

November 14

Commemoration of the Holy and Illustrious

Apostle Philip

(4th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for Philip (Tone 6)

6. Having made action the stairway to perfect contemplation, O blessed Philip, and contemplation the object of action for love of God, you asked Christ to show you the ineffable glory of the Father. Indeed, every being endowed with reason longs for the manifestation of God. O glorious Apostle, you immediately found the object of your desire when you accepted the Son as the Image of the Father. By the confidence you have before Him, pray to Him for our souls.
5. Having made action the stairway... *(Repeat)*
4. Ceaselessly using divine ascents, as Moses once did, you longed to see our God. You saw Him clearly as you received the Image resembling Him: for to know the Son is to know the Father, whose manifestation He is. We know that They are of the same Essence, for They have shown Themselves to be identical in everything: Kingship, power and glory; and we prostrate ourselves before Them.
3. Ceaselessly using divine ascents... *(Repeat)*
2. You were the instrument played by divine inspiration under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Singing the divine Gospel of the Savior in this world, your words of fire consumed all error like chaff and dry wood. O holy Apostle Philip, you preached Christ as Lord and Master of all to the whole world.
1. You were the instrument played... *(Repeat)*

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

Doxastikon (Tone 6)

Illumined by the radiance of the great Light, O Philip, you shone as a lamp for the world. Having sought the Father of Lights in the Son, you have found Him, for in His Light, we see Light. He is the true Image, showing by His likeness the true model. O holy Apostle, entreat Him to save those who were marked by the divine seal of His blood.

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

Theotokion

Who would not call you blessed? Who would not sing a hymn of praise to the glory of your giving birth without pain or travail, O Virgin most holy? The Only-begotten Son Himself, begotten of the Father before all ages, was made flesh out of you in a manner that cannot be explained, O Woman most pure! And for our sake, He who is God by nature assumed the nature of man. He is not divided into two persons; He is understood to have two natures without commixtion or confusion. O noble and blessed Woman, intercede with Him that He may have mercy on our souls.

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

READINGS

1) 1 Peter (1:17-21)

Beloved: Now if you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in

the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

2) *1 Peter (3:8-9)*

Beloved: all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

3) *1 Peter (4:1-2)*

Beloved: since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, for whoever suffers in the flesh has broken with sin, so as not to spend what remains of one's life in the flesh on human desires, but on the will of God.

LETE (*Tone 4*)

With divine grace as a net, O wondrous Philip, you fished up mortals from the sea of vain illusions. In this you obeyed the command of the Master who filled your soul with light and made of you an Apostle, O blessed one, a sacred preacher of His inaccessible Divinity.

The Light of the Spirit came upon you in the form of fire, making you a divine instrument, O blessed Apostle Philip, to drive away the darkness of godlessness as you filled the world with the light of your wise words. O eye-witness of Christ.

The radiance of your teaching brought light to those who lay in the darkness of error, O illustrious Apostle Philip. By faith you made them children of the Master, our God, whose suffering and death you imitated, and whose glory you inherited as a true disciple and preacher of His Divinity.

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

(Tone 3)

O fisherman of Galilee, you have become a fisher of men! In your mystical net, you drew up all those held captive in the depths of error, O Apostle Philip, and brought them to Christ, your Master. We entreat you to intercede ceaselessly before Him for the faithful who celebrate your memory.

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

O Theotokos, protectress of those who entreat you, you grant us courage and boldness; in you we place all our hope. Intercede with your Son on behalf of your unworthy servants.

APOSTICHA *(Tone 8)*

1. O wondrous marvel! Once a catcher of fish, the Apostle Philip becomes a fisher of men by divine election. With the net of his words, he has caught the nations, pulling up the world by the hook of the Cross. What a wondrous catch is presented to Christ by His divine servant, whose sacred memory we celebrate today!

All: Their voice has gone forth over the whole world, and their words to the limits of the universe.

2. O wondrous marvel! Sent by God as a sheep among wolves, the Apostle Philip has gone forth without fear. By Faith, he has made lambs of the wild beasts. He has transformed the world by the intervention of God. Ineffable is the power which is manifested in works through Faith. By his prayers, save our souls, O only compassionate One.

All: The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of His hands.

3. O wondrous marvel! The Apostle Philip has appeared in the world as a fountain, offering life to those who drink of his wisdom. From him arise streams of teachings; and miracles are the waters we drink, amazing wonders which manifest the worker whose memory we celebrate

today in faith.

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

Doxastikon (Tone 2)

Having renounced the things below, you set out to follow Christ. Consecrated by the breath of the Holy Spirit, you were sent by Him to those who were lost, to convert the nations to the light of knowledge of God. Having fought the good fight for love of God, you surrendered your soul to Him in the midst of countless torments. O blessed Apostle Philip, entreat Him to grant our souls great mercy.

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

Theotokion

All my hope I place in you, O Theotokos, keep me under the wings of your protection.

TROPARION OF PHILIP *(Tone 3)*

O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God that He may grant our souls the forgiveness of sins.

OR TROPARION OF PHILIP *(Tone 3)*

The whole world keeps feast, and the Church exults with joy for she was enlightened by you. Crowned with gladness, she radiantly celebrates your blessed memory, O holy Apostle Philip. You taught all to follow Christ, you ran the race of the Gospel to a fitting end. We lift up our hands with confidence to God. Entreat Him 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.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION *(Tone 3)*

We praise you, O Virgin Theotokos, mediatrix of our salvation; for your Son, our God, who suffered on the Cross in the flesh which was taken from you, redeemed us from corruption; for He is the Lover of Mankind.