**NOVEMBER 1**

**Holy Cosmas and Damian: Wonder-workers and Unmercenary Physicians with their Companions, Martyrs in Asia (c. 345)**

**Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

*(at Great Vespers)*

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Hear me, O Lord.

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You.

Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice.

Hear me, O Lord.

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

**Tone 6** *(Model Melody)*

Having placed all their hope in heaven,

the saints laid up for themselves a treasure that cannot be stolen

away.

They freely received and freely give healing to the infirm.

Following the Gospel, they acquired neither silver nor gold,

but performed works of mercy for both men and beasts, //

that, obedient to Christ, they might pray with boldness on behalf of

our souls.

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

(Repeat: “Having placed all their hope in heaven …”)

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord.*

The two holy ones who shared a single character and single soul,

the like-minded companions,

disdained corruptible things on earth,

showing themselves to be citizens of heaven like the Angels,

though dwelling in the body.

Therefore they grant healings to all who suffer,

performing good works for those in need without exacting any fee.

Let us fittingly honor them with an annual festival, //

for they pray to Christ with boldness on behalf of our souls!

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “The two holy ones who shared …”)

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

The divinely wise Cosmas and Damian,

the ever-memorable pair,

made themselves fully the dwelling of the Trinity.

They pour forth the waters of healing

like torrents from the life-giving Source,

by their touch, their relics cure suffering,

and their very names drive infirmities away

from all those who turn to the saving harbor of Christ.//

They pray with boldness on behalf of our souls.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

O holy unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian,

you scorned the tyranny of suffering,

trampling down, by Christ’s power, every snare of the Evil Serpent.

You were revealed to be as radiant as beacons,

ever illumining the whole world with divine signs,

driving away darkness and infirmities by grace;

showing yourselves to be the saviors of all who, with steadfast faith,//

celebrate your glorious memory, all-wise ones.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(by Anatolius)*

Boundless is the grace the saints have received from Christ.

Therefore their relics continually work miracles by the power of God,

and their names, invoked with faith, heal incurable diseases.

Through them free us also from passions of soul and body, //

O Lord and Lover of mankind!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)*  Aposticha**

 **Tone 2**

The spring of healings cured only a single person in a year;

the reliquary of the Unmercenaries heals vast multitudes of the sick,

for the wealth of the Saints lacks nothing and is inexhaustible.//

By their entreaties, O Christ, have mercy on us!

 *v: God is wonderful in His Saints, the God of Israel.* *(Ps 67/68:35)*

**Tone 2** *(by Theophanes)*

Having lived actively by divine love and with desire for the future things,

you completed your journeys of salvation;

therefore, keeping the purity of your souls undefiled,

you withdrew completely from material things.

Having been made golden by the Divine Spirit,

you also provided healings to the ailing without payment of gold,

O sacred pair, radiant couple, godlike enlightened partnership of

Unmercenaries,//

visiting us in afflictions and infirmities, and curing, without fee, the

diseases of our souls.

*v: For His saints who are on earth, the Lord has worked wonders.* *(Ps 15/16:3)*

**Tone 2** *(by Germanus)*

Having been considered worthy of great gifts, O all-praiseworthy Ones,

you conducted yourselves on earth in humility,

and passing through all places, freely healing the sufferings of the sick,

you were seen to be companions of the Angels,

O Cosmas, with wise Damian, most pleasing brothers://

by your prayers heal also our passions!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6**

You ever have Christ working within you,

as you work wonders in the world and heal the sick.

Holy Unmercenaries, your healing is an inexhaustible source.

Drawn from, it flows in abundance;

poured out, it gushes forth,

flowing every day in great quantity,

granting healing to all, yet remaining unspent.

Those who draw from it are filled with healing, yet it remains full.

Therefore what shall we call you?

Healing physicians of soul and bodies?

Healers of incurable sufferings who heal all?

You have received this gift from Christ the Savior, //

Who grants us great mercy.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

No one who has recourse to you, O Virgin Theotokos,

departs from you in shame, O most pure Maiden,

but the one who asks the favor//

receives the gift that is fitting for the worthy request.

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**Tone 8 Troparion**

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our

infirmities.//

Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good

One,

destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your love for mankind, O Merciful One!//

Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing

people, O our Savior!

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

*(if commemorated as “polyeleos rank”, follow this order:)*

**Tone 8 Troparion** *(SS Cosmas and Damian)*

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our

Infirmities!//

Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

**Tone 2** **Kontakion** *(SS Cosmas and Damian)*

Having received the grace of healing,

you grant healing to those in need.

Glorious wonder-workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian,

visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies,//

and bring healing to the world through your miracles!

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon**

For His saints who are on earth, the Lord has worked wonders. *(Ps 15/16:3)*

*v: I beheld the Lord ever before me, for He is at my right hand that I might not be shaken. (Ps 15/16:8)*

**Epistle**

 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 *(of the day)*

 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 *(Unmercenaries)*

 **Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

*(Ps 132/133:1)*

*v: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.*

*(Ps 132/133:3b)*

**Gospel**

 Luke 11:47-12:1 *(of the day)*

 Matthew 10:1, 5-8 *(Unmercenaries)*

**Communion Hymn**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just. *(Ps 32/33:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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