

The 7th Day of April

✙ **Rest of our Father among the Saints Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America.¹**

Note: Transferred by the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church to November 18th as the Commemoration of his election to the patriarchal throne, due of its coincidence with the Feast of the Annunciation on the Julian (O.S.) Calendar.

Great Vespers

After the introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.

At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”*

Thou hast 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 thou didst courageously and humbly endure these, saying: ///
“Despair not in your hearts, but have faith in the Lord.” *(twice)*

War and famine, and civil strife /
Were the burdens you bore, 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. *(twice)*

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 blessèd hierarch Tikhon; /
And now, thou dost 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 thy holy and radiant memory. *(twice)*

Thy thoughts were always turned to God /
And were filled with faith and love /

¹ See also October 9th.

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Therefore, O glorious one, didst thou appear in brightness, /
With the radiance of the angels. /
And incorruption clothed thine earthly remains: /
For thou hadst lived a life devoid of passions /
Therefore, O godly-wise hierarch Tikhon, thou hast been adorned with virtue. /
O Lamp of the divine Light ///
Ceaselessly pray for us who lovingly honor thy holy memory. (twice)

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Thou hast appeared 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..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Who will not bless thee, O Most Holy Virgin? /
Who will not sing of thy most pure child-bearing? /
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 in two natures. /
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessèd Lady ///
To have mercy on our souls.

Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9):

^{3:1} The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. ² In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: ³ and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace, ⁴ for though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. ⁵ And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. ⁶ As gold in the furnace hath He tried them

and received them as a burnt offering. ⁷And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. ⁸They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign

forever. ⁹They that put their trust in Him shall under-stand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (5:15-6:3):

^{5:15}**T**he righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. ¹⁶Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for with His right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. ¹⁷He shall take to him His zeal for complete armor and make the creation His weapon for revenge upon his enemies. ¹⁸He shall put on righteousness as a breast-plate and indifferent judgment instead of a helmet. ¹⁹He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. ²⁰His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the creation shall fight with him against the unwise. ²¹Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the

clouds, as from a well-drawn bow shall they fly to the mark. ²²And hail stones full of wrath shall be cast out as a stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. ²³Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away; thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty. ^{6:1}Hear therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. ²Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. ³For power is given to you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the highest, who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15)

^{4:7}**T**he righteous man, though he die early yet shall he be at rest. ⁸For old age is not honored for length of time, nor is it measured by number of years; ⁹but wisdom is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is ripe old age. ¹⁰There was one who pleased God and was so beloved of Him, that while living among sinners he was taken up. ¹¹He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or guile deceive his soul. ¹²For the fascination of wickedness

obscures that which is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. ¹³Being so perfected in a short time, he fulfilled long years; ¹⁴for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore He took him quickly from the midst of wickedness. ¹⁵Yet this the peoples saw and did not understand, neither did they take such a thing to heart, that God's grace and mercy are upon His holy ones, and He hath care for His elect.

At the Litya, the stichera of the temple, and these of the Saint, in Tone 5:

Rejoice, O holy father Tikhon, /
Who loved his flock of sheep more than life itself, /
Who laid down his life for God's Church and the people of God /
To whom he cried in anguish from the depths of his soul: /
"My heart burns with pity even unto death /
Turn away from your sins, and cleanse yourselves, O brothers /
That together, we may pray to the Lord: ///
Our Father, forgive us our trespasses!

Rejoice, O holy Patriarch Tikhon, /
Who strengthened the Church with the strength of the Lord /
And gathered around himself a new host of warriors in Christ, /
Whom he instructed in faith and love /
To defeat the enemy through meekness /
And to acquire the grace of God through humility: /
Be thou our invincible leader, /
We pray thee, our beloved pastor, ///
Do not ever abandon us thy faithful flock.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Come, O ye faithful, /
And let us glorify our heavenly patron the new-confessor Tikhon. /
All America together with Russia rejoices today, /
Renewing the sacred legacy given us by our holy father Tikhon. /
Grant us a true and living Faith, /
A share in the mystery of the Cross, and communion with those marked by the Cross ///
Through the prayers of the holy new-confessor Tikhon.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Christ the Maker, Redeemer and Lord proceeded from thy womb, /
O all-pure Virgin, /
And putting on my nature, set man free from the ancestral curse. /
So we sing to thee without ceasing, O all-pure Virgin, as Mother of God /
With the angelic salutation: /
Rejoice, O Sovereign Lady, ///
Protection, refuge, and salvation of our souls.

At the Aposticha, these stichera of the Saint, in Tone 8:

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 ///
Who delivers our souls from the bondage of the enemy.

Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

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.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

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 father Tikhon.

Glory..., now and ever..., in Tone 1:

“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 the Church /
With the power and strength 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!’”

The Troparion of Saint Tikhon (April 7), in Tone 1: (the composition of Archpriest Vladimir)

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, /

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And laid down his life for his sheep. /
Let us sing to him with faith and hope, /
And ask for his hierarchal 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.

Matins

At "God is the Lord..." the Troparion of the Saint, twice; Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 1:

When Gabriel greeted thee, O Virgin, /
He cried out like the righteous David, /
For in thee, O sacred ark, was the Master of all made flesh /
And thy womb became more spacious than the heavens /
For thou didst bear thy Creator. /
Glory to Him who dwelt in thee! /
Glory to Him who came forth from thee! ///
Glory to Him who freed us by being born of thee!

After the 1st Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:

Having served an apostolic mission in America /
Thou didst return to thy homeland bearing the cross of the First Hierarch /
Being chosen by the hand of God /
Thou didst tend to thy flock with a gentle and loving hand ///
And art now, eternally, our spiritual leader and zealous defender.

After the 2nd Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 2:

Confirmation of the Word of God to the faithful, /
And a righteous warrior against blasphemers and deceivers, /
To the first, thou wast like a loving father, /
Against the others, thou didst wield a sword of righteousness. /
Behold, how the twin virtues of mercy and judgment were shown forth in thee: /
Merciful kindness and righteous chastisement /
Therefore we honor thee for thy loving-kindness ///
And pray for the remission of our sins.

Polyeley and Magnification:

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We magnify thee, // O holy hierarch father Tikhon, / and we honor thy holy memory, / for thou dost pray to Christ for us.

Selected Psalm verses:

Hear this all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 6:

In the days of the persecution of God's Holy Church /
Thou didst stand firm against the lawless haters of God, /
Who had chosen for themselves as leader, the destroyer of men; /
And thou, O gentle shepherd, wast brutally slain as a lamb /
Holding high the Cross of Christ, /
O God's chosen and gentle one. ///
For no man could withstand the deceiver's fury and wickedness.

1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone (The Song of Ascents), "From my Youth...."

Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:

Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord / who greatly delights in his commandments.

Verse: He shall not fear evil tidings, his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Let every breath praise the Lord! ...

Gospel: (35-ctr) John 10:1-9

After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron of the Saint, Tone 6:

Today, the faithful flock of Christ /
Glorifies their loving shepherd /
Who boldly led his sheep in the face of mortal danger /
Knowing each one by their name ///
And led them wondrously into the heavenly kingdom.

The Canon

For Odes 2, 8, and 9, in which the Canons from the Triodion are sung: St. Tikhon—
6 troparia; Triodion (both—8); Irmos—St. Tikhon; Katavasia—Triodion.

Ode 1

The Canon of Saint Tikhon, in Tone 6

Irmos: When Israel passed on foot over the deep as if it were dry land, and

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beheld their pursuer Pharaoh drowning in the sea, they cried aloud: Let us sing to God a song of victory!

Refrain: Holy hierarch, father Tikhon pray to God for us!

Grant that our unworthy lips and insignificant minds may worthily praise thy devoted servant, O Master, and that through his prayers, our sinful souls may be released from all their transgressions.

In thee the Lord has given us a devoted pastor, teacher and defender; a champion of His Truth and a sleepless guardian of patristic teachings, through His wonderful Providence.

After completing thine apostolic labors in America, ever seeking to acquire Christ's humility and courageously preparing for battle, thou didst enter upon the patriarchal throne as a lion, and trusting in the Lord, thou didst bravely walk amongst those lurking in ambush.

Refrain: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Theotokion: **O** Sovereign Lady, accept my prayer offered from sighing lips and a broken heart and intercede for me with Thy Son when the Day of Judgment comes.

Katavasia: *"I shall open my mouth...."*

Ode 3

Irmos: *There is none as holy as Thou, O Lord my God, who hast exalted the power of Thy faithful, O Blessèd One, and hast established us upon the rock of Thy confession.*

Thine eyes were not given to sleep, and thy mind was not given to rest, for thou didst ever pray in the temple of the Lord, ceaselessly calling all to prayer and to the love of God by thy pious example.

The fierce attacks of the impious broke as waves against the ramparts of thy soul, as if they were waves breaking against the rocks of thy righteousness and true Faith.

Jeremiah's weeping served as thine example, O holy hierarch, for thou didst weep both day and night, calling upon the Lord to preserve His Church and to deliver His people from the evil bondage of the enemy.

Theotokion: **S**alvation came to the world through thee, O most pure one, when He who is of two natures was born of thee. Praising Him with steadfast faith, we do not despair in our deliverance.

Katavasia.

The Kontakion of Saint Tikhon (April 7), in Tone 3:

Today the assembly of new martyrs /
Stands together with us in the Church /
And together we raise a festive song /
Celebrating the uncovering of the relics of our hierarch father Tikhon, /
Who defeated the enemy and preserved the Faith /
While protecting the flock entrusted to him; /
For he ever prays for us all ///That we may never be deprived of the love of God.

The Sessional Hymn of the Saint, in Tone 6:

Thine eyes were drenched with thy tears /
And thy heart was broken in sorrow for thy suffering flock /
Thy body was wracked in pain to the point of death /
And even then, thou didst not stop beseeching the Lord /
For the salvation of thy sheep held in captivity; /
Every one of them, thou didst deliver them from the jaws of hell. /
Thou hast enlightened our eyes and renewed us through thy confession ///And the light of thy glory will endure forever.

Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

O, let us the faithful sing praises to the most pure Virgin /
For she is our fervent intercessor; /
We are sheltered in the warm embrace of her protection /
And to her we run in times of trouble; /
That she might comfort us and assuage our tears /
As she did those of the holy hierarch Tikhon /
Who firmly placed his hope in her and with divine words ///Praised the majesty of our sovereign Lady.

Ode 4

***Irmos:** Christ is my strength, my God and my Lord, the sacred Church sings in a manner befitting God, with a pure mind, keeping festival unto the Lord.*

Thou wast not afraid to confront the evil persecutors, and with patriarchal authority, thou didst denounce the blasphemers to their face, for they dared to call themselves Christian yet they desecrated the holy temples of God. For this they were cast outside the Church that they might realize the terrible nature of their offenses and with repentance return to the embrace of the Lord.

Seeing the multitude of our transgressions before the Lord, thou didst cry out in grief: There might not be any new Moses that can lead the new Israel out of the bondage of Pharaoh, nor will there be any salvation under the scepter of an earthly king, but no one shall take away from us the kingdom of heaven.

Truly here we see the Divine Providence of God, for indeed, there was no earthly king able to protect thy flock from the assault of the enemy. Therefore, thou didst not call for righteous retribution or revenge against the attackers, O father Tikhon, but rather, that the tormented people should patiently endure their afflictions, so that the face of the suffering Bride of Christ might not be darkened by the sin of hate.

Theotokion: May the hearts of the blasphemers be converted and the multitude of our sins be washed away through Thy merciful compassion, O Mother of God, and thus, may the desecration of thy holy temples and thy holy Icons be fully washed away.

Ode 5

Irmos: With Thy divine light, O Good One, illumine, I ask Thee, the souls of those who in love keep vigil that they may know Thee, O Word of God as the true God who recalls them from the darkness of sin.

All of heaven and earth were truly amazed at thy long-suffering, O father Tikhon, for being held captive in the very clutches of the beast, thou didst not cease proclaiming the glory of Christ though thy mouth was bound and gagged, and thy words were heard throughout the world.

New Judases appeared as wolves arrayed in sheep's clothing defiling the honor of Christ's Holy Church, and together with the bloodthirsty beasts they fell upon the faithful flock of Christ. But thy wondrous words, O holy hierarch, father Tikhon, revealed to all their madness, and in the end, they destroyed themselves.

Theotokion: The faithful servants of Thy Son and witnesses of the Truth placed their hope in thee, O Theotokos, and being preserved under thy most bountiful protection, they dared to face both fire and death. Through their prayers strengthen and comfort us, O most praised and blessed Lady.

Ode 6

Irmos: Beholding the sea of life surging high with the storm of temptations, I have fled to Thy tranquil haven and cry out unto Thee: Raise up my life from corruption, O greatly Merciful One!

Thou didst honor the glorious death of the new martyrs with pious reverence and fervent prayer, washing away the defilements of the impious with thy tears; and having adorned their graves with the crown of thy words, and desiring to behold the

glory of heaven, thou didst prepare thyself to receive a martyr's crown from the Lord.

The demonic legions trembled in fear when thou didst bless thy brother and co-pastor Benjamin and those who were with him to courageously face the wrathful tribunal; for they shown forth as a brilliant new constellation among the celestial stars that shine forth from the heavenly mansions.

Theotokion: **D**o thou beseech Him, who was ineffably born of thee, O Lady, to grant us true repentance before our end, and that even the unrepentant be shown the path to salvation.

Katavasia.

Note: If a Sunday, then the Kontakion of the Resurrection and Ikos from the Octoechos. Otherwise:

Another Kontakion of Saint Tikhon (April 7), in Tone 2:

Serenity was the grace that most befitted thee /
For it reflected the calm spirit and quiet nature of thy soul; /
But as a confessor of the Orthodox Faith, and in thy fervent love for the Lord, /
Thou didst appear as a fearsome warrior. /
O hierarchy of Christ, holy father Tikhon, /
Pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God ///
Which is of Christ Jesus, our King and Lord.

Ikos: Having heard the words of the Gospel, O father, thou didst set aside the wisdom of the flesh, and didst count as dust all wealth and glory; and by fighting against the passions as one without flesh, wast thou vouchsafed the honor to join the choirs of the bodiless hosts. Thou didst receive the gift of understanding, which thou dost now bestow upon those sing thy praises: The rivers of hate and the waters of lawlessness had come even into our souls, adding to the foul temptations and enticements of the evil spirits that had attempted to weaken our faith and resolve as we beheld the vineyard of Christ being plundered and despoiled by thoughtless and unfeeling people. But our weakened knees have been strengthened at the uncovering of thy precious relics, O holy confessor Tikhon, for thou hast shown forth as a supplicant on our behalf before the Lord, ever praying for us that we may not be separated from the love of God.

Ode 7

Irmos: An angel made the furnace moist with dew for the godly children and the command of God consuming the Chaldeans made the tyrant cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Thou hast trained an entire army of warriors for Christ, O holy hierarch Tikhon, an entire host of godly-crowned martyrs, secretly ordained and arrayed for battle.

How could we not be amazed at thine angelic meekness as we beheld how those once separated by schismatic division returned through repentance into the embrace of the Church. Cease not to pray, that even now we might be granted true unity of faith in the Truth of Christ.

Thou wast bestowed the love of thy grateful flock when thou didst stand before the raging mob and prevented them from entering into the Sanctuary of the Lord. And now, thou dost send down unity and brotherly love upon all who earnestly desire to seek after godliness.

Theotokion: **W**e are frightened and troubled, O Lady, by the swift approach of the coming Judgment Day of thy Son; for we do not cease to displease Him, we fail to come before Him in faith, and we do not keep His commandments. But do thou, O merciful Lady, ever intercede on behalf of us penitent sinners, that we might not utterly perish, but be saved on the day when we call on the Lord.

Ode 8

Irmos: *Out of the flames Thou didst drop dew on the godly ones, and with water didst kindle the sacrifice of the righteous one, for Thou doest all things as Thou wilt, O Christ; we exalt thee throughout all ages!*

We weep and we cry, O God-loving hierarch, for though thy strength was all dried up like a potsherd, thou wast still a fervent and vigorous defender of the oppressed while with us here on earth; and now, abiding in the heavenly mansions, thou art our invisible protector against the assaults of the wicked. Therefore, together with thee, we glorify God forever.

The air was filled with the inconsolable and weeping voices of a great multitude of the faithful as they accompanied thee at thy burial as thou didst begin thy journey to be announced before the throne of God at the Feast of the Annunciation. Yet thou didst not abandon us in our sorrow at thy departure, O holy father Tikhon, but doth ever intercede for us through thy holy prayers.

Thy departure from this life, O father Tikhon, witnessed to us thine arrival unto Life-everlasting; for thou didst appear to thy beloved co-pastor announcing thy presence in the eternal kingdom. Through this, thou didst reveal the path of repentance to the unrepentant, and doth ever strengthen those struggling in defense of the Truth.

Theotokion: **T**hou, O Virgin Theotokos, art the firm hope of those who call upon the name of thy beloved hierarch as they struggle in the caves and the warrens of

the earth; for thou alone, together with thy Son know the depths of their despair.

Katavasia as prescribed.

Magnificat: My soul magnifies the Lord...

Ode 9

Irmos: *It is not possible for men to see God upon whom the ranks of angels dare not gaze, but through thee, O All-pure One, was the Word incarnate revealed unto men, whom magnifying together with the heavenly hosts, we call thee blessed!*

Thou didst instruct those burying thee to hide thy body within the depths of the green earth so that the ungodly could not discover thee nor desecrate thee.

Having cast away all earthly cares, O holy hierarch, thou didst set out upon thy journey to the heavenly Sion. O beautiful example! The foremost hierarch of the Russian and the American Church departed from the earth in monastic humility and meekness.

Thou didst join thyself forever with the bodiless angels, O father Tikhon, and together with them thou dost ever gaze upon the Triune unity of God. Vouchsafe the same unto us through thy fervent intercessions before the Lord.

Theotokion: **L**et us worthily praise her, whom the prophets proclaimed; whom the apostles served; and through whom countless generations of the faithful servants of the Lord have been comforted, for she is truly the most pure Virgin Theotokos.

Katavasia as prescribed.

The Exapostilarion of the Saint:

O God-loving, holy hierarch Tikhon, thou doth illuminate the darkness of our times with the Light of the Son, bringing forth the day of gladness in the Lord, and through thy holy prayers, the dark shadows of atheism and evil are abolished from the earth.

On the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone 8: To the melody, "O most glorious wonder...."

O ven'rable father Tikhon /
Thou didst ascend upon the ladder of divine wisdom, /
And approaching the presence of God /
Thou wast accepted as an adopted son; /
Thou didst heal the miseries of the miserable, /

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And didst chase away the spirits of wickedness /
Therefore, we celebrate thy blessed memory /
And with joy in our hearts, we magnify Christ ///
Who magnified thee, His beloved one. *(twice)*

O glorious father Tikhon /
Thou didst dispel all the passions of this world /
With the bright perceptions of thy mind; /
And didst fly over the tumultuous waves of the raging sea /
On the pure wings of a dove, /
Attaining indescribable heights of goodness /
Therefore, always intercede for us ///
Who reverently sing thy praises.

O father among the fathers, Tikhon, /
Instructor of priests and hierarchs, /
Image of virtues, and model for monastics, /
Confirmation of the Church and beacon of love divine, /
Throne of compassion and fountain of wonders, /
Tongue of fire, sweet mouth of blessings, /
Vessel of the Holy Spirit: /
Thou art truly an example of heavenly wisdom, ///
O belovèd of God, father Tikhon.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

O thrice-blessèd holy Father, /
Good pastor and disciple of the First Pastor Jesus, /
Who laid down his life for his sheep, /
Since thou art now and forever blessèd /
O holy hierarch Tikhon, /
Always intercede for us through thy holy prayers /
That we may be granted great mercy.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

O Virgin Theotokos /
Thou truly knowest God who was born of thee, ///
Pray to Him that our souls may be saved.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 6 Troparia from the Third and Sixth Odes of the Canon

of St. Tikhon.

1. Thine eyes were not given to sleep, and thy mind was not given to rest, for thou didst ever pray in the temple of the Lord, ceaselessly calling all to prayer and to the love of God by thy pious example.

2. The fierce attacks of the impious broke as waves against the ramparts of thy soul, as if they were waves breaking against the rocks of thy righteousness and true Faith.

3. Jeremiah's weeping served as thine example, O holy hierarch, for thou didst weep both day and night, calling upon the Lord to preserve His Church and to deliver His people from the evil bondage of the enemy.

4. Thou didst honor the glorious death of the new martyrs with pious reverence and fervent prayer, washing away the defilements of the impious with thy tears; and having adorned their graves with the crown of thy words, and desiring to behold the glory of heaven, thou didst prepare thyself to receive a martyr's crown from the Lord.

5. The demonic legions trembled in fear when thou didst bless thy brother and co-pastor Benjamin and those who were with him to courageously face the wrathful tribunal; for they shown forth as a brilliant new constellation among the celestial stars that shine forth from the heavenly mansions.

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Today the assembly of new martyrs /
Stands together with us in the Church /
And together we raise a festive song /
Celebrating the uncovering of the relics of our hierarch father Tikhon, /
Who defeated the enemy and preserved the Faith /
While protecting the flock entrusted to him; /
For he ever prays for us all ///
That we may never be deprived of the love of God.

Another Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2:

Serenity was the grace that most befitted thee /
For it reflected the calm spirit and quiet nature of thy soul; /
But as a confessor of the Orthodox Faith, and in thy fervent love for the Lord, /
Thou didst appear as a fearsome warrior. /
O hierarch of Christ, holy father Tikhon, /
Pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God ///
Which is of Christ Jesus, our King and Lord.

Prokeimenon (Saint), Tone 1: My mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *Verse:* Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!

The Epistle: (318) Hebrews 7:26- 8:2

The Alleluia (Saint), Tone 2: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment. *Verse:* The Law of God is in his heart and his steps shall not falter.

The Gospel: (36) John 10:9-16

The Communion Hymn: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

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