

June 19

Commemoration of the Holy Apostle Jude, the Brother of the Lord

(4th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for Jude (Tone 1)

6. O blessed Apostle Jude, you were a disciple of Christ our God, the Word made flesh. He sent you as a sheep among wolves to change by your words their impiety into faith and knowledge of the Trinity. Wherefore, we acclaim you.
5. Apostle worthy of admiration, you were sent forth like an arrow to strike and bring down the hordes of demons. For those who had been wounded, you brought about healing through the grace of our God. Intercede with Him that He may grant our souls peace and great mercy.
4. Divinely-inspired Apostle Jude, you were a ray of that Sun which dawned from the Virgin: you illumined the hearts of believers and scattered the shadows covering the creation. Intercede with God that He may grant our souls peace and great mercy.
3. Glorious Apostle Jude, your message has gone forth like light to the very limits of the universe, leading all from the dark error of godlessness to the never-setting Sun. As you shine in glory now, ask great mercy for our souls.

2. Apostle worthy of admiration, as a true chariot of Christ, you trampled down the arrogance of the false gods. By the Word of God, you led those who had been their captives to the freedom of the incorruptible life. As you rejoice there now, ask peace and great mercy for our souls.
1. Jude, blessed Apostle, you were a disciple of Christ our God, the Word made flesh. He sent you as a sheep among wolves to change by your words their impiety into faith and knowledge of the Trinity. Wherefore, we acclaim you.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 6)

Your brethren praise you, O Apostle Jude, as the brother of the Word who shone forth from the Father before all ages and who took flesh from the Virgin in a wondrous manner in these latter days. O holy Apostle, never cease to implore Him to grant peace to the world, and remission of sins and great mercy to us who honor you.

- 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.

APOSTICHA (*Tone 4*)

1. Holy Apostle, you received invincible power over the demons and were able to drive out the Prince of Darkness in the name of Christ. Like the sun, you traveled throughout the whole world, giving light and instructing every land, O wondrous Jude, as you preached the first Coming of the Savior.

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

2. Imitating the Most High God, the life led by our God in the flesh, O apostle Jude, you were truly good by your communion with your Master. Filled with the grace of God, you were seen to be a chosen disciple of Christ by the excellence of your life and the purity of your spirit.

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

3. Having become an instrument harmoniously played by the divine action of the Spirit, O holy Jude, you were directed to call the nations to the knowledge of Christ and to transform the whole world by your words and deeds. You enlightened it so that it could profess the true divinity of Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

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

Doxastikon (*Tone 2*)

Zealous for God, O apostle Jude, worthy of all praise, you burned with love for God Most High, who granted you the gift of working wondrous miracles. By your unequalled fervor, O blessed one, you were united to the true Life. You live above the heavenly choirs, O apostle and eye-witness of God: entreat Christ, the Word of God, to grant us great mercy!

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

Theotokion

O wondrous event exceeding every miracle that ever happened! Who ever heard that a mother could conceive without a man, and that she would hold in her arms the One who contains the whole universe? This was the will of the One who was born of you. O Woman most pure, never cease to intercede for us who honor you, together with the One you carried in your arms as a Child. You have the power of a Mother: therefore, intercede with Him that He may have mercy on us and save our souls.

TROPARION OF JUDE (*Tone 1*)

O holy Jude, we offer you a hymn of praise, seeing that you are a kinsman of the Lord, a courageous martyr triumphant over error, and a keeper of the faith. Wherefore, celebrating your holy memory today, we obtain by your prayers the remission of our sins.

- 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 1*)

You have borne the fire of the Godhead without being burned; you have given birth to the Lord, the Source of Life, O Theotokos and Woman full of grace! Save those who exalt you.