**APRIL 7**

**Sixth Monday of Great Lent**

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

**Vespers (sung on Sunday)**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

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 1[[1]](#footnote-1)** *(from the Lenten Triodion, by Joseph) (O all-praised martyrs)*

Thou, O Christ, Who art rich, hast assumed poverty,

and enriched the human race with illumination and immortality;

enrich me with virtues,

for I have grown poor by the pleasures of this life!

Establish me with Lazarus the Poor;

deliver me from the punishments of the rich//

and from the torment of Gehenna that awaits me!

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

(Repeat: “Thou, O Christ, Who art rich…”)

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

I have become rich with evil in a wretched way.

I have loved luxury and exploited the pleasures of life;

I have come under the condemnation of the fire of Gehenna,

I have slighted my mind, and am famished

and cast down like Lazarus before the gates of divine deeds.//

Therefore have compassion on me, O Lord and Master!

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

**Tone 1** *(from the Triodion, by Theodore)*

O believers, let us diligently begin the sixth week of the solemn Fast!

Let us sing songs to the Lord as He comes in glory to Jerusalem

to cause death to die by His divine power!

So, let us prepare the branches of the virtues, as emblems of victory,//

and let us cry, “Hosanna!” to the Creator of all!

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

**Tone 1[[2]](#footnote-2)** *(from the Menaion, for St. Tikhon) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

Thou didst endure great suffering, O Father Tikhon:

defamation, slander, and imprisonment;

false accusations and the threat of death,

vicious attacks by the enemies of the Church of Christ.

But thou didst courageously and humbly endure these, saying://

“Despair not in your hearts, but have faith in the Lord!”

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.*

(Repeat: “Thou didst endure…”)

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

War, famine, and civil strife

were the burdens thou didst bear, O our Hierarch.

Yet thou didst cry to the enraged people, saying:

“Love thy neighbor, and return back to the Lord!”//

calling them onto the path of salvation through repentance.

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: “War, famine and civil strife…”)

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

Thy life was illumined by the light of thy great deeds,

which enlightened all the faithful,

and destroyed the darkness of earthly passions;

for thou didst appear as the radiant sun,

O most blessed Hierarch Tikhon.

And now thou abidest in the heavenly mansions

where the everlasting Light shines in glory

through the presence of the Son and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, with ceaseless honor and praise,//

we venerate thy holy and radiant memory.

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

Thy thoughts were always turned to God

and were filled with faith and love.

Therefore, O glorious one, thou didst appear in brightness,

with the radiance of the Angels.

And incorruption clothed thine earthly remains;

for thou didst live a life devoid of passions.

Therefore, O godly-wise Hierarch Tikhon,

thou hast been adorned with virtue.

O Lamp of the divine Light,//

ceaselessly pray for us who lovingly honor thy memory!

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

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

Thou didst appear as a light, O God-bearing Father,

chosen by the Holy Spirit and anointed by God.

And now thou dost enter into the brilliance of the Holy of Holies;

and being illumined by the Unoriginate Light,

thou dost ever partake of the Divine Mysteries

as a truly glorified Hierarch.//

Pray for the salvation of our souls!

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

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

not two persons, but one known in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Tone 8 Great Prokeimenon**

Thou hast given an inheritance / to them that fear Thee, O Lord. *(Ps. 60:5b)*

V. *From the ends of the earth I call to Thee.* *(Ps. 60:2a)*

V. *I will take shelter under the shadow of Thy wings. (Ps. 60:4b)*

V. *So I will ever sing praises to Thy Name. (Ps. 60:8a)*

**Old Testament Readings** *(St. Tikhon)*

**Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9**

**Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3**

**Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 1** *Idiomelon (from the Lenten Triodion)*

Wonderful is the purpose of the compassionate Savior towards us;

for having knowledge of future things as present,

He made known the story of the rich man and Lazarus.

Let us contemplate the end of both!

Let us run from the cruelty and hatred of one of them;

and let us emulate the endurance and long-suffering of the other,

that delighting with him in the bosom of Abraham,//

we may cry out: “O Lord and righteous Judge, glory to Thee!”

V. *To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou Who art enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122:1-2)*

(Repeat: “Wonderful is the purpose…”)

V. *Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps. 122:3-4)*

**Tone 1** *(for the Martyrs)*

Through the prayers of all the saints and of the Theotokos,

grant us Thy peace, and have mercy on us, O Lord,//

for Thou alone art compassionate!

*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)*

Behold, Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled,

for the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin!

God was born, and so nature was restored anew.

Do not despise the entreaties of thy servants, O Mother of God!

We offer them to thee in thy temple.

Since thou hast carried in thine arms the compassionate One,

have compassion on thy servants,//

and pray that our souls may be saved.

***(at Great Vespers)***

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

Let us praise Tikhon, the Patriarch of All Russia,

and Enlightener of North America,

an ardent follower of the apostolic traditions,

and good pastor of the Church of Christ,

who was elected by Divine Providence,

and laid down his life for his sheep!

Let us sing to him with faith and hope,

and ask for his hierarchical intercessions:

keep the Church in Russia in tranquility,

and the Church in North America in peace;

gather her scattered children into one flock,

bring to repentance those who have renounced the True Faith,

preserve our lands from civil strife,//

and entreat God’s peace for all people!

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

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

**Tone 1 Resurrectional** **Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, saying “Rejoice!”

with that word the Master of all was incarnate in ^thee,

the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David!

Thy womb became more spacious than the heavens,

for thou didst carry thy Creator.

Glory to Him Who took abode in thee!

Glory to Him Who came ^forth from thee!//

Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of thee!

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1. Music for the stichera from the Lenten Triodion can be downloaded at <http://oca.org/liturgics/music-downloads/lenten-triodion>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Music for St. Tikhon from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)