

APRIL 7

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Great Lent

Vespers (sung on Monday)

Rest of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of
North America

"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. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

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

Tone 6 *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Joseph)*

O Master, by my many sins and pleasures of life

in my wretchedness, I have weakened my soul

and lie constantly on the bed of laziness.

I cry out to You, O compassionate One:

Having come to me, grant me mercy and health.

O Savior, do not forsake me

lest I fall asleep in death,

lest the enemy rejoice in leading me to hell,//

where he always seeks to curse me.

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.

O Lord, I have imitated the merciless rich man,
rejoicing vainly, burdened with passionate pleasures.
Seeing my mind, like Lazarus, before the gates of repentance,
I pass by heedlessly,
leaving it torn, wounded, and diseased by passions.
Therefore I deserve Gehenna's flames.//
But deliver me from them, O only merciful Master!

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

Tone 5 *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Theodore)*

Passing by on the other side of the river Jordan,
You prophesied concerning Lazarus, O Lord,
that he was not sick unto death,
but that this had come to pass for the glory of God.
Glory to Your mighty acts and powers,//
for You have destroyed death by Your many mercies, O Lover of mankind!

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

Tone 1* *(from the Menaion, for St. Tikhon)* *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

You endured great suffering, O Father Tikhon:
defamation, slander, and imprisonment;
false accusations and the threat of death,
vicious attacks by the enemies of the Church of Christ.
But you courageously and humbly endured these, saying://
“Despair not in your hearts, but have faith in the Lord!”

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

War, famine, and civil strife
were the burdens you bore, O our Hierarch.
Yet you cried to the enraged people, saying:
“Love your neighbor, and return back to the Lord!”//
calling them onto the path of salvation through repentance.

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

* Music for the stichera for St. Tikhon from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at www.oca.org.

Your life was illumined by the light of your great deeds,
which enlightened all the faithful,
and destroyed the darkness of earthly passions;
for you appeared as the radiant sun,
O most blessed Hierarch Tikhon.
And now you abide in the heavenly mansions
where the everlasting Light shines in glory
through the presence of the Son and the grace of the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, with ceaseless honor and praise, //
we venerate your holy and radiant memory.

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

Tone 6 *(from the Menaion, for St. Tikhon)*

You appeared as a light, O God-bearing Father,
chosen by the Holy Spirit and anointed by God.
And now you enter into the brilliance of the Holy of Holies;
and being illumined by the Unoriginate Light,
you ever partake of the Divine Mysteries
as a truly glorified Hierarch. //
Pray for the salvation of our souls!

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, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady, //
to have mercy on our souls!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; / for His mercy endures forever!
(Ps 106/107:1)

v: Let those redeemed by the Lord say so! (Ps 106/107:2)

Reading from Genesis (27:1-41)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, / and Your glory over all the earth!
(Ps 107/108:6)

v: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. (Ps 107/108:1)

Reading from Proverbs (19:16-25)

Old Testament Readings (St. Tikhon)

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3

Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

Aposticha

Tone 4 (from the Lenten Triodion)

O Savior, free us from soul-destroying greed
and number us in the bosom of Abraham
together with poor Lazarus.
For our sake You became poor, yet You are rich in mercies!
You lead us from corruption to incorruption,//
for You are a compassionate God, the Lover of mankind!

v: I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122/123:1-2)

(Repeat: "O Savior, free us from soul-destroying greed...")

v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps 122/123:3-4)

Tone 4 (to the Martyrs)

You accepted the patient endurance of the holy martyrs;
accept also our hymns of praise, O Lover of mankind,//
and by their supplications grant us Your great mercy!

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

Tone 1 (from the Menaion, for St. Tikhon)

"I call upon you, archpastors and pastors,"
were the words of our holy Patriarch Tikhon.
"and you, my sons and my daughters in Christ,
to go forth into the world with the message of repentance,
to stand firm against the enemies of our faith.
I call upon you to suffer together with me, remembering the words of the
Apostle://
'No one can separate us from the love of God!'"

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

Tone 1 *(Theotokion)*

Behold, Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled,
for the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin!
God was born, and so nature was restored anew.
Do not despise the entreaties of your servants, O Mother of God!
We offer them to you in your temple.
Since you carried in your arms the compassionate One,
have compassion on your servants,//
and pray that our souls may be saved!

Tone 1 **Troparion** *(for St Tikhon)*

Let us praise Tikhon, the Patriarch of All Russia,
and Enlightener of North America,
an ardent follower of the apostolic traditions,
and good pastor of the Church of Christ,
who was elected by Divine Providence,
and laid down his life for his sheep!
Let us sing to him with faith and hope,
and ask for his hierarchical intercessions:
keep the Church in Russia in tranquility,
and the Church in North America in peace;
gather her scattered children into one flock,
bring to repentance those who have renounced the True Faith,
preserve our lands from civil strife,
and entreat God's peace for all people!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 1 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to you, O Virgin, saying "Rejoice!"
with that word the Master of all was incarnate in ^you,
the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David!
Your womb became more spacious than the heavens,
for you carried your Creator.
Glory to Him Who took abode in you!
Glory to Him Who came ^forth from you!//
Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of you!