**APRIL 9 (8))**

**The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (*served on Monday, April 8*)**

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

**"Lord, I Call..." Tone 7**

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 7** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Like the man who fell among thieves and was wounded by them,

so I have fallen in my sins, wounded in soul.

To whom can I turn and run for healing,

but to Thee, O Physician of souls and bodies?//

Pour out Thy great mercy on me, O God!

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

(Repeat: “Like the man who fell …”)

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

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

Thou hast given us this time of the fast, O Word of God,

so that we might turn and live;

so that no one would perish.

Enable us all to please Thee well,

and to serve Thee in fervent compunction, O Christ;

that we may be like the chaste and wise harlot of old,

who, through the pouring out of myrrh and fervent tears,//

received remission of her transgressions.

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

Like the blind man, I cry from my heart:

“Enlighten the eyes of my heart, O Son of God!

Like the faithful Canaanite woman, I cry to Thee:

Have mercy on me, O bountiful One;

for my soul is possessed by pleasure's demons.

When Thou hast delivered it from the darkness of passions,

enable me to spend the rest of my life in purity,//

that I may glorify Thy great love!”

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

**Tone 2** *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Theodore)*

The divinely-radiant grace of abstinence

shines on us today more than the sun,

enlightening our souls and dispelling the clouds of sinful passions.

Let us all hasten to embrace it with joy,

and with good courage persevere in the course of the fast!

Let us cry out with gladness to Christ://

“O Gracious One, sanctify those who faithfully fulfill the fast!”

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

**Tone 8** *(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 endures for ever.*

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)*

Moses with prophetic eyes beheld the mystery in thee, O all-praised

Virgin:

the bush that burned yet was not consumed;

for the fire of Divinity did not burn thy womb, O pure Maiden.

Therefore, we ask thee, as the Mother of our God,//

to grant peace to the world, and great mercy.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Guide me in Thy way, O Lord, that I may walk in Thy truth!  *(Ps 85/86:11)*

*v: Incline Thine ear, Lord, and hear me! (Ps 85/86:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (13:12-18)**

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. (*Ps 86/87:2)*

*v:* His foundations are on the holy mountains. *(Ps 86/87:1)*

**Reading from Proverbs (14:27-15:4)**

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

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and 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**

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

tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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