**APRIL 7**

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

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

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

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

O Savior, free us from soul-destroying greed

and number us in the bosom of Abraham

together with poor Lazarus.

For our sake Thou didst become poor, yet Thou art rich in mercies!

Thou dost lead us from corruption to incorruption,//

for Thou art a compassionate God, the Lover of man!

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

(Repeat: “O Savior, free us…”)

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 6** *(from the Triodion, by Joseph) (Having placed all their hope)*

O Master, by my many sins and pleasures of life

I, a wretched person, have weakened my soul

and am constantly in a bed of laziness.

I cry out to Thee, O compassionate One:

Having come to me, grant me mercy and health.

O Savior, do not forsake me

lest I fall asleep in death,

lest the enemy rejoice in leading me to hell//

where he always seeks to curse me.

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

O Lord, I have imitated the merciless rich man,

rejoicing vainly, burdened with pleasure's passions.

Seeing my mind, like Lazarus, before the gates of repentance,

I pass by heedlessly,

leaving it torn, wounded, and diseased by passions.

Therefore I deserve Gehenna's flames.//

But deliver me from them, O only merciful Master!

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 5** *(from the Triodion, by Theodore) (O Lord, on Moses)*

O Lord, while tarrying on the other side of Jordan,

Thou didst announce beforehand

that the illness of Lazarus was not unto death,

but that it happened for the sake of Thy glory, O our God.

Glory to Thy wondrous works!

Glory to Thine almighty power!

For Thou didst abolish death//

through the abundance of Thy mercy, O Lover of mankind.

V. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 8[[1]](#footnote-1)** *(from the Menaion, 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. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “O Holy Hierarch Tikhon, glorious dawn…” )

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

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

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)*

O all-honored Virgin,

with prophetic eyes Moses beheld the mystery that was to take place in thee.

He gazed at the burning bush that was not consumed,

for the fire of the Godhead did not burn thy womb, O pure Lady.

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

to pray for peace in the world and great mercy for our souls.

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; / for His mercy endures forever! *(Ps. 106:1)*

V. *Let those redeemed by the Lord say so! (Ps. 106:2a)*

**Reading from Genesis (27:1-41)**

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, / and Thy glory over all the earth! *(Ps. 107:5)*

 V. *My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. (Ps. 107:1a)*

**Reading from Proverbs (19:16-25)**

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

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

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. Tikhon)*

**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. Tikhon)*

***(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. Music for St. Tikhon from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org). These stichera are listed as the Stichera at the Aposticha. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)