

July 3

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Hyacinth and of our Father among the Saints, Anatolius, Archbishop of Constantinople

(5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Apostles (Tone 2)

6. O Apostles of God, you were seen to be heralds of the Word who appeared on earth. You revealed His salvation to all. You gathered all the nations to lead them to the Faith as you destroyed the strongholds of error. Thus you have rightly received the honors and crowns of victory, O blessed ones!
5. Truly the multitude of Angels in the heights of Heaven celebrated and rejoiced as they saw the divine Apostles boldly and firmly proclaiming the incarnation of the Lord as they said: "Behold, this is our God, who existed before all ages! He has willed to take flesh and become one of us, He who shares the same throne as the Father and the same glory with the Holy Spirit!"
4. O fishermen of the whole world, hasten to free my soul which has been captured by the hook and lures of the enemy. Save me from the danger which I am experiencing in my despair. Grant me strength to bear worthy fruits of repentance, O divine Apostles, that escaping the fires of Gehenna, I may be judged worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

For Hyacinth (Tone 8)

3. Illumined by the Holy Spirit, O Hyacinth, you were a sparkling jewel of the Kingdom of Christ, O athlete who courageously fought the good fight for the Faith. You defeated the pride of the godless and carried off the victory over them as a martyr. Thus we glorify you as an

invincible soldier. Intercede for the salvation of our souls.

2. Guided by the unfailing hand of Christ, O martyr Hyacinth, you steered past the waves of error and reached the spiritual harbor where you were filled with infinite peace and a never-fading glory. As you enjoy the delights of Heaven forever, intercede for the salvation of our souls.
1. You glorified the immortal God in your body, for you were put to death for His sake. But, He granted you a share in immortal gifts, glorifying you through wondrous miracles. Your reliquary lies open for all as a fountain which sanctifies believers. Intercede for the salvation 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

To whom can I compare you, O my poor soul? You refuse to repent, yet do not fear the fire as you persist in evil. Arise and call upon our only help; say to her: "O Virgin Mother, entreat your Son, our God, to save me from the snares of the evil one!"

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

APOSTICHA (*Tone 2*)

1. O Savior, You exalted the names of Your chief Apostles throughout the whole world: they were instructed in the ineffable mysteries of heaven; they became a source of healing for those on earth; their shadow alone was enough to heal the sick. The first wonderworker was once a fisherman; the second, who explained the divine mysteries of grace, was chosen from the Jews. At their prayers, O compassionate God, grant us Your great mercy.

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. Assailed unjustly on every side, we take refuge in You, O God of truth, and call out to You with the words of Your Disciples: "Save us, O Lord, for we are perishing!" We entreat You to show our enemies that You people and save them from all danger. At the protect Your Your Apostles, pardon the multitude of our sins in Your prayers of great goodness: O Lord and Master, glory to You!

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. Great is the glory which you acquired through your faith. You not only overcame the enemy in your sufferings, but devils and heal the sick, O physicians you still cast out of souls and bodies. O holy martyrs, intercede with God that He have mercy on 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

Gracious Virgin, who protect those who in faith flee under powerful arm, we have none other to plead for us your before God but you in time of adversity and tribulation. We sinners stoop down under the weight of our sins. Mother of God, the Most High, we bend our knees to you and beseech you: deliver your servants from all kinds of trouble.

TROPARION OF HYACINTH (*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,

TROPARION OF ANATOLIUS (*Tone 4*)

O father and hierarch Anatolius, the holiness of your life has set you before your flock as a rule of faith, an example of meekness and a teacher of self-restraint. Wherefore you acquired greatness through humility and spiritual wealth through poverty. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

- 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.