

**THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST**  
**COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY HIERARCH TIKHON, BISHOP OF VORONEZH,**  
**WONDERWORKER OF ZADONSK AND ALL RUSSIA**  
**AT LITTLE VESPERS**

**On “Lord, I have cried ...,” 4 Stichera of the holy hierarch, in Tone I:**

**C**ome, ye faithful, and joyously assembling, let us bless Tikhon, the holy hierarch of Christ, the most excellent pastor, the teacher of golden eloquence, the comforter of the sorrowful, the unmercenary physician of the infirm, the new wonderworker given to Russia, who doth pray for our souls. **(Twice)**

**L**ike the radiant sun hath thy memory shone upon us, O holy hierarch Tikhon, illumining those who approach thee with faith; for with the splendors of thy virtues dost thou reveal to us the light of righteousness, and with the rays of thy words dost thou enlighten us to truly know Christ; with thine intercession thou dost drive away the cloud of assailing evils, and with the incorruption of thy relics thou dost show all, the radiance of immortality. Wherefore, we praise thee.

**B**lessing thee, we praise thee, O divinely wise father Tikhon; approaching thy shrine with love, we receive grace; for thou healest the infirm with thy touch, and dost save our souls by thy fervent mediation.

**Glory ..., in Tone I:**

**O** most blessed father Tikhon: standing now before the throne of the Lord, and rejoicing with the choirs of heaven in the everlasting kingdom, forget not us who are earthly and sorrowful; offer up supplications on behalf of the children of thy flock, for whom thou didst travail upon the earth; ask might for our land, peace for the Church, steadfastness in the Faith, remission of sins and deliverance from misfortunes for all the faithful.

**Both now ..., of the feast, in Tone VIII:**

**T**he cloud of the law, in which Moses and Elijah stood, received the radiant darkness of the transfiguration; and, deemed worthy of the most radiant glory, they said unto God: “Thou art our God, the King of the ages!”

**On the Aposticha, these Stichera, in Tone II:**

**A**cquiring purity of mind and being an abode of the Holy Spirit, thou didst receive the grace of the hierarchy, enlightening the people with the knowledge of the Most holy Trinity, and didst offer thyself up in the fire of divine love; and now, standing before the throne of God, cease not to offer supplication for us who honor thy memory.

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

**B**lameless was thy life, precious thy death in God’s sight, honorable the tomb which holdeth thy grace-endued body, for with miracles doth it enrich those who have recourse to thee in faith, O holy hierarch Tikhon, fervent intercessor for our souls.

**Verse:** Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, \* and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

**O** holy hierarch Tikhon, thou hast been deemed worthy of the communion of the apostles, the fellowship and joy of the righteous and of all the saints; for, emulating them in virtue and travail, thou hast been shown to be a partaker of their heavenly glory.

**Glory ..., in Tone II:**

**T**hou wast a rule of faith, O holy hierarch, and by discourse on the right Faith thou didst teach the good life; thou didst reveal thyself to thy flock as a model of the virtues, diligently keeping the commandments of Christ. Wherefore, as one who kept and taught them, thou hast been called great in the kingdom of heaven, O holy hierarch. As one that hast great boldness, entreat Christ God on behalf of those who with faith honor thy holy memory.

**Glory ..., Both now ..., of the feast, in Tone II:**

**O**n Mount Tabor \* Moses and Elijah beheld God, \* Who had become incarnate \* of the Virgin Maiden, \*\* for the deliverance of men.

**Troparion of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:**

**F**rom thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one; \* and thou wast an example unto all \* by word, life, love, spirit, faith, purity and humility. \* Wherefore, thou hast made thine abode in the heavenly mansions, \* where, standing before the throne of the Most holy Trinity, \*\* do thou pray that our souls be saved, O holy hierarch Tikhon.

**Another Troparion, in Tone IV:**

**O** guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety, \* preacher of repentance, emulator of Chrysostom, \* most excellent pastor, new beacon and wonderworker of Russia: \* well didst thou shepherd thy flock, \* and by thy writings thou hast instructed us all. \* Wherefore, adorned with a crown of incorruption by the Chief Shepherd, \*\* do thou entreat Him that our souls be saved.

## AT GREAT VESPERS

We chant “Blessed is the man ...,” the first antiphon.

On “Lord, I have cried ...,” 8 Stichera of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:

**C**ome, all ye people of Russia, and with godly hymns let us praise Tikhon, the holy hierarch and wonderworker, the divinely radiant beacon of the Church of Christ shining in the darkness of this age, the instructor in Orthodox dogmas, the denouncer of superstitious teachings, the eloquent preacher of repentance, the true teacher of the commandments of Christ, who kept and taught them. And falling down before the shrine of his holy and much-healing relics, let us cry out to him with compunction: Illumine us with the light of thy divine knowledge, O our father; raise us up from the sleep of sin with the fear of punishment and the judgment of God; set our feet firmly on the path of Christ’s commandments, and pray thou that our souls be saved!

**O** divinely wise and God-bearing Tikhon, chosen vessel of grace, pure dwelling place of the Trinity, honored abode of the virtues: following Christ from thy youth, well didst thou finish thy course and didst keep the Faith to the end. Wherefore thou hast received a crown of righteousness from Christ God, Whom do thou entreat unceasingly that our souls be saved.

**M**ost excellent pastor, pillar and adornment of the Church, radiant boast of Orthodoxy: well didst thou shepherd the flock of Christ which the Holy Spirit appointed thee to tend, ordaining priests and instructing the people. Thou wast a defender of the oppressed, a refuge for orphans and widows, and didst provide for the poor. And now, standing before the Chief Shepherd, entreat Him that our souls be saved.

**O** teacher of golden eloquence, divine instrument of the Holy Spirit, herald of the truth of Christ, preacher of repentance: deriving precious things from that which is of little worth, thou wast like the mouth of the Lord, pouring forth upon all the words of eternal life. Wherefore, do thou now pray that our souls be saved.

**R**ejoice, O sacred one, emulator of the venerable, fellow laborer with fasters, lover of stillness: for, having descended from thine hierarchical throne, thou didst take up thine abode in a humble monastery, and regarding tribulations as delight, thou didst traverse the narrow way. Thou didst love unfeigned humility, lowliness of attire, unceasing labors and prayers, continual lamentation, and the memory of death. O Tikhon, our venerable father, pray thou that our souls be saved! (**Twice**)

**O** Tikhon, our compassionate father, our ready helper, fervent intercessor on our behalf before God: by thy supplications aid thou Orthodox Christians; defend the Orthodox Church from assaults of superstition and unbelief; protect our homeland from enemies, visible and invisible; calm the whole world from the turmoil of human passions; take from us all malice, enmity and calumny; within our hearts root thou peace, love and oneness of mind, that we may be well pleasing unto the Lord and Master of our life, and that, throughout the ages, our souls may be saved. (**Twice**)

### Glory ..., in Tone VIII:

**C**ome, ye faithful, let us glorify Tikhon, the blessed and holy hierarch; for, dwelling with the angelic choirs in heaven, with the prophets, holy hierarchs and martyrs doth he join chorus, and doth rejoice with the venerable and the righteous, contemplating Christ God not in a glass darkly, but face to face; and on earth his precious body is adorned with incorruption, pouring forth streams of healing upon those who approach with faith and love. Wherefore, we beseech thee, O holy hierarch: be thou a fervent intercessor for us at the throne of God, for thou hast great boldness before Him.

### Both now ..., Theotokion of the feast, in Tone VI:

**F**oreshadowing Thy resurrection, O Christ our God, Thou didst take three of Thy disciples - Peter, James and John - and didst ascend Tabor. And as Thou wast transfigured, O Savior, Mount Tabor was clothed with light. Thy disciples cast themselves upon the ground, O Word, unable to endure the sight of Thine invisible countenance. Angels ministered to thee in fear and trembling; the heavens were afraid and the earth quaked, beholding the glory of the Lord upon the earth.

### Entrance. Prokeimenon of the day. Three lessons:

#### READING FROM THE PROVERBS.

**T**he memory of the righteous man calleth forth praises, and the blessing of the Lord is upon his head. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Out of her mouth truth proceedeth, and law and mercy she carrieth on her tongue. Hear me, then, O children, for I will speak of excellent things; and happy is the man that will keep unto my ways, for my paths are the paths of life, and the desire is fashioned of the Lord. Wherefore, I entreat you and put forth my voice before the sons of men, for I with wisdom set up everything; I have called forth counsel, understanding and knowledge. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom, mine is understanding and strength is mine. I love them that love me, and those that seek me shall find grace. Understand, then, O ye simple, the cunning, and ye uninstructed-direct your hearts unto it. Harken unto me again, for I will speak of honorable things, and the opening of my mouth shall be right things, for my mouth shall speak truth and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. For I will

teach you the truth, so that your hope may be in the Lord and ye may be filled with the Spirit.

### READING FROM THE PROVERBS.

**T**he mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom; but the froward tongue shall be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable; but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness. A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom. The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness. When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead. A hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered. When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth; and when the wicked perish, there is shouting. By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

### READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

**B**ut though the righteous be prevented with death, yet shall he be in rest. For honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, nor that is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age. He pleased God, and was loved of him: so that living among sinners he was translated. Yea, speedily was he taken away, lest that wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of naughtiness doth obscure things that are honest; and the wandering of concupiscence doth undermine the simple mind. He, being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time: for his soul pleased the Lord: therefore hasted he to take him away from among the wicked. This the people saw, and understood it not, neither laid they up this in their minds, That his grace and mercy is with his saints, and that he hath respect unto his chosen.

**At the Litiya, the Sticheron of the temple, and these Stichera, in Tone II:**

**L**et us praise the most blessed Tikhon, the adornment of holy hierarchs and glory of the Fathers, the great adornment of the faithful, the new wonderworker who abundantly poureth forth streams of miracles, healing the infirm, and inexhaustibly bestowing divine gifts; and let us cry out: O most blessed Tikhon, vessel filled with grace and fount of mercy, pray to the Lord for us, that He have mercy on our souls!

**O** divinely wise father Tikhon, thou wast a good and faithful servant of the Lord, who didst not hide in the ground the talent given thee by Him, but, teaching and laboring, didst increase it. Wherefore, being faithful in a very little, thou wast placed over many by the heavenly Master of the house, Whom do thou entreat on behalf of those who honor thy memory with faith.

**O** most blessed Tikhon, thou wast a faithful keeper of the words of the Gospel, which say not to lay up for oneself treasure upon earth; but voluntary poverty didst thou lay up for thyself as a treasure in heaven, abundantly providing for the poor. Wherefore, do thou now ask of the Lord for us rich and great mercy.

**Glory ..., in Tone VI:**

**T**oday the Monastery of Zadonsk is adorned, and the flock of Voronezh rejoiceth, the whole Orthodox Church doth celebrate, keeping thy memory, O holy hierarch Tikhon. For, in thy wonders and the incorruption of thy relics, we all have a great sign of the grace of the Holy Spirit in the Orthodox Church, a reproof of heresies and schisms, and the shaming of impiety.

**Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VI:**

**C**hrist the Lord, my Creator and Redeemer, \* Who came forth from thy womb, O all-pure one, \* and clothed Himself in my nature, \* hath freed Adam from the primal curse. \* Wherefore, like the angel \* we unceasingly cry out to thee, \* O most pure one, \* who art truly the Mother of God and Virgin: \* Rejoice!, O Sovereign Lady, \*\* the intercession, protection and salvation of our souls!

**On the Aposticha, these Stichera, in Tone IV:**

**R**ichly didst thou nourish the souls of the starving with heavenly food, for thy word is the bread of angels, O divinely wise Tikhon. With divine gladness thou didst fill the hearts of those who thirst, for thy teaching is divine wine and a wellspring of the grace of the Holy Spirit, which poureth forth life everlasting.

**Verse: My mouth shall speak wisdom, \* and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.**

**L**ovingly praising thee O hierarch and pastor, guileless and venerable, thou faithful teacher, we earnestly pray: Offer unto the Lord supplication for the salvation of our souls!

**Verse: Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, \* all ye that inhabit the world.**

**T**he tares which the evil foe sowed amongst thy flock didst thou manfully uproot. For, denouncing the shameless pagan games, thou didst abolish practices harmful to the soul, teaching all to piously keep the commandments of Christ.

**Glory ..., in Tone VIII:**

**W**hat shall we call thee, O holy hierarch Tikhon? Good shepherd? For thou wast ready to lay down thy life for thy sheep. Enthroned with the apostles? For by thy writings thou dost instruct all. Boast of fasters and adornment of monks? For monastic labors, vigils and fasting didst thou take up. Earthly angel and heavenly man? For in the world thou didst live most peaceably. Child of God? For above all else didst thou love to make peace. And now do thou beseech Christ God, that He calm the world and make steadfast the Holy Church.

**Both now ..., of the feast, in Tone VI:**

**T**o Peter, James and John, Thy foremost disciples, O Lord, Thou hast shown the glory of Thy divine countenance today on Mount Tabor; for they beheld Thy garments illumined as with light, and Thy face shining more brightly than the sun. And unable to endure the unbearable sight of Thine effulgence, they fell face down upon the ground, in nowise able to look further. And they heard a voice from above bearing witness, saying: “This is my beloved Son, Who hath come into the world to save mankind!”

**Troparion of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:**

**F**rom thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one; \* and thou wast an example unto all \* by word, life, love, spirit, faith, purity and humility. \* Wherefore, thou hast made thine abode in the heavenly mansions, \* where, standing before the throne of the Most holy Trinity, \*\* do thou pray that our souls be saved, O holy hierarch Tikhon.

**Another Troparion, in Tone IV:**

**O** guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety, \* preacher of repentance, emulator of Chrysostom, \* most excellent pastor, new beacon and wonderworker of Russia: \* well didst thou shepherd thy flock, \* and by thy writings thou hast instructed us all. \* Wherefore, adorned with a crown of incorruption by the Chief Shepherd, \*\* do thou entreat Him that our souls be saved.

## AT MATINS

After the 1<sup>st</sup> chanting of the Psalter, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone VIII:

**A** second Moses wast thou revealed to be; for, having ascended the mount of the virtues, the dogmas of pure theology didst thou receive like tablets inscribed by the hand of God, not struck with awe by fearsome signs, but guiding the new Israel to the calm haven by the teachings of divine words.

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VIII:

**T**he one God of all entered into the womb of her that kneweth not wedlock, that He might unite the lowly with the exalted; and He appeared in fleshly guise and broke down the middle wall of enmity, and granted life and divine deliverance.

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> chanting of the Psalter, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone VIII:

**C**hrist the Lord, the unapproachable Light of life, resting in thee, O holy hierarchy, revealed thee to the world as a most radiant flame; for thou dost shed light by thy life, enlightening all with the rays of thy teachings, and shining forth in miracles. Wherefore, we radiantly celebrate thy memory, O Tikhon most blessed.

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VIII:

**O** divinely joyous Lady, adornment of hierarchs, confirmation of the righteous and boast of all the venerable: from misfortunes, tribulations and grievous transgression save us that hymn thee with faith.

The Polyeleos, and this Magnification: We magnify thee, O holy hierarchy Tikhon, and we honor thy holy memory, for thou dost entreat Christ God for us.

Selected Psalm verse:

**A:** Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Glory ..., Both now ..., Alleluia ..., Glory to Thee, O God (Thrice)

After the Polyeleos, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone VIII:

**T**hrough abstinence didst thou subject thy body to thy spirit, setting thy mind as master over the passions; and illumining thy soul with the travails of fasting, O holy hierarchy, thou didst offer a pure sacrifice unto Christ, of Whom thou wast beloved, for thou didst love Him and wast truly the abode of the divine Trinity.

Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VIII:

**W**ith spiritual love I sing to thee, O Lady, thou ray of the most radiant Sun, portal of salvation, gate of heaven, noetic ladder for all Christians: accept the entreaty of those who bless thee, the hope of our souls, and grant us salvation.

Song of Ascents, the first antiphon of Tone IV:

Prokeimenon, in Tone IV: Precious in the sight of the Lord \* is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?  
Let every breath ...,

## GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, §36 (JN 10:9-16)

**I** am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

After Psalm 50, this Sticheron, in Tone II:

**T**hou didst take the Cross upon thy shoulders and crucify thyself to the world, following in the steps of Christ the Savior; shaking off the love of life and every attachment to the passions, and shining in thy blessed life, thou didst receive a heavenly inheritance. Remember thy flock which doth ever honor thee, O holy hierarch, father Tikhon.

The canon to the Theotokos (the Paraklisis), with six Troparia, including the Irmos; and that of the holy hierarch, the acrostic whereof is:

“I glorify Tikhon, the holy hierarch and wonderworker,” in Tone VIII:

### ODE I

**Irmos:** Having passed through the water as upon dry land, \* and having escaped the malice of the Egyptians, \* the Israelites cried aloud: \* Unto our God and Redeemer let us sing.

**O** Tikhon, holy hierarch of Christ, do thou thyself grant me understanding and speech, that I may worthily hymn the glory whereby Christ the Lord hath glorified thee.

**A** ray of divine light hast thou shone upon us. Come, ye children of the light, that we may be illumined thereby, that, magnifying the holy hierarch with hymns, we may become inflamed in spirit.

**L**et us glorify the blessed Tikhon, the successor to the apostles, enthroned with the holy hierarchs, dweller with the venerable, by whose intercession we obtain salvation.

**Theotokion:** The Master of all, having ineffably taken flesh from thee, O Mary, Birthgiver of God, became a perfect man; and when thou didst give birth, He kept thee as pure as thou hadst been before giving birth. Him do thou entreat, that He save our souls from misfortune.

### ODE III

**Irmos:** **O** Lord, Creator of the vault of Heaven \* and Builder of the Church, \* do Thou strengthen me in Thy love, O Summit of desire, \* O Support of the faithful, \* O only Lover of mankind.

**W**ounded with the love of Christ, O blessed one, from thy youth didst thou follow Him with unwavering desire, disdaining every carnal pleasure.

**T**he passions of youth which vex the flesh didst thou cut down with the sword of philosophy, offering thyself as a sacrifice to Christ the Master.

**O** Tikhon, with greater love didst thou cleave unto wisdom, made steadfast in the fear of God, for it is the beginning of wisdom.

**Theotokion:** **L**et us hymn the divine temple of God! Let us bless the holy Virgin, having been deified and delivered from misfortunes by her!

#### Sessional Hymn of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:

**F**rom thy youth wast thou a temple of the Holy Spirit; for, having cleansed thy soul of passions through thy faith, the grace of the Comforter doth dwell therein. Wherefore, even after thy repose, thy body hath been preserved incorrupt. Entreat Christ God that they that honor thee be delivered from corrupting passions.

#### Glory ..., Both now ..., Theotokion, in Tone VIII:

**O** Mother of my sweet Jesus, pure and divine Maiden, tabernacle of the Holy Spirit: cleanse my soul, which hath been defiled by transgressions, and make it a radiant abode of the virtues, O thou who didst bear the Light. Drive from me the clouds of the passions, O thou who art incorrupt, that, by thine intercessions, the grace of the Comforter may overshadow me.

### ODE IV

**Irmos:** **T**hou, O Lord, art my strength and Thou art my power, \* Thou art my God and Thou art my joy, \* Thou Who, while never leaving the bosom of Thy Father, \* hast visited our poverty. \* Therefore with the Prophet Habbakuk I cry unto Thee, \* 'Glory to Thy power, O Lover of mankind!'

**L**ike a lamb wast thou tended by Christ; like a shepherd didst thou tend thy flock, leading them to the pasture of thy life-bearing teachings.

**A**n initiate of the mysteries of the doctrine of Christ, thou didst illumine the people with the knowledge of Him, showing forth His truth by word and deed.

**A** true and faithful guard wast thou over the house of God, watching over it in deed, giving an example by thy life, and by word, for thou didst diligently instruct, and by thought, for thou didst take thought for its wellbeing.

**Theotokion:** Finding thee to be a haven and rampart, a refuge and hope, a protection and a fervent intercessor, the faithful have recourse to thee and earnestly cry out to thee, as the blessed Tikhon hath taught us: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

### ODE V

**Irmos:** O Light never-waning, \* why hast Thou turned Thy face from me \* and why hath the alien darkness surrounded me, \* wretched though I be? \* But do Thou guide my steps I implore Thee \* and turn me back towards the light of Thy commandments.

O holy hierarch, Christ, Whom thou didst love, Whom thou didst desire, for Whose sake thou didst struggle, do thou now beseech on behalf of thy servants, that, being merciful, He may grant a peaceful life to all of us who honor thy memory.

Filled with faith and the love of Christ, thou didst show thyself to be as a river, abundantly watering all the land of Russia with the word of thy teachings, O blessed Tikhon.

Like a bee gathering sweet honey from quickly fading blossoms, O father, thou didst gather spiritual treasure from the corruptible world, and thereby thou dost satisfy us all.

**Theotokion:** Fill thou our hearts with gladness, O most pure and divine Maiden, who didst give birth to the Cause of joy, destroying all the grief of sin.

### ODE VI

**Irmos:** Cleanse me, O Savior, \* for many are mine iniquities; \* lead me up from the abyss of evils I pray Thee, \* for unto Thee have I cried, \* and Thou hast hearkened unto me, \* O God of my salvation.

Being pure of heart, thou didst cleave unto the pure Christ; being holy, unto the Holy One; being loving, unto Him that loveth; being meek, unto the Meek One, crying unceasingly: It is good for me to cleave unto God!

The comfort, pleasure, honor, wealth, glory and all the treasures of the world didst thou despise, taking wing to the heavenly Jerusalem, to the home of thy Father, wherein there are many mansions.

Insults, sorrows and abuse didst thou joyfully endure, mindful that there is no crown without a victory, no victory without a contest, no contest without battle, and no battle without a foe.

**Theotokion:** O Virgin Sovereign Lady, Mother of the Creator: thou art the joy of the heavenly hosts, the blessed helper of the human race. Pray thou that our souls be saved!

### Kontakion of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:

Successor to the apostles, adornment of holy hierarchs, \* teacher of the Orthodox Church: \* beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world \*\* and great mercy to our souls!

**Ikos:** Having adorned thy soul with virtue and enlightened thy mind with the love of wisdom, thou wast revealed to be a good shepherd of the flock of Christ, teaching it by word and writing, admonishing and instructing, giving an example of what thou didst say by thy life. Wherefore, by Christ, the Chief Shepherd, thou hast been adorned with a crown of glory in heaven, shining forth on earth in the incorruption of thy relics and pouring forth abundant streams of wonders upon those who call upon thee in faith, O divinely wise Tikhon. Pray to the Lord, that He grant our souls great mercy!

## ODE VII

**Irmos:** Once in Babylon the fire stood in awe \* of God's condescension; \* for which sake the youths in the furnace, \* dancing with joyous steps as in a meadow, chanted: \* O God of our fathers, Blessed art Thou!

With patience didst thou acquire thy soul, O blessed one, and traversed the narrow path, that alone leadeth to everlasting life, ever directing thy gaze toward the way of the Cross of Christ, the Judge of the contest, and setting an image thereof as a model for thy life.

Thy whole self didst thou surrender to the love of God: soul and body, heart and mind, memory and will, purpose, ambition, word, deed and thought didst thou consecrate to God in love.

O blessed Tikhon, thou didst show thyself to be a father of orphans, a defender of widows, the wealth of the poor, the consolation of the sick and admonition of the wealthy, a staff for the aged, the instructor of the young, and a model of virtue for monastics.

**Theotokion:** Rejoice, O Mary! Rejoice, thou who hast given birth to the Savior of the world! Be thou a haven for us who are tempest-tossed by the storm of life, a calm harbor amid the deep of sorrows, and a guide to the heavenly mansions.

## ODE VIII

**Irmos:** In his wrath the Chaldean Tyrant made the furnace blaze, \* with heat fanned sevenfold for the servants of God; \* but when he perceived that they had been saved by a greater power \* he cried aloud to the Creator and Redeemer; \* 'ye children bless, ye priests praise, \* ye people, supremely exalt Him throughout all ages'.

A Son of the Kingdom while yet on earth, thou didst ever yearn for the Son of God, crying out to Him: Be Thou my food and drink; be Thou the light of my soul; be Thou my relief amid sorrows; be Thou life everlasting according to the Resurrection, that I may supremely exalt Thee throughout the ages!

Ever mindful of the fall of Adam, the redemption through the sufferings of Christ, the hour of death, the dread Judgment, the torment of sinners and the blessed state of the righteous, thou didst lament, setting before us an example of compunction and purifying thyself aforetime for eternal glory.

**H**aving taken up labors in this life out of faith and piety, thou didst sweetly rest from thy labors and wast granted repose; for thou didst descend into the grave, maturing like wheat for the harvest of God at the time of the reaping.

**Theotokion:** **W**ith the hyssop of the life-creating Blood of the Lamb, Who was slain for the salvation of the world, and Who took flesh from thy most pure blood, do thou sprinkle and cleanse me, who am defiled, O Lady, that I may be made whiter than snow by thy maternal assistance.

### ODE IX

**Irmos:** **H**eaven was stricken with awe, \* and the ends of the earth were filled with amazement, \* for God hath appeared in the flesh, \* and thy womb was rendered more spacious than the heavens. \* Wherefore, the ranks of men and of angels \* magnify thee as the Theotokos.

**A** mediator and fervent intercessor for us before God wast thou revealed to be, O hierarch, making supplication to the Master through thy prayers. Ask thou forgiveness of transgressions, O father, for those who faithfully celebrate thy sacred memory and magnify thee with heartfelt love.

**O** thou who hast been illumined with the radiance of God the Light, enlighten us who are darkened by the passions of life; and, having received of Him the authority to loose and to bind, loose thou our transgressions and grant the kingdom of heaven unto those who celebrate thy memory and magnify thee as is meet.

**M**ercifully accept this, our hymn of praise, which is offered up to thee with abundant fervor, from our unworthy and wretched souls, O holy hierarch, granting us grace abounding in compassion.

**Theotokion:** **T**hou didst raise up fallen Adam, O Mother of God, who hast given birth to the new Adam. Do thou also raise us up, who are fallen like Adam of old, but who fervently believe in the grace of the New.

**Exapostilarion of the holy hierarch:**

**Spec. Mel.: “Having fallen asleep in the flesh ...”:**

**T**hough thou hast fallen asleep in the flesh, O holy hierarch Tikhon, yet, alive in spirit, thou dost reign with Christ in the unwaning kingdom and dost beseech Him on behalf of those who call upon thee in faith and love.

**Another Exapostilarion:**

**Spec. Mel.: “I behold Thy bridal chamber, O Savior ...”:**

**M**indful of thee, shining with ineffable light in the bridal chamber of Christ the Bridegroom, O holy hierarch, I fain would attain unto the kingdom of heaven, but my mind hath become foolish through the sleep of sin, my lamp hath expired like those who had no oil, the garment of my soul hath been befouled, and I perceive that the gates of the kingdom are closed unto me. But, rousing me from the sleep of sin by thy prayers, grant me the oil of repentance; and covering my nakedness with the garment of the excellencies of Christ, make me worthy of the unwaning kingdom.

**On the Praises, 4 Stichera of the holy hierarch, in Tone III:**

**O** consoler of the sorrowful, thou didst lovingly receive those who were clad in rags; thou didst visit the imprisoned; to the poor, dying of fetid diseases, thou didst give peace; thou didst console the grieving who were of low estate, for thou wast a friend of the least of the brethren of Christ. Wherefore, Christ hath numbered thee among the company of His friends. Him do thou beseech, that He soften the hardness of our hearts and make us quick to render help and consolation in the doing of good unto those who are needy. **(Twice)**

**O** lover of peace, all abuse didst thou joyfully endure as one dumb, opening not thy mouth, forgiving all, that the offender be pacified; and thou didst show thyself to be a peacemaker for those at enmity. Wherefore, still our much troubling passions, destroying wrath, hatred and strife, and instructing with brotherly love and patience.

**O** lover of stillness, who didst set a watch before thy mouth and a door of enclosure round about thy lips, that thou mightest converse alone with the One God: prevail over the unbridled malice of our tongues, and cure us of idle and vain speech and judging, ceaselessly offering thy fervent prayers unto the Lord on our behalf.

**Glory ..., in Tone II:**

**O** emulator of the love of the heavenly Father, in that thou art a child of love, ever abiding in love, thou didst set love above fasting. We pray thee: take thou and give to us of the spirit of thy love, and teach us to perceive our own transgressions and not to judge our brethren. For thou art able to do this, in so far as thou dost abide in God and God abideth in thee.

**Both now ..., of the feast, the composition of Byzantius, in Tone VIII:**

**H**aving taken Peter, James and John alone up upon the lofty mountain, Christ was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His garments were as white as light. And Moses and Elijah appeared, speaking with Him, and a cloud of light overshadowed them. And, lo! a voice spake from the cloud, saying: "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased! Hear ye Him!"

**Great Doxology. Dismissal.**

## AT LITURGY

On the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia, from ODES III, and VI of the canon to the holy hierarch.

**W**ounded with the love of Christ, O blessed one, from thy youth didst thou follow Him with unwavering desire, disdaining every carnal pleasure. (Twice)

**T**he passions of youth which vex the flesh didst thou cut down with the sword of philosophy, offering thyself as a sacrifice to Christ the Master.

**O** Tikhon, with greater love didst thou cleave unto wisdom, made steadfast in the fear of God, for it is the beginning of wisdom.

**B**eing pure of heart, thou didst cleave unto the pure Christ; being holy, unto the Holy One; being loving, unto Him that loveth; being meek, unto the Meek One, crying unceasingly: It is good for me to cleave unto God!

**T**he comfort, pleasure, honor, wealth, glory and all the treasures of the world didst thou despise, taking wing to the heavenly Jerusalem, to the home of thy Father, wherein there are many mansions.

**I**nsults, sorrows and abuse didst thou joyfully endure, mindful that there is no crown without a victory, no victory without a contest, no contest without battle, and no battle without a foe.

**Theotokion:** **O** Virgin Sovereign Lady, Mother of the Creator: thou art the joy of the heavenly hosts, the blessed helper of the human race. Pray thou that our souls be saved!

### Troparion of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:

**F**rom thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one; \* and thou wast an example unto all \* by word, life, love, spirit, faith, purity and humility. \* Wherefore, thou hast made thine abode in the heavenly mansions, \* where, standing before the throne of the Most holy Trinity, \*\* do thou pray that our souls be saved, O holy hierarch Tikhon.

### Another Troparion, in Tone IV:

**O** guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety, \* preacher of repentance, emulator of Chrysostom, \* most excellent pastor, new beacon and wonderworker of Russia: \* well didst thou shepherd thy flock, \* and by thy writings thou hast instructed us all. \* Wherefore, adorned with a crown of incorruption by the Chief Shepherd, \*\* do thou entreat Him that our souls be saved.

### Kontakion of the holy hierarch, in Tone VIII:

**S**uccessor to the apostles, adornment of holy hierarchs, \* teacher of the Orthodox Church: \* beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world \*\* and great mercy to our souls!

**Prokeimenon, in Tone I:** My mouth shall speak wisdom, \* and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

**Verse:** Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

### **THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (HEB. 7 :26-8:2)**

**B**rethren: such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore. Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

**Alleluia, in Tone II:** The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

**Verse:** The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps shall not be tripped.

### **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW (MT. 5:14-19)**

**T**he Lord said unto His disciples: Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**Communion Verse:** In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings.