

The 10th Day of October

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the foot of the Cross of the Lord.

Evening Service

At “Lord I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder...”*

O all-praised martyr Longinus /
Thou didst dye for thyself a royal robe of salvation /
With the crimson streams of thine own blood; /
And by thy sufferings and martyrdom /
Thou didst lay bare him who traps with many snares. /
Now thou dwellest in the [heavenly] kingdom /
Wearing the unfading crown of victory, ///
And we honor thy glorious memory.

O all-praised martyr Longinus, /
Thou didst behold the Son of God
Suffering of His own good will upon the Cross and tasting death, /
And when the sun darkened its own light and the mountains trembled, /
Thou didst cry out to [the transgressing people] exclaiming: ///
Truly this is the Son of God and the Lord and King of all!

Thy head was severed from thy body /
By a sword wielded by an assembly of [wicked men] /
Who discarded it as garbage upon a rotting heap /
There to be found by a blind woman, /
Who touched it and received her sight. /
O most blessèd and all-laudable Longinus, ///
Pray to the Lord that we may be saved.

Glory..., in Tone 6: *(by John the Monk)*

When the veil of the Temple was rent at Thy Passion, O Christ, /
The Centurion Longinus proclaimed to all /
That Thou art the [truly the] Son of God. /
Then the faithless people with a sword, cut off his head /
And threw it on a rotting heap of dung /
But the blind woman found it and opened her eyes. /
Together with her let us cry aloud to Thee: /

O Lord, who hast crowned [Longinus] who witnessed for Thee, /
Illumine also the eyes of our hearts ///
That we may glorify Thee, O God, who wast nailed to the Cross to save us!

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or this Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)

Beholding her Lamb upon the Cross, /
The unblemished ewe-lamb, the immaculate Lady, /
Cried out in maternal amazement: /
‘What is this new and all-glorious wonder, /
O my Sweetest Child? /
How hath this ungrateful assembly betrayed Thee to Pilate, /
And condemn Thee to death, the Life of all? ///
Yet do I praise Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!’

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Apostikha from the Octoechos, and:

Glory..., in Tone 6: (by John the Monk)

Standing before the Cross and beholding the things which had come to pass, /
And beholding Him crucified on the Tree who is both God and man, /
Thou didst cry out to Him saying: /
Remember me [also] in Thy kingdom, O Lord! /
And the Savior answered thee: /
Blessèd art thou, O Longinus, ///
Thy memory shall be from generation to generation.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the Same Tone: To the melody “On the third day....”

Beholding Thee crucified, O Christ /
She who gave Thee birth cried out to Thee: /
“What is this strange mystery I see, my Son? /
How, being hung in the flesh, the Giver of Life, ///
Dost Thou die on the Tree?”

The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Longinus, O Lord /
Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. /
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /

And shattered the powerless boldness of demons. ///
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Morning Service

Both canons from the Octoechos, and the canon of the martyr having the acrostic: “I
praise the great glory of Longinus,” the composition of Joseph, in Tone 4:
— incomplete as of 8/2016

After Ode 3, the Kathisma (Sedalen) Hymn, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “Of
Wisdom....”*

Beholding the Deliverer crucified /
And being illumined by His Light, /
Thou didst escape the deep darkness of ignorance /
And unite thyself to knowledge divine /
Beholding Him as God [in the flesh]. /
And having suffered [for His sake] /
Thou art rejoicing now among the ranks of martyrs, /
O most blessèd Longinus. /
With them, ever beseech Christ-God, O glorious one, ///
To grant remission of sins to those honoring with love thy holy memory.

Glory..., now and ever, Theotokion, in the Same Tone:

Being assailed by the devious attacks of mine enemies, /
Both visible and invisible, /
I am caught in the tempest of my many sins /
And I flee to the haven of thy goodness, O pure one, /
Seeking the protection of thy fervent intercessions. /
Therefore, earnestly beseech Him Who took flesh from thee without seed, /
Entreating Him to grant the remission of sins, ///
To us, thy servants, who worthily sing thy praises.

Or the Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)

When she beheld the Lamb, /
The Shepherd and Deliverer stretched ot upon the Cross, /
With maternal [tears] the Ewe-lamb cried aloud: /
“The world rejoiceth for it hath received deliverance though Thee, /
Yet my womb burns at the sight of Thy crucifixion, /
Which Thou dost endure in Thy compassion and mercy. /

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O longsuffering Lord, and infinite source of mercy, /
Have pity and grant the remission of sins ///
To those who faithfully praise Thy divine suffering.”

After Ode 6, the Kontakion of the Saint, Tone 4:

The Church greatly rejoices today /
In commemorating Longinus the bold, /
Who is worthy of all praise, /
And it cries out [with him to the Lord]: ///
O Christ, Thou art my strength and my salvation!

Liturgy

Prokeimenon, in Tone 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him. **Verse:** Hear my voice, O God, when I pray unto Thee.

The Epistle: (292) 2 Timothy 2:1-10

The Alleluia, in Tone 4: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree / and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. **Verse:** They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

The Gospel: (106) Luke 21:12-19

Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

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