

The 19th Day of November

Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Obadiah; and the Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

Also, the Commemoration of our Venerable Father Barlaam of the Kievan Caves, whose service follows after this. — incomplete as of 11/2017

Evening Service

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

3 stikhera of the holy prophet, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs...”*

As a spléndid receptacle of the Spírit /
And as one illúmined by Him. /
Thou wast enríched with visions of próphesy, /
The knowledge of truth and the foreknówledge of thíngs to come. ///
Intercede now that our souls be granted peace and great mércy.

The glorious and honorable próphets /
Acquired, as a gift, the knowledge of the proóf of God /
Confirmed through their commúnion with Him ///
When the Lord illumined them, His fávorites, with His Grace.

Filled with the etérnal light, /
Beholding the glory surpassing all reason and understánding, /
And stánding before the Máster of all, /
Thou art indeed a glorious próphét, and hérald of God. ///
Intercede with Him now that our souls be granted peace and great mércy.

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

Sturdier than any píllar /
Stronger than iron, and toúgher than brass, /
For when heáted be fire each of these melts or búrns away; /
But thine unwavering and outstretched hand withstood the búrning coals, ///
O wise and glorious mártyr Barlaam.

Standing as a priest before God and drawing neár to Him, /
Thou didst not offer any blood óther than thine own /
And being a mártyr thou didst offer incense with thy ríght hand /
Not to any false gods nor to their idols — but to Christ, the King of the Áges /
Who reigneth foréver.

O Barlaam, thou wondrous mártyr, /
We double our práise for thee /

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For thou didst sácrifice as a priest and thou wast sácriced as a lamb: /
Thou wast brought to God as a blameless offering through the tórment of fire. ///
Entreat Him now to save us who honor thy most glorious mémory.

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

Refresh my thoughts, O most pure Lády, /
With the dew of the Most-holy Spírit /
For inéffably thou gavest bírth to Christ /
Who through the dróps of His blood, /
Washed away the innumerable transgressions of mánkind. /
Now through thy prayers, dry up the fountain of my pássions ///
And grant me a bountiful stream of living wáters.

Or the Stavrotheotokion: (in the Same Tone)

Seeing Thee the Lamb and Shépherd on the tree, /
The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee laménted, /
And as a móther cried ót to Thee: /
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Treé of the Cross, /
O Longsúffering One? /
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgréssors, O Word? /
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Máster?

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

Glory..., the General Troparion of the Prophet, in Tone 2:

We celebrate the memory /
Of Thy prophet Obadíah /
Through him, we implore Thee, O Lord, ///
To save our souls.

The General Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr Barláam, 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.

Now and ever..., Theotokion.

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Morning Service

One canon from the Octoechos and two for the saints

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After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:

Thou wast revealed to possess amazing stréngth /
By which thou didst endure thy tríal by fire.
Thou wast sacrificed to Christ as an offering of sweet smelling íncense /
And having received thy crown of hónor from Him ///
Intercede for us, O glorious mártyr Barlaam.

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