**APRIL 7**

**Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Great Lent**

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Tuesday, for St. Tikhon)**

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

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy 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 Thy name!*

**Tone 1 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

O my soul, thou wast clothed in the divinely-woven purple of self-mastery,

the fine linen of incorruption,

but thou hast mocked thine own dignity.

Thou madest sin thy wealth and pleasure,

and looked down with scorn upon thy brothers,

as the rich man who despised poor Lazarus.

But that thou be not chastised with him

be poor in spirit, and cry to the Lord Who was humbled for thy sake:

Thou didst wear the purple of mockery before Thy Crucifixion,

and for my sake Thou wast nailed to the Cross,

deliver me from eternal shame, O Christ,//

and clothe me in the robe of Thy Kingdom!

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

(Repeat: “O my soul, thou wast clothed…”)

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

**Tone 2** *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Joseph) (Joseph of Arimathea)*

Ruled by many passions,

weakened by all the assaults of the Evil One,

my heart lies shamefully in the tomb of slothfulness,

crushed with senselessness as with a stone.

O Savior, by Thy life-bearing Cross,

Thou gavest life to those who were in hell.

Awaken me, and give me life,//

so that in fear, I may glorify Thy divinity!

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

At the prompting of the Evil One,

I have always loved the riches of corrupting pleasure,

and without conscience I have delighted in vanity.

I have despised my mind when it groaned like Lazarus

and hungered for the food of God.

O Word, deliver me in Thy tender mercy from the flames to come,//

that I may glorify Thee, O Lover of man!

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

**Tone 3** *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Theodore)*

Today Lazarus has died,

and Bethany laments for him.

But Thou, O Savior, shalt raise him from the dead,

giving us an assurance of Thine own dread Resurrection,

of the death of hell, and of Adam’s restoration.//

Therefore we sing Thy praises.

*v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

**Tone 8[[1]](#footnote-1)** *(for St Tikhon)*

O Holy Hierarch Tikhon,

glorious dawn of the wisdom of God,

holy vessel of the grace of God;

O splendor of hierarchs,

true example of the monastic way of life,

firm defender and protector,//

deliver our souls from the bondage of the Enemy!

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

(Repeat: “O Holy Hierarch Tikhon, glorious dawn…” )

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

O Holy Hierarch Tikhon,

thou wast given great authority and power by God

to cast away the multitude of demons,

and to preserve us from their hatred of mankind

through the power of thy prayers,//

and to protect all those who come to thee with faith and love.

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

(Repeat: “O Holy Hierarch Tikhon, thou wast given…”)

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

How shall we honor the great Hierarch Tikhon,

whose pure thoughts and blessed accomplishments

have enlightened us with divine wisdom,

and have illumined us with the grace of his confession?

Therefore we, the faithful, cry aloud://

“Rejoice, our father among the fathers, Holy Hierarch Tikhon!”

*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 – Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!

The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!

The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!

She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!

She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead!

She destroyed the wall of enmity!

She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!

Since she is our foundation of faith,

our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!

Courage! Courage! O People of God!

For Christ will destroy our enemies//

since He is all powerful.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

The fear of the Lord / is the beginning of wisdom. *(Ps 110/111:10)*

*v: I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; in the council of the upright and in the congregation. (Ps 110/111:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (31:3-16)**

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

He is merciful, / full of compassion, and righteous. (Ps 111/112:4)

*v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight greatly in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (21:3-21)**

***(“Let my prayer arise…” and then immediately)***

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

My mouth shall speak wisdom, / the meditation of my heart shall be

 understanding. (Ps 48/49:3)

 *v: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!*

*(Ps 48/49:1)*

**Epistle**

 Heb. 7:26-8:2

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps 36/37:30)*

*v: The Law of God is in his heart, and his steps shall not falter. (Ps 36/37:31)*

**Gospel**

 John 10:9-16

***(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)***

**Communion Hymn**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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1. Music for the stichera for St. Tikhon from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at www.oca.org. These stichera are listed as the Stichera at the Aposticha. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)