

απολυτίκιον

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It must then refer to some particular class of troparia. Now, in the Greek Ritual, *τροπάριον*, when unaccompanied by a qualifying word or expression, means *the proper troparion*, that is, the troparion appropriate to some particular feast; in which acceptation it is called also *ἀπολυτίκιον*, or *τροπάριον τῆς ἡμέρας*.¹²⁶ We are authorized, therefore, in assuming that *the proper troparia* for the church feasts celebrated in the fifth century were written by Anthimus and Timocles.

Saint Romanus is, according to his anonymous biographer, the author of the *κοντάκια*; which can refer only to the kontakia for the church feasts kept when Romanus flourished; that is, about the close of the fifth century.¹²⁷

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