

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Day of November

### Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Plato (*Platón*) and Romanus.

#### Evening Service

At “Lord, I have called...,” 6 stikhera:

**3 stikhera to St. Plato, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

**F**illed with wísdom divine, /  
And foreseeing the eternal glóry that is thine /  
Thou didst endúre with courágeous resolve /  
The cutting of thy flesh and the dismémberment of thy limbs, /  
The unbearable pain of fire, then starvátion and death ///  
In expectation of everlasting blessedness, O Plato, thou holy mártyr!

**T**ranscénding the senses of thy physical bódy /  
And directing thy mind toward the lífe on-high, /  
With divine insight and a truly wíse and húmblesoul /  
Thou didst renounce the base nature and corruption of vísible things /  
And with great courage thou wast áble to endure  
Both the flames and the sword for the sáke of Christ.

**T**hóu didst overcome the attacks of the enemy through gráce divine /  
And defeat the torturers assaúlting thee, /  
And thus, thou didst earn thy crówn of victory. /  
O Plato, thou richly-bless't mártyr, /  
Thou hast been granted the unending joy of beholding ineffable spléndor of God! ///  
Beseech Him now to grant the remission of sins to those praíse thee.

**And 3 stikhera to St. Roman, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

**T**empered by thine ascetic lábors /  
And sharpened by many strúggles /  
And pólished by thy manifold súfferings /  
Thou didst become a two-edged sword that cut down the legions of démons, /  
O martyr Romanus, thou precious adórnment of the Church  
And the glory of the martyrs who had shed their bloód for Christ .

**S**tretched on a rack and fláyed alive /  
Cast in to prison, thy jaw broken and thy tóngue cut out /  
Thou didst attáin thy blessed repose by strangulation, O glórious one. /

Therefore, we praise thee, O martyr Románus, ///  
For thou wast truly unshakeable and steadfast through the action of the Holy Spírit.

**T**he child, Barulus, spoke with eloquence and amazed the foólish /  
As he faced his death adorned with steadfast and faíthful resolve /  
For he was enríched with the glory of the holy mártyrs /  
Whose zeal he didst émulate. /  
Together with them now, O Romanus, the glórious, ///  
Beseech the Lord to grant the remission of sins to those praíse thee.

**Glory..., to St. Plato, Tone 6:**

**W**ondrous and glorious are the victories of Thy martyr Pláto, O Lord! /  
For, emulating the boldness of the físhermen, /  
He drowned the myths of Platonic philosophy and stoic blásphemy /  
With the woven nets of divine theólogy. /  
And when he was flayed alive and his head was sévered /  
He choked the enemy with the streáms of his blood. /  
O all-blessed wonderworker Pláto, /  
Thou enrichment of the mártyrs /  
Having so boldly preached the great náme of Christ ///  
Pray that He may grant our souls great mércy.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Same Tone, or this Stavrotheotokion, in the Same Tone: To the melody "On the third day...."**

**B**eholding Thee crúcified, O Christ /  
She who gave Thee birth cried oút to Thee: /  
"What is this strange mystery I seé, my Son? /  
How, being hung in the flesh, the Gíver of Life, ///  
Dost Thou díe on the Tree?"

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

**The General Troparion of the Martyrs, in Tone 4:**

**T**hy holy martyrs, Plato and Róman, O Lord, /  
Through their sufferings received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God' /  
For having Thy strength they laid low their énemies /  
And shattered the powerless boldness of démons. ///  
Through their intercessions, O Christ God, sáve our souls.

18 NOVEMBER: HOLY MARTYRS PLATO AND ROMANUS

**Morning Service**

**One Canon from the Octoechos, and two for the Saints.**

*incomplete as of 10/17/18*

**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Martyr Plato, in Tone 3: *To the melody, "Today the Virgin gives birth...."***

**T**hy holy memory delights the universe /  
And summons us, the faithful, to gather in joy. /  
So now we honor thee with hymns of praise  
And we call out to thee, O holy martyr Pláto: /  
Save us, thy péople, from our énemies.

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