

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

TONE 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)

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

"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!

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, Who are in all creation?
In heaven You dwell!
In hell You trampled on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Your hand, O Master!
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://
O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.
For You are our God, //
and we know no other than You.

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 wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

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!

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

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 confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

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;

[†] Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Tone 2 *(for St. Innocent)*

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

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!

Old Testament Readings *(St. Innocent)*

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)*

Litya

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,
these stichera are sung)*

Tone 2 *(for St. Innocent)*

Let us come together in joy
to praise the apostle of our land,
whose wise preaching and selfless labors across the barren North
prepared good soil for the seeds of faith!
These he planted with loving care;
and he nurtured the tender sprouts unceasingly,
pruning from them all deception and wickedness,
watering them with truth and righteousness,
until they grew into a sturdy vine,
whose holy fruit we are called to be//
worthy of the Master's table.

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

Tone 6 *(for St. Innocent)*

As we, the faithful, gather to celebrate your holy memory, O Father Innocent,
we rejoice that, through your ceaseless toils,
the truth of the Gospel was rooted in our land.
Pray that we, your unworthy servents,
may remain firm in the Orthodox Faith//
and spread its truth to all people!

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

We bless you, O Virgin Theotokos,
and glorify you, as we ought,
as the vine that blossomed with the Sacred Fruit,//
from Whom we have great mercy.

Aposticha

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life bearing body?
Come to us as You promised!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Tone 6 *(for St. Innocent)*

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 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

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

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!

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.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Innocent)*

Your life, O holy Father Innocent, Apostle to our land,
proclaims the dispensation and grace of God!
For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ,
you were kept unharmed and exalted in humility. //
Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

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. Innocent)*

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

Epistle

(176) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

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

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Tone 2

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

Gospel

(30) Luke 7:11-16

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

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!