

The 18th Day of June

Holy Martyr Leontius.

Also, the Commemoration of the God's Love (Bogoliúbskaia) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos which is found immediately after this — incomplete as of 3/2017.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “What shall we call you thee?...”*

Whát shall we call thee, O glórious one? /
An offering from Greece, as thou didst haíl from there? /
The cleansing of Phœnicia, as thóu wast sácrificed there? /
A candle burning brightly amidst the dárkness? /
Valiant, in that thou remained invincible in thy súfferings? /
Far-reaching are thy fame and glory, O blessèd Leóntius. ///
Pray then, for the salvátion of our souls.

Whát shall we call thee, O passion-bearing mártyr? /
Soldier of Christ, for thou didst defeat His énemies? /
Ruler of the passions, for thou didst suffer for the sáke of píety? /
Feeder of the hungry, for thou didst love the neédy and the poor? /
Righteous, for thou wast a zealot of heavenly wísdom? /
Many were thy sufferings and great were thy struggles, O Leóntius. ///
Pray now, for the salvátion of our souls.

Whó shall not marvel at thee, O martyr Leóntius? /
For, as an inhabitant of heaven, thou didst receive from the fount of incorruption /
And now rivers of grace pour forth from thee upon the faithful /
For thou freely givest drink to those in thirst /
Communing them with the waters of grace. ///
Pray now, for the salvátion of our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 1:

O most-praised martyr Leóntius, /
Neither the flames, nor mutilations, nor the sword could separate thee from the
 Lóve of Christ /
For having súffered bravely at the hands of thy torméntors /
Thou didst destroy the offerings máde to ídols. /
Rejoicing nów in the mansions of heaven, O wise and victorious Leóntius, ///
Earnestly pray for the salvátion of our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion in the Same Tone: *To the*

melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”

Stánding before the Cross of thy Són and God, /
And beholding His long-súffering,
O pure Móther, thou didst cry out weéping: /
Woe is me, O my Chíld móst sweet! /
What are these thínings which Thou dost suffer unjústly, ///
O Word of God, that Thou mightest sáve mankind?'

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

At the Apostikha, the stikhera from the Octoechos, and then,

Glory..., in Tone 4:

Let the heavens brightly rejóice today /
And let the earth be glád in faith /
At the mémory of the martyr Leóntius, /
For on this day he was crowned not with a silent sácricice /
But with spiritual flowers — the wórds of praise. /
And standing now with us, thus adórned, /
He fervently serves the innocent óffering to the Lord, /
And prays that those who celebrate his mémory with faith ///
May attain to the courts of páradise.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the Same Tone: To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”

Beholding Christ, Who loveth mankind, crucified, /
His side pierced by a spear, /
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /
'What is this, O my Son? /
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /
For all the good things Thou hast done for them? /
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most Belovèd? ///
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!'

The Troparion of the martyr, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Leóntius, O Lord, /
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Theé, our God /
For having Thy strength he laid low his énemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of démons ///
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, sáve our souls.

18 JUNE: MARTYR LEONTIUS

Morning Service

The canon of the martyr,
the composition of John the monk, in Tone 1:

— *incomplete as of 3/2017*

The Kontakion of the martyr, in Tone 3: *To the melody, “Today the Virgin”*

Thou didst confound the tyrants’ wícked plans /
And denounce the pagan worship of the Héllenes. /
Thou didst illumine mankind with the knówledge of God /
By thy teachings of piety, O mártyr. /
Therefore, we lovingly celebrate thy memory, O wíse Leóntius.

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