**NOVEMBER 1**

**Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian**

*This service follows the order for a Polyeleos-ranked feast.*

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

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** *Automelon (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 wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

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

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…”)

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 confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

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 3** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder

at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?

For without receiving the touch of man,

you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.

The Son born of the Father before eternity

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,

to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//

to be the Theotokos.

**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. 67:35a)*

*(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, God-like enlightened partnership of Unmercenaries,//

visiting us in afflictions and infirmities, and curing, without fee, the diseases of our souls.

V. *The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints who are in His land.* *(Ps. 15:3a)*

*(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 hastens to you

goes away from you empty-handed,

O pure Virgin Theotokos;

but whoever asks for a favor,

receives the gift//

that most favorably fulfills the request.

***(at Great Vespers)***

**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 3** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

We praise you as the mediatrix of our salvation,

O Virgin Theotokos.

For your Son, our God, Who took flesh from you,

accepted the Passion on the Cross,//

delivering us from corruption as the Lover of Man.

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

**Tone 8 Troparion**

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities.//

Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

**Tone 2** **Kontakion**

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** *(Unmercenaries)*

The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land. *(Ps. 15:3a)*

V. *I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Ps. 15:8)*

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Be glad in the Lord / and rejoice, O you righteous! *(Ps. 31:11a)*

**Epistle**

(153) 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 *(Unmercenaries)*

(174) 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Ps. 132:1)*

V. *For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore. (Ps. 132:4)*

**Tone 4**

V. *The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)*

**Gospel**

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

(36) Luke 8:16-21

**Communion Hymn**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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