilian (Tone 4)

3. O Lord, You robed Your martyr Emilian with invincible power from on high. You gave him strength to bear valiantly for Your sake the torments inflicted by the Enemy, and to receive the crown merited by his martyrdom. At his intercession, send down upon us the remission of our sins, O all-powerful Lord and Savior of our souls.
2. Having put on the armor of the Cross, enkindled by zeal for You, O Lord, Your martyr set fire to the temples of the false gods. Having defeated the forces of the demon, the illustrious Emilian received from You the Kingdom of Heaven as the recompense for his victory. There he intercedes for our salvation.

1. For Your Church, You have made the martyr Emilian a shining star, a chosen soldier, forever illumining the whole earth by his mystic deeds, scattering the darkness caused by godlessness. Receiving the light which he brings from You, we sing to You, O all-powerful Lord and Savior of 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

Wash the stain from my poor heart, O Theotokos all-worthy of our praise; purify the wounds and sores caused by sin. Strengthen my wavering spirit, that in my wretchedness, I, your unworthy servant, may magnify your powerful and sovereign protection.

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

APOSTICHA (*Tone 7*)

1. O wondrous Apostles, pillars of the Church, heralds of the truth and beacons of light: you consumed all the stubble of error in the fire of the Spirit, enlightening the whole human race. Entreat the Savior, our God, to grant peace to the world and to save 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 Apostles of Christ, laborers of the Savior, you took up the Cross on your shoulders like a plough. You cleansed the barren earth of the weeds of error and idolatry and sowed it with the word of Faith. Thus, as is right, we venerate you, O holy Apostles of Christ our God.

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. O martyrs worthy of all praise, you were living sacrifices, spiritual holocausts, offerings acceptable to Christ our God. Though the earth may not have covered you in burial, the heavens received you. You have become fellow-citizens with the Angels. Join with them in interceding with the Savior to grant peace to the world and to save 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

O Theotokos, deliver us from our inveterate sins, for we the faithful have no hope but in you and in God who was born of you.

TROPARION OF EMILIAN (*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.



- 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 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.