

October 10

Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs

Eulampios and Eulampia

(5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Apostles (Tone 3)

6. At the prayers of Your divine Apostles, O Lover of Mankind, the only compassionate One, grant peace to Your people and save from all danger the faithful who sing to You and bow down in worship before You.
5. O eye-witnesses of God, deliver me from the arrows of the evil one. Sprinkle the refreshing dew of the Spirit upon my soul which is melting away under the scorching heat of sin, O divine Apostles who fill me with your blessings.
4. Your divine voice has truly gone forth over the whole world; and it has brought light to the nations that lay in darkness. O divine Apostles of the Lord, you have offered as incense to God those who have come to acknowledge Him.

For the Martyrs (Tone 4)

3. Your brilliant memorial has dawned more brightly than the sun upon the faithful, enlightening the creation with divine radiance, O blessed martyr Eulampios, and driving away night, the darkness of the devil and the passions. Thus we call you blessed and celebrate you each year as a light for the world and fervent intercessor.
2. You were torn by iron instruments, burned by torches, locked away in prison, hung from a gibbet, handed over as prey to wild beasts. Yet, by the grace of God, you were not broken, O blessed martyr Eulampios, but were

granted the magnificent crown of conquerors. Thus we joyfully celebrate your sacred memory.

1. The cunning serpent, who became a murderer for Eve and had her expelled from Paradise long ago, has been crushed by you, O Eulampia, through the love which consumed you for the King of All, and your patient endurance of bodily torments. Thus you have been united to our God in a divine communion. You intercede before Him on behalf of all the faithful acclaiming you.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon

The brotherly and sisterly love, the similarity in name, the purity of their life, all strengthened the vigor of their faith. What value does the whole world hold when God is the beloved? O wonder! The serpent was put to death, and he who blasphemed in Heaven has fallen down to Hades through Eulampios, the holy martyr, and his sister Eulampia. In their honor, let us sing spiritual canticles and say to them: "In Christ, you ran the race to a good end. Ask peace for the world and great mercy for our souls!"

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

Theotokion

Hail, O you who bore, made rise, and resembled the never-setting Sun - the Sun which no mind can comprehend! Hail, O you whose soul shines with divine lights, a splendor of lights illumining the whole world from one end to the other, the gilded dove, all-beauteous, spotless, who have made the never-setting Light shine for the faithful!

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

APOSTICHA (*Tone 3*)

1. Your voice has gone forth over the whole world, O holy Apostles. You brought an end to idolatry and proclaimed the knowledge of the one true God. You fought the good fight, O blessed ones, and we sing and glorify your memory.

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 holy Apostles, you kept the commandments of Christ faultlessly. Freely have you received, and freely have you given, for you heal the passions of our souls and bodies. By the confidence which you have in the presence of God, intercede on our behalf for the salvation of our souls.

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. Sustained by faith and strengthened by hope, Your martyrs were united in spirit by love for Your Cross. They vanquished the tyranny of the enemy. Having received the crown of immortality, they now intercede for our souls together with the bodiless Angels.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (*Tone 4*)

The brother and sister, Eulampios and Eulampia, both enlightened by the radiance of the divine Trinity, triumphed over the cruelty of the tyrants. Trampling the furnace underfoot, they sing with one voice, "Behold how good it is, how pleasant, for brothers to dwell in unity!" Looking to divine glory, they merited the glory

of Heaven, where they ceaselessly intercede for us before Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls!

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

Theotokion

I fall under the blows of the demons. They push me to the abyss of perdition. O Lady, show me your compassion, making me firm on the rock of the virtues, and scatter the plots of my enemies, that I may carry out the precepts of your Son and our God, and thus find remission on the day of judgment.

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.

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.