

**Menaion: July 18 [Octoechos Tone 6]
The Holy Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria (363)**

Vespers

Lord I Call *(tone 6) (stichera to the cross)*

When Thou wast crucified, O long-suffering Lord,
The whole earth *trembled*,
But the hearts of the faithful were made firm in strength.
Therefore we sing Thy praises,//↔
And glorify with love Thine ineffable pow'r.

Buffeted and spat upon
Thou didst strike a blow, O Christ,
At the evil of the poisonous enemy,
Putting an end to the fall of Adam,//↔
Who had been robbed by seizing knowledge.

When they beheld Thee, O Lord,
Unjustly hung upon the wood, in Thy desire to save us,
The sun was darkened, and the whole earth quaked.//↑
The rocks split in terror.

(tone 4) (to the special melody, 'Valiant Among Martyrs')

Thou ground the religion of the Greeks as fine as dust!
Through the grace of Christ our God, O Martyr Emilian,
Thou didst build a living tower of the knowledge of God,
A temple of holiness,
An immovable foundation of piety
For those who honor thy courageous feats with godly wisdom,//↑
O most wealthy one!

Though consumed by the fire, O glor'ious one,
Afflicted with wounds, imprisoned in dungeons
And subjected to many tribulations,
Thou didst not sacrifice to the idols
Nor didst thou deny Christ!
But thou didst remain invincible,
Therefore, the Master, the immovable King and good Judge of the contest//↔
Has given thee the crown of victory!

Thou didst dye thy robe with thy blood, O glor'ious one.
Wearing it, Thou hast entered the Kingdom on high with joy!
Thou dost stand forever before God, the King of all,
Asking for peace, health and speedy deliverance from evils//↔
For those who honor thee with faith!
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

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Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(tone 6)(Theotokion)*

When the lawless men nailed Thee unjustly to the cross, O Lord,
Thy blessed mother looked on,
And as Simeon had foretold, // ⤴
A sharp sword pierced her heart.

Aposticha (tone 6) (stichera to the cross)

Thy cross, O Lord,
Is life and resurrection for Thy people!
And we who put our trust in it,
Praise Thee, our God crucified in the flesh. // ⇄
Have mercy on us.

Thy cross, O Christ,
Hast opened paradise for mankind,
And we delivered from corruption,
Praise Thee, our God crucified in the flesh: // ⇄
Have mercy on us.

(to the martyrs)

The passion bearing martyrs,
Those citizens of heaven,
Suffered on earth, enduring many tortures. // ⤴
By their intercessions and prayers, preserve us, O Lord!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(tone 6)(Theotokion)*

When the pure Theotokos saw our life hanging on the cross,
She wept like a mother and cried aloud:
'My Son and my God, // ⤴
Save those who sing to Thee in love!'

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Troparion (tone 4)(alternate of the martyr Emilian)

By fire Thou wast a burnt offering to thy Master
And dost bring us joy by showering on us graces.
Thou didst bear within thee the heavenly fire
And didst accept the material flame as dew.//
Ever preserve those who honor thee, O Martyr Emilian.

Wednesday (Tuesday Evening) Theotokion (tone 4)

O all blameless Virgin Mother of Christ God:
Thy most holy soul was pierced by a sword
When thou didst behold Thy Son and God willfully crucified.
Therefore never cease to pray to Him, O all-blessed one,//
That He may grant us remission of our sins.

Matins

Kontakion (tone 3)(of the Martyr Emilian)

Burning with zeal for God, thou didst not dread the fire,
But freely ascending without fear,
Thou wast consumed by the flames, offering thyself to the Master as a sacrifice!
O glor'ious martyr Emilian,//
Pray to Christ God that He may *grant* us great *mercy*!