**APRIL 7**

**Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Great Lent**

**Vespers (sung on Monday)**

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

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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

**Tone 6** *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Joseph)*

O Master, by my many sins and pleasures of life

in my wretchedness, I have weakened my soul

and lie constantly on the bed of laziness.

I cry out to Thee, O compassionate One:

Having come to me, grant me mercy and health.

O Savior, do not forsake me

lest I fall asleep in death,

lest the enemy rejoice in leading me to hell,//

where he always seeks to curse me.

*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.*

O Lord, I have imitated the merciless rich man,

rejoicing vainly, burdened with passionate pleasures.

Seeing my mind, like Lazarus, before the gates of repentance,

I pass by heedlessly,

leaving it torn, wounded, and diseased by passions.

Therefore I deserve Gehenna’s flames.//

But deliver me from them, O only merciful Master!

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

**Tone 5** *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Theodore)*

Passing by on the other side of the river Jordan,

Thou didst prophesy concerning Lazarus, O Lord,

that he was not sick unto death,

but that this had come to pass for the glory of God.

Glory to Thy mighty acts and powers,//

for Thou hast destroyed death by Thy many mercies, O Lover of man!

*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 1[[1]](#footnote-1)** *(from the Menaion, for St. Tikhon) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

Thou didst endure 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 thou didst courageously and humbly endure these, saying://

“Despair not in your hearts, but have faith in the Lord!”

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

War, famine, and civil strife

were the burdens thou didst bear, O our Hierarch.

Yet thou didst cry to the enraged people, saying:

“Love thy neighbor, and return back to the Lord!”//

calling them onto the path of salvation through repentance.

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

Thy life was illumined by the light of thy great deeds,

which enlightened all the faithful,

and destroyed the darkness of earthly passions;

for thou didst appear as the radiant sun,

O most blessed Hierarch Tikhon.

And now thou abidest 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 thy holy and radiant memory.

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

**Tone 6** *(from the Menaion, for St. Tikhon)*

Thou didst appear as a light, O God-bearing Father,

chosen by the Holy Spirit and anointed by God.

And now thou dost enter into the brilliance of the Holy of Holies;

and being illumined by the Unoriginate Light,

thou dost ever partake of the Divine Mysteries

as a truly glorified Hierarch.//

Pray for the salvation of our souls!

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

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee 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!

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; / for His mercy endures forever!

*(Ps 106/107:1)*

*v: Let those redeemed by the Lord say so! (Ps 106/107:2)*

**Reading from Genesis (27:1-41)**

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, / and Thy glory over all the earth!

(Ps 107/108:6)

*v: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. (Ps 107/108:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (19:16-25)**

**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 4** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

O Savior, free us from soul-destroying greed

and number us in the bosom of Abraham

together with poor Lazarus.

For our sake Thou becamest poor, yet Thou art rich in mercies!

Thou leadest us from corruption to incorruption,//

for Thou art a compassionate God, the Lover of man!

*v: To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou who art enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122/123:1-2)*

(Repeat: “O Savior, free us from soul-destroying greed…”)

*v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps 122/123:3-4)*

**Tone 4** *(to the Martyrs)*

Thou didst accept the patient endurance of the holy martyrs;

accept also our hymns of praise, O Lover of man,//

and by their supplications grant us Thy great mercy!

*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)*

Behold, Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled,

for the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin!

God was born, and so nature was restored anew.

Do not despise the entreaties of thy servants, O Mother of God!

We offer them to thee in thy temple.

Since thou hast carried in thine arms the compassionate One,

have compassion on thy servants,//

and pray that our souls may be saved.

**Tone 1 Troparion** *(for 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!

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

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

**Tone 1 Resurrectional** **Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, saying “Rejoice!”

with that word the Master of all was incarnate in ^thee,

the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David!

Thy womb became more spacious than the heavens,

for thou didst carry thy Creator.

Glory to Him Who took abode in thee!

Glory to Him Who came ^forth from thee!//

Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of thee!

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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)