**MARCH 31**

**Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas**

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Monday, in honor of St. Innocent)**

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

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. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

**Tone 7** *Idiomelon (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.*

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

We have deprived ourselves of the former joys of Paradise,

and have driven ourselves to a life of dishonor by sin.

We have forsaken the former life of virtue,

and instead we have fallen among thieves,

deadened by transgressing Thy saving teachings.

But, O Master, born of Mary,

with dispassion Thou didst share in our passions:

we entreat Thee, bind up our sinful sores;

pour out Thy mercy on us with Thy healing care,//

as the Lover of man!

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

**Tone 4** *(for 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!

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

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

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. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

**Tone 2[[1]](#footnote-1)** *(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. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 6[[2]](#footnote-2)** *(from the Menaion, for St. Innocent)*

Called to the New World by the grace of God

as a skilled helmsman of the ship of Christ,

thou didst endure dangers on the sea,

as thou leddest those adrift in darkness, delusion, and the storms of passions

to the calm harbor of salvation.

Pray for us now, Holy Father Innocent,//

before the Holy Trinity!

V. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “Called to the New World…”)

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

A prophet raised up from among the Aleuts

heard from an angel that thou wouldst journey afar,

leaving thy family to speak with a great man.

Once his words had been fulfilled,

by the infinite wisdom and mercy of God

we received thee again as the first bishop to rule our land.//

Intercede now for the flock thou hast gathered!

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

People of two continents with different tongues and customs

rejoice today through thee in the mystery of the tongues of Pentecost

and in the fall of the cursed tower of human pride,

which kept at enmity all the nations of the earth,

until they were caught in the net of faith//

worshipping the consubstantial Trinity.

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

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

In mortal danger from a storm at sea,

thou didst look to the North Star of the Church of Christ,

and, through the prayers of St. Herman of Alaska,

found grace and deliverance.//

With him now intercede for our souls!

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

No one who hastens to thee

goes away from thee empty-handed,

O pure Virgin Theotokos;

but whoever asks for a favor,

receives the gift//

that most favorably fulfills the request.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Guide me in Thy way, O Lord, / that I may walk in Thy truth! *(Ps. 85:10a)*

V. *Incline Thine ear, Lord, and hear me! (Ps. 85:1a)*

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

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

The Lord loves the gates of Zion / more than all the dwellings of Jacob. (*Ps. 86:1b)*

V. *His foundations are on the holy mountains.* *(Ps. 86:1a)*

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

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

**Tone 1** **Prokeimenon** *(St. Innocent)*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

V. *Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth! (Ps. 48:1)*

**Epistle**

 (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *(St. Innocent)*

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

V. *The Law of God is in his heart, and his steps shall not falter. (Ps. 36:32)*

 **Gospel**

 (36) John 10:9-16 *(St. Innocent)*

***(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)***

**Communion Hymn**

Taste and see that the Lord is good! *(Ps. 33:8a)*

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

tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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1. In some traditions, this sticheron is in Tone 8. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Music for the stichera for St. Innocent from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CPhillip%5CDocuments%5C5.%20OCA%20Chancery%5C1.%20Department%20of%20Liturgical%20Music%5CNew%20Packets%20beginning%2002-2020%5C2020-03%20Services%5Cwww.oca.org). These stichera are listed as the Stichera at the Aposticha. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)