

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

TONE 3

Third Sunday of Great Lent, Veneration of the Cross
Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of
North America

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

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!

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,
death's dominion has been shattered;
the devil's delusion destroyed.
The race of man, being saved by faith,//
always offers You a song.

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

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.
Paradise has been opened again.
All creation, praising You,//
always offers You a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.
I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:
the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

Tone 5*(from the Lenten Triodion)**(Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)*

Shine, O Cross of the Lord!

Illumine the hearts of those who honor you!

With love inspired by God, we embrace you,
for you are the only hope of the world.

Through you our tears are wiped away,
the snares of death are sprung,
and we pass over into everlasting joy.

Through the Cross reveal Your beauty to us, O Lord!

Help Your servants who ask for mercy in faith!//

Bestow upon us the fruits of abstinence!

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

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:

bright paradise of the Church, the tree of incorruption!

You have obtained for us the joy of everlasting glory.

Through you, the hosts of demons are driven out;
the choirs of angels are amazed and rejoice;

the company of the faithful gathers in celebration.

O unconquerable weapon, unbroken stronghold,
triumph of Orthodox Christians and pride of priests,//

by following you may we witness the Passion and Resurrection of Christ our
God!

v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:

invincible triumph of godliness,
gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful!

The Cross is the might of the Church,
through which corruption is abolished,
through which the power of death is crushed,
and we are raised from earth to heaven.

O invincible weapon, the adversary of demons,
the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of ven'erable saints,
and the haven of salvation,//
which grants the world great mercy.

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

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

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

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.

v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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

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!

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

Tone 3 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Wishing to restore all men to life,
You accepted crucifixion, O Christ our God.
Burning with boundless love for man,
You took the quill of the Cross in Your hand;
dipping it in ink of royal crimson,
You signed our release with blood-stained fingers.
Though temptations assault us,
may we never forsake You again!
Have mercy on Your despairing people,
O long-suffering Master!//
Arise and fight Your enemies in Your almighty power!

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

Tone 3 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
For without receiving the touch of man,
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
The Son born of the Father before eternity
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,
but preserved the fullness of each nature.
Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//
to be the Theotokos.

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 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ,
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

You are the changeless God,
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of men from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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 4 *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

The humble David
defeated his enemies by Your help, O Lord.
Now come to the aid of Your Orthodox people;
show us Your power as You did of old,
and our adversaries will know that You are God!
And we will be victorious, for we hope in You.
Through the constant intercessions of Your all-pure Mother,//
grant us Your great mercy!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 3 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

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

Tone 1 Troparion (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!

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

Tone 1 Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
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over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,//
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(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Tikhon)

A gentle manner adorned you:
you showed kindness and compassion to those who repented;
you were firm and unbending in confessing the Orthodox Faith,
and zealous in loving the Lord.
O holy Hierarch of Christ and Confessor Tikhon,
pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God, //
which is of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Cross)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;
it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross.
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;
for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell: //
“Enter again into Paradise!”

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Your holy Resurrection we glorify.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Cross)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

v. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. Tikhon)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be
understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

Epistle

(311) Hebrews 4:14-5:6

(318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *(St. Tikhon)*

Tone 8†

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old! (Ps. 73:2)

V. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Tone 2

V. The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)

Gospel

(37) Mark 8:34-9:1

(36) John 10:9-16 (*St. Tikhon*)

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of angels and the race of men.
O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –
our God before the ages.
He made your body into a throne,
and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.
Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (*Ps. 4:7a*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil
tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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† The Slavonic Triodion indicates that the Alleluia is sung in Tone 1.
The Slavonic "Apostol" indicates that the Alleluia is sung in Tone 8.
The Greek Triodion indicates that the Alleluia is sung in Tone 2.