

September 19

**Sixth day of the Holy Cross;
Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs
Trophimos, Sabbatios and Dorymedes**
(5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Cross (Tone 8)

6. O new wonder! The life-giving Tree, the holy Cross, is lifted up on high before us today. All the ends of the earth glorify it; all the demons stand in terror; all mankind gives thanks for this great gift! Through it, O Christ, save our souls in Your unique love for mankind.
5. O new wonder! Today the Cross, carrying the Most High as a rich cluster of grapes pouring forth life, is seen elevated on high above the earth. It is this Cross which lifts us up toward God; and by it death has been swallowed up totally. As we eat of this pure Tree, the food of immortality of Eden, we glorify the Savior!
4. O new wonder! The Cross reaches as high and as wide as the heavens, for its divine grace extends out to sanctify the entire creation, By it, pagan peoples are won and the scepters of Kings are made firm. It is a divine ladder permitting us to mount up to the heavens, exalting Christ God with our hymns.

For the martyrs (Tone 8)

3. Wishing to inherit the inexhaustible delights of Heaven, O holy martyr Trophimos, you drank deeply of the cup of bodily suffering. You passed from corruption to incorruption, adorned with the joy of a martyr. By your prayer, O blessed one, ask great mercy for us all.

2. The illustrious Sabbatios patiently endured countless punishments, and has now entered into the Sabbath rest of the joyful mansions of Heaven, having received the reward for his struggles in the midst of the countless hosts of angels. By his prayers, O Christ our God, grant great mercy to Your people.
1. Spurning the counsel of the wicked in order to walk in the law of his God, Dorymedes put his spirit on guard and resolutely set out to the trials of his torments. Having received the deserved reward of a victor, he reigns now with Christ forever, interceding ceaselessly for us all.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Stavro-Theotokion

O Lord, today we see the fulfillment of the oracle of Moses, who said "Behold, you shall see your life hang before your eyes!" Today the Cross is exalted and the world is set free from error. Today the Church is renewed in the Resurrection of Christ, and the ends of the earth rejoice greatly. With cymbals, like David, they offer You their song of praise and say, "O God, You brought about salvation in the midst of the earth through the Cross and Resurrection by which You have saved us, O You who are good and love mankind. O all-powerful Lord, glory to You!

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

APOSTICHA (*Tone 6*)

1. Let us worship at the place where the feet of Christ rested; and let us exalt His thrice-blessed Cross, upon which the blood of the Lord was poured out to cause the divine Resurrection to flow over the world.

All: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

2. Mortifying the passions of both body and spirit, O faithful, let us hasten to rise from the earth to heavenly rest, crucifying ourselves along with our Master in the exaltation of His Cross.

All: The Lord is King from of old, and He has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

3. From the divine side of the Savior flowed forth a spring with streams of life which water the souls of believers as they worship His Passion, His Cross and His holy Resurrection.

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

Stavro-Theotokion

Today, O Christ our God, the four ends of the earth are sanctified by the four extremities of Your elevated Cross. With it is lifted up the hope of the Christian faithful, who by it have broken the power of the enemy. Great are You, O Lord, and wonderful are Your works! Glory to You!

TROPARION OF THE MARTYRS (*Tone 4*)

Your martyrs, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from You, O our God, on account of their struggle. Armed with Your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through their 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.

TROPARION OF THE CROSS (*Tone 1*)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to our country over its enemies; and preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross.