

**THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY PROPHET AMOS**  
**AT VESPERS**

At "Lord, I have cried ...", these stichera of the Prophet, in Tone II:  
Spec. Mel. : "When from the Tree ...":

**T**he spiritual splendor of thy mind, O all-wondrous prophet, hath disclosed a purity which manifestly shineth like a mirror, and hath illumined the world, being radiant with the brilliance of divine knowledge, prefiguring images of the divine mysteries, and causing grace to be bestowed upon all men.

**A**s the mouth of God, following righteous teachings and divine judgments, thou didst manifestly denounce the doers of iniquity, condemning them with an inescapable sentence, O thou who art most rich. Wherefore, seeing the fulfillment of thine all-wise words, O blessed one, we praise thee with hymns, as is meet.

**S**tanding before the throne of the Master, full of ineffable and divine glory, and beholding the good things of heaven, filled with light, O divinely eloquent Amos, be thou mindful of all who honor thee with faith, asking that salvation of soul and remission of offenses be given them all, O thou who art acceptable to God.

**Or, if Alleluia is to be chanted at Matins instead of "God is the Lord ...", the following stichera to the Theotokos are chanted first, in the same tone and melody, followed by the stichera to the Prophet:**

**R**ejoice, O star of solar radiance! Rejoice, O all-immaculate one, who art the cause of all good things! Rejoice thou who didst contain the uncontainable God, causing Him to sprout forth as a shoot of immortality! Rejoice, divine chariot and most splendid portal! Rejoice, O Maiden who, as the mediatrix of good things, art the abolisher of the curse of our first mother!

**O** all-pure one, the joy of all who sorrow, intercessor for the oppressed, feeder of the poor, comfort of travelers, staff of the blind, visitation of the ailing, protection and helper of them that labor and assister of the orphaned art thou, O Mother of God Most High. Haste thou, we pray, to save thy servants!

**T**hou art the protection and help and a mighty refuge for us Christians, O Mother of God Most High. And now, as ever, cease not to pray with thy ready supplication, to save thy servants from all evil circumstances: for with God all of us Christians have thee as a help and refuge.

**Glory ..., Now & ever ..., Theotokion:**

**N**o other mighty refuge, or tower of strength, or unassailable rampart have we acquired but thee, O all-pure one. To thee do we flee, and to thee do we cry out: O Mistress, help us, lest we perish! Show forth upon us thy grace, and the strength of thy glory, and the magnitude of thy loving-kindness.

Or this Stavrotheotokion: **W**hen the unblemished ewe-lamb beheld her Lamb led to the slaughter of His own will, as a man, weeping, she said: "Now Thou hastenest to leave me childless who gave birth to Thee, O Christ! Why hast Thou done this, O Deliverer of all? Yet I hymn and glorify Thine extreme goodness, which passeth understanding and recounting, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

AT MATINS  
CANON, in Tone VII:

ODE I

**Irmos: To God Who overthrew Pharaoh in the Red Sea let us chant a hymn of victory, for He hath been glorified.**

**H**aving cleansed my mind of the passions of benighted thought, illumine it, that it may hymn Amos Thy prophet, O Master.

**M**anifest as an initiate of the mysteries of God which pass understanding, O glorious one, thou wast counted worthy to see past the things of the present.

**S**hown to be an undefiled and pure resting-place of God, O Amos, thou didst receive the divine activity of the Spirit.

**Theotokion: I**n accordance with prophecy, O all-pure one, thou didst restore the fallen tabernacle of Adam, having borne God the Savior in thy womb.

ODE III

**Irmos: The Church of Christ hath been confirmed by faith; for it crieth out unceasingly in hymns, chanting: Holy art Thou, O Lord! Thee doth my spirit hymn!**

**D**enouncing the iniquitous, O Amos, thou didst show forth the righteousness of the Lord, crying out, O divinely revealed one: Holy art Thou, O Lord, Who savest our souls!

**T**hou wast shown to be a pillar of the New Testament, O prophet, bearing the roof thereof, O divinely manifest one, and crying out: Holy art Thou, O Lord, Who savest our souls!

**H**aving mastered divine things, O divinely eloquent and godly Prophet Amos, thou didst cry out, enlightening the people: Holy art Thou, O Lord, Who savest our souls!

**Theotokion: C**onfessing thy divine birthgiving, and thee to be our intercessor, O Virgin, I have been firmly established; and made rich, I cry out: Rejoice, O Bride of God, my hope and my help!

*Sedalion, in Tone III: Spec. Mel.: Of the divine Faith ...":*

**A** prophet, a divine instrument of the Comforter, wast thou, O blessed one, ever manifestly called by His grace; for thou givest utterance to the revelation of things unknown, and illumineest with faith them that have recourse unto thee. O glorious Amos, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

*Glory ..., Now & ever ..., of the Pentecostarion, or this Theotokion:*

**T**hough the one Lord becometh man, taking flesh in thy womb, yet did He not separate Himself from the divine essence, remaining God, and preserving thee, His Mother, even after giving birth, an immaculate Virgin as thou wast before birthgiving. Him do thou earnestly entreat, that He grant us great mercy.

**Stavrotheotokion:** **T**he undefiled ewe-lamb of the Word, the incorrupt Mother and Virgin, beholding Him Who sprang forth from her without pain hanging upon the Cross, lamenting maternally, cried out: "Woe is me, O my Child! How is it that Thou sufferest willingly, wishing to deliver man from the ignominy of the passions?"

#### **ODE IV**

**Irmos:** **I** have heard report of Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast appeared on earth to save us. Wherefore, we cry out: **Glory to Thy power, O Lord!**

**T**he people of Israel who were worshipping idols didst thou denounce; wherefore, thou didst tell them that they would be exiled, O right-wondrous one.

**T**hee who first wast a shepherd did God show to be a prophet, taking thee for Himself, O sacred Amos. Wherefore, with faith we all call thee blessed.

**R**eflecting rays of light through the radiance of the Holy Spirit like a mirror, O Amos, rejoicing, thou showest forth piety unto all.

**Theotokion:** **T**he Word Who madeth His abode within thee, O pure one, hath reformed mine essence, which fell of old through disobedience.

#### **ODE V**

**Irmos:** **I** rise at dawn to Thee, O compassionate Lord, and I cry unto Thee: **illuminating my soul, darkened by sins, with the light of Thy commandments, do Thou guide it!**

**T**hose slain with the javelin of luxury didst thou revile, O blessed one, as ones who hold the ease of the belly and transitory and corrupt pleasure in esteem.

**I**llumined with rich outpourings of light, thou wast shown to be divinely eloquent and a converser with God, proclaiming to all the true way of piety.

**P**ray thou, O blessed one, that all who hymn thee be delivered from the beguilements and snares of the enemy, and that they be illumined with the heavenly light of the kingdom of Christ.

**Theotokion:** **O** Mother and Virgin, Mother of God, through thee may we who confess thee to be the Theotokos receive the kingdom and food which cannot be taken away.

#### **ODE VI**

**Irmos:** **F**rom the belly of Hades Jonah cried out: **Lead up my life from corruption! And we cry out to Thee: O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us!**

**S**hining with radiant beams of the Truth, thou didst smite the prophet of falsehood, mightily denouncing him and foretelling his destruction. (**Twice**)

**T**hou didst dim the flame of beguilement, O prophet, shining forth the radiance of piety upon all, like the sun, in that thou hast received the effulgence of the Spirit.

**Theotokion: I** hymn thine all-pure virginity, O Virgin, and I glorify the ineffable and honored birthgiving, whereby I am saved from corruption and death, O all-pure one.

**Kontakion, in Tone IV: Spec. Mel.: "Thou hast appeared today ...":**

**H**aving cleansed thy radiant heart by the Spirit, O glorious Prophet Amos, and received the gift of prophecy from on high, thou didst cry aloud throughout the land: Behold our God! There is none other like unto Him!

### **ODE VII**

**Irmos: Cast into the fiery furnace, the venerable youths transformed the fire into dew, crying aloud thus in hymnody: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers!**

**T**he divine salvation which thou didst foretell hath been revealed, O wondrous Prophet Amos. Illumining the world with rays of piety, thou didst cry out: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers! **(Twice)**

**S**trengthened by the power of God, thou wast not harmed by the enemies opposed to God, but remained as hard as adamant, crying out: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers!

**Theotokion: W**e glorify the birth giving of the Virgin, which the mind cannot approach, whereby we have been delivered from death. Wherefore, though born in corruption, we cry out: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers!

### **ODE VIII**

**Irmos: O ye priests, hymn the one unoriginate King of glory, Whom the hosts of heaven bless, and before Whom the ranks of angels tremble! O ye people, exalt Him supremely forever!**

**T**hou didst hasten to the mountain's summit, and didst master ineffable things of knowledge, and wast a prophet of the incarnation of the Word, O Amos. Wherefore, we hymn thee unto all ages.

**W**ith the keenness of thine intellect wast thou counted worthy to understand, as far as is possible, the Master of all, Who taught thee ineffable things; and thou didst cry out: O ye priests, hymn; ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

**A**s a prophet thou didst receive blessedness, ineffable joy and the kingdom of heaven, O beholder of heavenly things, crying out piously: Ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

**Theotokion:** Without seed, in manner befitting God, O Mother of God, didst thou give birth unto One of the Trinity: the Savior of the world, in two natures. Wherefore, we, the faithful, exalt thee with love forever.

### **ODE IX**

**Irmos:** O most lauded one, who art higher in eminence than the heavens: without seed didst thou conceive the unoriginate Word and gavest birth for men unto the incarnate God. Wherefore, we all magnify thee.

Thy tongue divinely moved by prophetic revelation and declaring things divine, O Amos, thou didst announce unto all the lovingkindness of God. Wherefore, we all ever call thee blessed. (Twice)

Ineffable is the glory of the prophets; for the Holy Spirit, making His abode within them, hath shown them to be partakers of His effulgence, and by them are all of us, the faithful, illumined.

**Theotokion:** Thou hast removed my garment of mortality and corruption, O Virgin, having engendered the saving garment of the incarnate God for men. Wherefore, we all ever magnify thee.