A New Akathist Hymn

Moleben (Prayer Service) to St. Herman of Alaska
O Heavenly King

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,

Who art everywhere and fill est all things. Treasury of blessings,

and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

And the Trisagion.
Lord, have mercy (12x), Glory... N&E...
Come, let us worship...
Psalm 142
Deacon: In the Seventh Tone - God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Deacon: All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off.

Choir: God is the Lord...

Deacon: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Choir: God is the Lord...

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Choir: God is the Lord...

TROPARION
Glorification of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1970)
Troparion - Tone 7

Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all people to the Heavenly Kingdom; teacher and apostle of the True Faith; intercessor and defender of the oppressed; adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: Blessed Father Herman of Alaska,

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pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

And the Troparion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Psalm 50
O Ven’ra ble Fa ther Her man, pray un - to God for us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Now and ev - er and unto ages of ag - es. A - men.

NOTE: This sequence of refrains corresponds to an ode of the Canon, and is repeated accordingly. The heirmoi of the Canon are not sung. After the 3rd and 6th ode (or the refrains), the following Katavasia is sung.

After the 3rd Ode: Abbreviated Augmented Litany

After the 6th Ode: Little Litany, Prokeimenon, and Gospel.

After the 9th Ode: In place of the Katavasia, “It is truly meet” or, during a feast, the appropriate Festal Hymn to the Theotokos.
After the 3rd and 6th Odes

Pray to God for us, O Ven’rable Father Herman,
for we fervently appeal to thee for protection!

Hasten to help us and to pray for our souls! Look with loving kindness,

O all-praised The-o-to-kos, upon the cruel distress that my

bod - y suf - fers, and heal the sick - ness of my soul.
Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
dearth of His saints.
Soprano

Mag-ni-fy, O my soul, the Lord Who was trans-fig-ured on

Alto

Mount Ta-bor! Thy childbearing was without corrup-tion;

Tenor

God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on

Bass

earth and dwelt a-mong men.// Therefore we all mag-ni fy

Refrain

 thee, O The-o-to-kos. After the Hymn to the Theotokos, the Trisagion.

Heirmos

Amen: The Kontakion.
GLORIFICATION OF VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA,
WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1970)

Kontakion- Tone 3  Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

The eternal light of Christ our Savior guided thee,
blessed Father Herman, on thy evangelical journey
to America to proclaim the Gospel of peace.

Now thou standest before the throne of glory;
intercede for thy land and its people:

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Peace for the world and salvation
for our souls!

The Augmented Litany.

Priest: Let us pray to our Venerable Father Herman, the wonderworker of Alaska and equal to the Apostles.

Choir and People:

O Venerable Father Herman, pray unto God for us!

And the Prayer to Saint Herman.
A PRAYER TO SAINT HERMAN

*Deacon:* Let us pray to our venerable father Herman, the wonderworker of Alaska and equal to the apostles.

*Singers:* O venerable father Herman, pray to God for us!

The Lord Jesus Christ has said that greater love knows no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. And thou, O most venerable Herman, didst lay down thy life for thy fellow-men, and not once, but daily—in cheerful obedience at Sarov and Valaam; in readily offering thyself for the American mission; by interceding for the oppressed Alaskans; in thy service to the colonial authorities and to the czar; in teaching thy students in matters both secular and sacred; in caring for thy orphans and virgins; by opening thy hermit’s cell to all who to thee for aid and counsel. In all these things thou didst die every day, that thou mightest no longer live, but rather have Christ living in thee, so that thou mightest live unto God through Christ the Lord.

Now, therefore, we behold thy glorification and see thee grown to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Now thou dwellest in the sunshine of heavenly glory, but thou hast not abandoned thy children and the American land, which was enlightened by thy labor for the Gospel. And so we, belabored by the harshness of this mortal coil, turn to thee now for comfort and help, and we beseech thee:

As thou didst once call upon the Theotokos to preserve thy disciples from rising tides, intercede together with her before the throne of the Master to keep us from surging floodwaters and to secure us against the storms of life in the ark of the Church. As thou didst once make a line in moss to preserve the forests of thy hermit island, keep us from raging fires and guard us from the menacing flames stored up for the end of the world. As thou didst many times face armed men with God as thy only weapon, keep us from all violence and duress of men, and from conflicts among brethren, and shield us against the merciless troops of the demons. Even in thy lifetime thou didst foresee dangers lying in wait for thy disciples: guide us by thy prayer along the perilous paths of the present unto the narrow Way of Life, the Way which is Christ, the Truth from all eternity and the true Life of the world. By thine intercessions, may we suffer no hunger or thirst or sickness in body or soul. By thy supplications, may God preserve us here and in eternity!

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For Jesus Christ has said that his Father will hear two or three gathered together in his Name, but now thou art gathered up with all the saints in his presence, engulfed in his eternal light, searching the depths of his love. Together with all that heavenly company, implore that Love for us, thy children, that the love thou knowest might be ours, too, forever. In our weak love we call upon thee, O Herman, for to thee is due honor and veneration, and all glory, thanksgiving, and worship are due to God, the almighty and adorable and all-holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Rx. Amen.