

November 2

Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs

Akindinos, Pagsios, Aptonios, Elpidophor and Anempodisios

(5th Class, 4th Tone, 10th Eothinon)

ORTHROS

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 4*) [Twice]

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the Resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the Apostles: "Death is despoiled! Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy!"

TROPARION OF THE MARTYRS (*Tone 2*)

O victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth fertilized by your blood, and holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls. You have vanquished the Enemy in the stadium and proclaimed Christ with courage. We beg you to intercede with Him who is all good, that He may save our souls.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION (*Tone 2*)

All your mysteries, O Theotokos, are beyond understanding and most glorious! Sealed by purity and preserved by virginity, you have indeed been acknowledged as the Mother who gave birth to the true God. Intercede with Him to save our souls!

SESSIONAL HYMNS (*Tone 4*)

Seeing the entrance to Your tomb, but unable to bear the brilliance of the radiant angel there, the holy myrrhbearing women were filled with fear and said: "Have they stolen Him who opened Paradise to the Thief? Before His Passion, He foretold His Resurrection. Has He now risen?" Indeed, Christ our God is truly risen, granting eternal life and resurrection to those in Hades!

v. Arise, O Lord my God; lift up Your mighty hand, and never forget Your poor.

You freely willed to suffer crucifixion, O God our Savior, and mortal men laid You in a new tomb, although You had created the whole world with a word. By Your life-giving Resurrection, cruel Death was captured and despoiled; and those held captive in Hades cried aloud: "Christ is risen and will reign now forever as the Giver of Life!"

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Joseph was filled with fear when he beheld the mystery that transcended nature. But when you conceived without seed, O Theotokos, he remembered the fleece covered with dew, the burning bush which was not consumed and the rod of Aaron which blossomed life. Your spouse and guardian bore witness to the priests and said: "A Virgin has given birth and has remained a virgin as before!"

HYPACOI (*Tone 4*)

The ointment-bearing women hastened to tell the disciples about the marvelous event of Your Resurrection, O Christ. You have risen in Your power as God, bestowing great mercy upon the world!

KONDAKION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 4*)

Being God, You delivered us from bondage, O Savior and Redeemer! You shattered the gates of Hades and rose on the third day: the Lord!

IKOS (*Tone 4*)

Having risen from the dead, Christ, the Giver of Life, came forth from the tomb on the third day. On that day, He shattered the gates of death. By His own power, He put Hades to death, broke the sting of death and granted freedom to Adam and Eve. Let all us mortals sing hymns of thanksgiving, praising Him ceaselessly: for He alone is almighty God, who rose on the third day: the Lord!

SYNAXARION

On November 2, we commemorate the passion of the holy martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphtonios, Elpidophor and Anempodisios.

On the second, Akindinos and two companions perished in the flames; as a victorious athlete, the martyr Aphtonios bent his neck under the sword, along with Elpidophor. O Master, save us!

By their holy prayers, O our God, have pity on us and save us. Amen.

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 2*)

~Simon Peter and Thomas, Nathaniel and the two sons of Zebedee and two other Disciples were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. When, having been directed by Christ, they cast their net to the right, they could hardly draw it in, so great was their catch of fish. Recognizing the Lord, Peter threw himself from the boat to go to Him. It was the

third time that He had appeared; and He showed them bread and fish upon the coals of the fire.

~O Virgin, entreat the Lord, risen from the tomb on the third day, on behalf of those who sing to your name, fervently calling you blessed. We have all found our refuge and salvation in you, our advocate with Him. We are your inheritance, the members of your household; and we all look to your fervent protection, O Theotokos.

PRAISES *Stichera of the Resurrection (Tone 4)*

8. You suffered death upon a Cross, and You have risen from the dead. O all-powerful Lord, we glorify Your holy Resurrection!
7. By Your Cross, O Christ, You have delivered us from the ancient sentence! By Your death, You have annihilated the devil who had tyrannized the human race. By Your Resurrection, You have filled the universe with joy. Thus, we sing aloud to You: "Lord who have risen from the dead, glory to You!"
6. By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior, lead us to Your truth and save us from the snares of the enemy! Risen from the dead, raise us up from our sins where we lie fallen; and at the prayers of Your Saints, O Lord, stretch out Your hand to us.
5. O only-begotten Son and Word of God, You never left Your Father's side when You came to earth and were made man without change for love of mankind; and in Your flesh You suffered the death of the Cross, O God our Savior who cannot suffer in Your divinity! But having risen from the dead, O all-powerful Lord, You have granted immortality to the human race.

Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. In Your flesh, O God our Savior, You accepted death in order to grant us the gift of immortal life! You willed to dwell in the tomb in order to free us from Hades and make us sharers in Your Resurrection. Suffering in Your flesh, You rose as God. For this reason we all sing to You: "O Giver of Life and Lover of Mankind, glory to You!"
3. When Your Cross was planted on Golgotha, the rocks were torn asunder; and Hades quaked when Your body was laid in the tomb; for You have trampled down the power of Death as You

granted immortality to the dead by Your Resurrection, O God our Savior! O Lord, Giver of Life, glory to You!

2. The holy women longed to see Your Resurrection, O Christ our God. Having arrived first, Mary Magdalene found the stone rolled away from the tomb and an angel seated there who asked: "Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? Being God, He has risen to save all creation!"
1. Where is Jesus whom you thought you were guarding? Tell us where He is, He whom you placed in the tomb, fastening seals upon the stone. Give us His body, O you who deny the Life! Either give us the One who was buried, or believe in the One who is risen! And if you remain silent, the very stones shall proclaim the Resurrection of the Lord, especially that stone which was rolled away from the door to the tomb. Great is Your mercy, O Lord! Great is the Mystery of Your divine Economy! O our Savior, glory to You!
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 6)

After Your descent into Hades and Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ, the Apostles were discouraged at losing You. They took up their work again, returning to their boats and nets, but they could catch no fish. Then, O Savior, You appeared as the Master of All. You told them to cast their nets to the right of the boats, and Your word immediately worked its effect. They hauled in an enormous amount of fish, then found a wondrous meal prepared for them on shore. On that day, Your Disciples shared Your meal with You; now make us worthy also, O Lord and Lover of Mankind, to eat and drink in spirit with You, sharing in that meal.

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

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