

OCTOBER 6

Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas

[Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas] (*Served whenever the Superior wishes.*)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 2

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 2* *(for St. Innocent)*

O Holy Father Innocent,

like the Apostles long ago,

you accepted the Lord's command to baptize all peoples in His name;

you left your homeland to proclaim His truth

to an island people sitting in darkness.//

With them lead us down the path to the Kingdom of Heaven!

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.

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

Like the betrothed of the Theotokos,
you worked with your hands in humility;
and through you, like Constantine, churches blossomed throughout the land,
built for the feeding of the flock//
that you gathered and led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Like the Holy Brothers† from Thessalonica,
who brought illumination to your forefathers,
you labored to bring this same inheritance
to untaught peoples placed in your care;
that, worshipping the One True God in words of many tongues,//
they might, by the Word, be led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

*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 2 *(for St. Innocent) (With what crowns)*

With what crowns of praise shall we adorn the wise Apostle of our land?
With the radiant Gospel of salvation he came bodily to enlighten an island
people,
who sat in darkness and ignorance;
by planting there the Orthodox Faith,//
he brought to them great mercy from Christ our God.

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

With what songs of praise shall we now bless Innocent, our Teacher wise
in God?
As the first archpastor to rule our land,
by word and deed he taught us the way we must go
to attain the glorious Kingdom, won and promised to us by Christ,//
from Whom we have great mercy.

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

† Sts. Cyril and Methodius

With what songs of virtue shall we exalt our Father Innocent?
By his word he brought heathen worship to an end
in the distant reaches of Alaska and Siberia.
Then, like the Holy Apostle Paul before him,
bound in chains of obedience to the will of God,
he brought comfort to believers in the ancient capital,
who through his prayers and exhortations//
receive great mercy from Christ our God.

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

Tone 2 *(for St. Innocent)*

Truly the Lord guided you along paths of many labor,
through many lands, to many peoples,
to enlighten a multitude of hearts,
and to guide and counsel an arm^y of souls//
down the narrow path that alone leads into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Old Testament Readings

Composite 2 (*Proverbs 10:7,6; 3:13-16; 8:6,32,4,12,14,17,5-9; 1:23*)

Composite 3 (*Wisdom 4:7, 16, 17, 119; 20:5-7*)

Composite 4 (*Proverbs 10:11; Wisdom 6:12-16; 7:30; 8:2-4, 7-9, 21; 9:1-4, 10, 11, 14*)

Aposticha

Tone 6

Called to the New World by the grace of God
as a skilled helmsman of the ship of Christ,
you endured dangers on the sea,
as you led those adrift in darkness, delusion and the storms of passions
to the calm harbor of salvation.
Pray for us now, Holy Father Innocent,//
before the Holy Trinity!

v. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. (Ps 36/37:23)

A prophet raised up from among the Aleuts
heard from an angel that you would journey afar,
leaving your family to speak with a great man.
Once his words had been fulfilled,
by the infinite wisdom and mercy of God
we received you again as the first bishop to rule our land.//
Intercede now for the flock you have gathered!

*v. The Lord knows the way of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.
(Ps 36/37:18)*

People of two continents with different tongues and customs
rejoice today through you in the mystery of the tongues of Pentecost
and in the fall of the cursed tower of human pride,
which kept at enmity all the nations of the earth,
until they were swept into the net of faith//
worshipping the consubstantial Trinity.

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

Tone 6

In mortal danger from a storm at sea,
you looked to the North Star of the Church of Christ,
and, through the prayers of St. Herman of Alaska,
found grace and deliverance.//
With him now intercede for our souls!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
Rejoice, O Lady://
the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 4 Troparion† *(St. Innocent)*

O Holy Father Innocent,
in obedience to the will of God,
you accepted dangers and tribulations,
bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.
You showed us the way;
now by your prayers help lead us//
into the Kingdom of Heaven!

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

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.
