APR 7 ST. TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW, AND ENLIGHTENER OF NORTH AMERICA

TROPARION (for April 7) - Tone 1

Let us <u>praise</u> Tikhon, the Patriarch of All <u>Russia</u>, / And Enlightener of North <u>Ame</u>rica. / An <u>ardent follower of the apostolic traditions</u>, / And good pastor of the <u>Church</u> of Christ / Who was <u>elected</u> by Divine <u>Providence</u>, / And laid down his <u>life</u> for his sheep. / Let us <u>sing</u> to him with faith and <u>hope</u>, / And ask for his hierarchal inter<u>cessions</u>: / <u>Keep</u> the Church in Russia in tran<u>quility</u>, / And the Church in North <u>Ame</u>rica in peace; / <u>Ga</u>ther her scattered children into one <u>flock</u>, / Bring to repentance those who have renounced the <u>True</u> Faith; /

Pre<u>serve</u> our lands from civil <u>strife</u>, /// And entreat God's peace for all <u>people</u>.

KONTAKION (for April 7) - Tone 3

Today the assembly of new <u>ma</u>rtyrs / Stands together with <u>us</u> in the Church / And together we raise a <u>fe</u>stive song / Celebrating the uncovering of the relics of our hierarch father Tikhon, /

Who defeated the enemy and pre<u>served</u> the Faith / While protecting the flock en<u>tru</u>sted to him; / For he ever <u>prays</u> for us all /// That we may never be deprived of the love of God.

ANOTHER KONTAKION (for April 7) - Tone 2

Serenity was the grace that most befitted thee /

For it reflected the calm spirit and quiet <u>na</u>ture of thy
soul; /

But as a con<u>fe</u>ssor of the Orthodox Faith, and in thy fervent <u>love</u> for the Lord, /

Thou didst appear as a fearsome <u>wa</u>rrior. /

O hierarch of Christ, holy father Tikhon, /

Pray for us that we may not be separated from the <u>love</u> of God ///

Which is of Christ <u>Je</u>sus, our <u>King</u> and Lord.