

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June

**The Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Agrippina of Rome;**

**And the commemoration of the Meeting of the Vladimir Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, which service follows after this. – *incomp. as of 2/2019.***

### Evening Service

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”***

**T**he city of Rome presents thee today /  
As a sweet-smelling and beautifully blossoming rose /  
Perfuming the thoughts of the faithful with the fragrance of the virtues /  
And dispelling the stench of the passions by grace, /  
O much suffering martyr Agrippina, /  
Thou adornment of the martyrs and confirmation of the Church, ///  
Boast of the virgins and sea of miracles.

**C**hrist our God hath given thee to Sicily /  
As a pearl of great price, O martyr of Rome . /  
There, by thy presence, O glorious one, /  
Multitudes of evil demons are driven away by thine intercessions. /  
Therefore, we call thee blessèd and celebrate today thy holy sufferings, ///  
O virgin martyr Agrippina.

**B**assa and Paula bore thee upon their shoulders /  
At the command of Him who bears all things, /  
Moving thee from place to place, making thy way across the sea /  
All the while working miracles through divine grace. /  
And coming to rest at the place God appointed for thee, ///  
Thou givest rest to all the heavy-laden who come to thee, O glorious Agrippina.

**Note:** *But if we sing “Alleluia” at the morning service instead of “God is the Lord,” then the following 3 stichera to the Theotokos are sung at the evening service, at “Lord I call,” before the above stichera of the saints, in the same tone and melody:*

**R**ejoice, thou divine radiance /  
Rejoice, thou throne of the never-setting Sun /  
Who shone forth with Its ineffable Light upon the world! /  
Rejoice, O divine perception, shimmering with knowledge divine, /  
Flashing with the lightning that enlightens the ends of the world! /  
Rejoice, thou good, all-pure and golden radiance, ///  
That shines the unwaning Light upon us the faithful.

**W**ash away the filth of the passions of my heart /  
O all-praised Theotokos /  
And cleanse all the wounds which come from my sins and their corruption, /  
O pure one; /  
Set in order my unstable mind /  
So that I who am condemned and am thy worthless servant ///  
May magnify thy power and great protection.

**O** all-pure Virgin Mother of God /  
Remove all weakness and despondency from my soul /  
And translate it to health and vigor /  
That I may fulfill the commandments of Christ with love and fear /  
Hoping to escape the unbearable flames of Gehenna ///  
And joyfully receive the heavenly portion of life eternal.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**T**ake pity upon me, O Lady, /  
For I am failing under the assaults of the demons /  
And am falling into the pit of destruction, /  
And establish me upon the rock of virtues; /  
And having overturned the designs of the enemy /  
Grant me to fulfill the commands of thy Son and our God, ///  
That on the Day of Judgment I may receive remission of my sins.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**B**eholding 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 Beloved? ///  
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!'

*Or, on Friday or Saturday evening the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week.*

**The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

**O** Jesus, Thy lamb Agrippina /  
Cries out to Thee with great love: /  
“O my Bridegroom, I long for Thee in pain, /

23 JUNE: HOLY MARTYR AGRIPPINA

I am crucified with Thee, and in baptism buried with Thee; /  
I suffer for Thy sake in order to reign with Thee, /  
I die for Thee in order to live in Thee. /  
Accept me as a spotless victim /  
Since I am put to death because of my love for Thee.” ///  
Through her prayers, O Merciful One, save our souls.

**Morning Service**

**The Canon of the Martyr, in Tone 6:**

having the acrostic: “*I praise Agrippina the Bride of Christ,*”  
— *incomplete as of 2/2019*

**The Kontakion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “When the women disciples...”*

**T**oday the church celebrates thy bright and glorious accomplishments /  
And joyously cries out to thee: ///  
Rejoice, O most-honored Agrippina, thou virgin martyr.

RLE 2/10/2019 SDA  
UPDATED 11/15/2020 SDA