

**The Akathist Hymn
to Saint Tikhon
Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America**



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Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen Glory to Thee O God. Glory to Thee. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fills all things. Treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity. And, save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty , Holy Immortal, have mercy on us **(3)**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy **(3)**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Kondak 1

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: O Chosen Hierarch, most glorious favorite and confessor of Christ, / strong defender of the **Orthodox Church**, / intercessor and supplicant for both Russia and **America**, / who glorified the Lord who glorified you by granting us such a great and new and glorious **witness**, / we sing this hymn of **praise** to you; / and as you have great boldness before the Queen of **Heaven** and earth, / deliver us from all **calamity** / who call to **you** and sing; // Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox Church**.

Ikos 1

PRIEST: Desiring to comfort the people suffering through the turbulent and stormy days of revolution, the Lord and Creator of the Angles gave them you, O Most serene and kind hearted Patriarch, to be a beacon illuminating the souls of the faithful with the radiance of the Thrice Luminous Trinity; and even now, all those wanting to be with Christ follow in your steps. Therefore we humbly cry:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Obedient monastic who accepted the **patriarch's** throne.

Rejoice, Zealous fulfillment of the **will** of God.

Rejoice, All-holy Master who ascended the throne on the Feast of the **Virgin**.

Rejoice, O Good and faithful servant who was announced before the throne of the Trinity on the Feast of Her **Annunciation**.

Rejoice, Confessor adorned in the robes of a **patriarch**.

Rejoice, Luminary who dedicated his life to God and was **illuminated** by Him.

Rejoice, Confirmation of the Patriarchate of the **Russian** Church.

Rejoice, O Blessed icon of the Good **Shepherd**.

Rejoice, Magnificent adornment of the Donskoi **Monastery**.

Rejoice, Confirmation of the Church in **America**.

Rejoice, Divinely ordained inheritance of the **Russian** lands.

Rejoice, Divinely inspired instructor of the Orthodox in **America**.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 2

PRIEST: Seeing the Russian people afraid and in great despair over the desecration of their Orthodox churches, you preferred they should seek eternal life through prayer and supplication rather than through earthly death. Enlighten us also, O Tender-hearted Tikhon, with the light of your wisdom that together we may sing to the Creator of all: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 2

PRIEST: With wisdom inspired by God, O Godly wise Tikhon, you denied the wisdom of the flesh, and wisely dedicated your will to the Lord. Offering yourself as a pure receptacle you became an abode of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you as a godly wise teacher and we sing:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Great elder, for the patriarchal throne was foretold to you in the **flower** of your youth.

Rejoice, Chosen laborer in the **vineyard** of Christ.

Rejoice, Enlightened pastor and nourisher of the Orthodox Church in **America**.

Rejoice, Good shepherd whose flock followed thee to the heights of **spiritual** deeds.

Rejoice, Good pastor who lead his flock to salvation.

Rejoice, Champion of the **Kingdom** on High.

Rejoice, Visionary and preacher of the **Wisdom** of God.

Rejoice, Guardian of the wisdom of the **Apostolic** Church.

Rejoice, Golden-mouthed herald of **Orthodox** truth.

Rejoice, Fearless exposer of **lies** and deceit.

Rejoice, Most wonderful fragrance of **righteousness**.

Rejoice, O Master who has not put our **hopes** to shame.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 3

PRIEST: The power of God was made manifest in your Cross-bearing labors, O Preacher and Hierarch Tikhon, for being armed with the grace of God you destroyed the evil works of the countless enemies of Orthodoxy and sang to God the song of victory: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 3

PRIEST: Having an unshakable faith and a conscience clear you forsook the comforts of this world, O Tikhon, blessed of God; and as a Hierarch of the Church, you labored mightily for the Lord. Therefore, being adorned with blessedness and being illumined from on-High, as the North Star you guide us all who sing:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Example of meekness who loved Christ with your **whole** heart.

Rejoice, Wise servant who increased the talent **entrusted** to you.

Rejoice, O Virtuous one who accomplished things **pleasing** to God.

Rejoice, Invincible warrior who armed yourself with wisdom, humility and

piety.

Rejoice, Master who confounded the godless with **holiness**.

Rejoice, O Master who sought after **righteousness** and truth.

Rejoice, O Patriarch who boldly **proclaimed** the truth.

Rejoice, O Servant who suffered imprisonment for the **sake** of the Truth.

Rejoice, O Monk who attained the heights through **humility**.

Rejoice, Great ascetic who achieved the eternal reward through your **spiritual** deeds.

Rejoice, Good shepherd who steadfastly ensured the **safety** of your flock.

Rejoice, O Righteous one who fervently entreats **God** for our sake.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 4

PRIEST: The raging storms of our passion filled thoughts do not allow us, O Most wise Tikhon, to properly extol the magnitude of your witness and confession, yet being strengthened in faith and piety through your prayers before the Throne of the Almighty, we fervently sing to Him: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 4

PRIEST: When the faithful learned of the beneficent goodness of your soul, O God-bearing Tikhon, they were filled with a yearning desire to see you ascend to the patriarchal throne. Since you were chosen from on-High to be the instrument of Divine command, we are filled with wonder at the providence of God and we sing these songs of praise:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Chief Hierarch **elected** by God.

Rejoice, Chosen man selected to lead the **flock** of Christ.

Rejoice, Divinely-chosen of the High Priest **Christ** Himself.

Rejoice, Confirmation of the eternal **Christian** ideals.
Rejoice, Communicant together with the **Apostles**.
Rejoice, Concelebrant with the great **Hierarchs** of the Church.
Rejoice, Godly-wise equal to the **Patriarchs** of old.
Rejoice, Proven guide on the path of **salvation**.
Rejoice, Vanquisher of the **logic** of the flesh.
Rejoice, Ceaseless proclamation of **salvific** grace.
Rejoice, Ever-flowing source of **miracles**.
Rejoice, Suppliant for the people, **starets** and **favorite** of Rus'.
Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 5

PRIEST: The Lord revealed you as a divinely-bright star, O Most-wonderful Father Tikhon, and you shine upon your flock with the radiant light of Orthodoxy, revealing to us the steps which lead to the Kingdom of Heaven and teaching us to ever sing to God: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 5

PRIEST: When you ascended to the throne of patriarchal primacy, vacant for two hundred years, you gave yourself completely to the Lord. You labored mightily for God illuminating those darkened by their passions. Seeing you, therefore, as a godly-wise Archpastor and a most faithful and able builder of the House of God we sing this hymn of praise:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Firm pilot standing at the **helm** of the Church.

Rejoice, Bright beacon of Christ to the **faithful**.

Rejoice, Provider of solace to those needing spiritual **comfort**.

Rejoice, Guardian of the Church against the **hour** of your death.

Rejoice, Brave pastor who kept the devourer of souls from **devouring** your flock.

Rejoice, True helmsman who preserved the Church of Christ in times of **calamity**.

Rejoice, Great leader who delivered us from the **prince** of this world.

Rejoice, Wise teacher who filled us with **desire** for Christ.

Rejoice, Beauty of theology and **beauty** in deeds.

Rejoice, Wisdom that confounded the fury of **persecution**.

Rejoice, Strength that stemmed the **temptations** of the flesh.

Rejoice, Pride of the **Orthodox** faith.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 6

PRIEST: Truly you appeared as a preacher of grace, a bold defense and a righteous proclamation of the Word of Truth, O Blessed Hierarch Tikhon, for as a true soldier of Christ, you defended your flock during the time of mortal sin and temptation, calling all to sing to the One True God: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 6

PRIEST: Having labored in the New World and having planted the foundations of monastic life in America, you ascended the patriarchal throne of Russia as a radiant star shimmering with the rays of your teachings and dispelling the darkness of evil with the light of your confession. Now we satisfy ourselves with the fruit of your labors and with thankfulness and love we sing:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, O Hierarch who ascended the throne of

primacy through the **providence** of God.

Rejoice, True pastor who followed the way of the Cross together with the flock **entrusted** to you.

Rejoice, Loving father who lead us with your **shepherd's** staff.

Rejoice, O Master who did not abandon us in the **wilderness**.

Rejoice, Good shepherd who returned the lost sheep who was **stolen** away.

Rejoice, Physician who cared for the wounded and **healed** the sick.

Rejoice, Vigilant leader who separated the rebellious and the violent from the **Lambs** of your flock.

Rejoice, Confessor who stanching the flow of heresies and malicious **slander**.

Rejoice, Instructor of the faithful who lamented **strife** in the Church.

Rejoice, O High priest who withstood false accusations against your **monastic** life.

Rejoice, Precious treasure of the Church who preserved the Orthodox Faith as a treasure for all **people**.

Rejoice, Good worker in the vineyard whose labors still show us the **way** today.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 7

PRIEST: Desiring ever to be a good shepherd to your flock, O God-bearing Tikhon, you strove to achieve all things for the benefit of their souls, so that they might come to the One True God. Therefore we, who desire to achieve salvation through your most glorious intercessions, dare to sing: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 7

PRIEST: The Church in both Russia and America has found in you, O Holy Hierarch Tikhon, a new and glorious patron, for through your confession of faith you withstood the assaults of men while not forsaking the commands of the Holy Fathers. Therefore, you were given spiritual strength by the Author of spiritual perfection, Christ Himself and we, the unworthy sing:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Example of **abstinence**.

Rejoice, Source of salvation for **countless** souls.

Rejoice, Shepherd who drove the wolves **away** from your sheep.

Rejoice, Father who wisely exposed their **treacherous** ways.

Rejoice, Champion who defeated **satanic** assaults.

Rejoice, Warrior who wielded the all-powerful **weapon** of grace.

Rejoice, Herald of God's **providence** for man.

Rejoice, Wonderful purification of **morality**.

Rejoice, Vigilant guardian of the treasures of the **Orthodox** Faith.

Rejoice, Fulfillment of God's good **will** towards man.

Rejoice, Favorite of God who tasted the pleasures of Heaven while **abiding** here on earth.

Rejoice, Revelation of the sweetness of your soul with the **deeds** of your life.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 8

PRIEST: The unbelievers and the weak in faith beheld a strange and glorious miracle, O God-pleasing Tikhon, when they witnessed your blessed life on the patriarchal throne, for in the face of evil oppression you confirmed the Orthodox Faith and through your wisdom and works of grace, you taught us, your faithful flock to piously sing: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Ikos 8

PRIEST: Being filled with love for Christ, O Tender-hearted Tikhon, you did not abandon your flock, and as a guardian Angel, you offer prayers for them before the Throne of the Almighty. Therefore we fervently honor your blessed memory as we sing these songs of praise to you:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Great Master who astonished the **world** with your love.

Rejoice, Example of meekness in **authority**.

Rejoice, Reflection of the glory of the Gracious **Lord** of all.

Rejoice, Bright beacon that shined the Light of the Kingdom upon **us** on earth.

Rejoice, Patient teacher of Apostolic **virtue**.

Rejoice, Wise instructor in the **canons** of the Church.

Rejoice, Good servant who preferred toil and labor over fame and **honor**.

Rejoice, Master whose words were based firmly in the **Orthodox** truth.

Rejoice, Great teacher of priestly **virtue**.

Rejoice, O Master who accepted the heavy burden of the **patriarch's** throne.

Rejoice, Precious gemstone that adorns the Russian and **American** lands.

Rejoice, Constant intercessor for us, your helpless children, before the **throne** of God.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 9

PRIEST: You bound yourself to a glorious podvig, O Honorable Tikhon, and thereby achieved a great and eternal accomplishment, you established your gracious and God loving soul into life everlasting where, together with the heavenly host and the company of all the Saints, you to God the song

of victory: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Ikos 9

PRIEST: The heralds of the times will never worthily proclaim the glorification of your glorious memory, O Tikhon, the voice of God. We, however, being brought to repentance through you, and fervently wishing to emulate your humility, sing these songs of praise to you:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Gracious teacher and **master**.

Rejoice, Steadfast defender of the **weak** in faith.

Rejoice, Fortress that withstood the savagery of **temporal** power.

Rejoice, O Wise one who rendered to Caesar only that which was **due** to him.

Rejoice, Proclamation of the glory of the King of Kings and **Lord** of Lords.

Rejoice, Preservation of the promise of **salvation**.

Rejoice, Zealous defender of the Holy **Orthodox** Faith.

Rejoice, Blessed pathfinder along the way from earth to **heaven**.

Rejoice, Confirmation of the True Faith amid the darkness of **unrighteousness**.

Rejoice, Deflector of the wrath of God into mercy on our **sinful** souls.

Rejoice, O Patriarch, for the great Hierarchs of Moscow did not **abandon** you.

Rejoice, O Humble one, for you are adorned with the protecting veil of the Most-Pure Theotokos.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox** Church.

Kondak 10

PRIEST: Desiring to preserve the Russian Church, O All-glorious Tikhon,

you brought anathema upon the bloodthirsty deeds of the lawless ones. By thus acting against the enemies of God, they came to fear you as a second Hermogenes, but we who honor the blessed memory of your sufferings sing to Him Who glorified you: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Ikos 10

PRIEST: By appearing as a steadfast and dependable luminary of the Church, you shone forth as an image of a tireless warrior striving valiantly, in word and in deed, in defense of the True Faith, O Preacher and Hierarch Tikhon. And even today, the darkness is dispelled and the designs of the evil one are laid bare through the light of your blessed counsels. Therefore, we sing to you:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Revelation to those espousing **heresies**.
Rejoice, Denunciation of the philosophy of **godlessness**.

Rejoice, Source of nourishment to the victims of persecution and the
New-martyrs of **Russia**.

Rejoice, Hope in the **providence** of God.

Rejoice, New Peter who accepted imprisonment for the **sake** of Christ.

Rejoice, New Paul who emulated Christ and His voluntary **suffering**.

Rejoice, New Andrew who joyfully accepted to suffer for **Christ** and His
Church.

Rejoice, New John whose sufferings confirmed your **confession**.

Rejoice, New Philip who exposed the temptations of power and **avarice**.

Rejoice, New Jonah who brought fear to the minds of the **faithless**.

Rejoice, New Alexis who confirmed the True Faith through your **many**
works.

Rejoice, New Peter who nourished the newly planted vine with your **loving**
care.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox Church**.

Kondak 11

PRIEST: You shine forth in Heaven, adorned with a beautiful crown, and we on earth offer you our songs of praise, for as a faithful Hierarch, you have robed yourself with truth and now you exalt in the sweetness of Heaven. Earnestly pray for us before the Heavenly Father, as we glorify you and sing to Him: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Ikos 11

PRIEST: Christ revealed you as luminary for the entire world, O Divinely inspired Father Tikhon, for he beheld the humility of your heart and placed you on the patriarchal throne. Presenting yourself to Him as a sweet-smelling offering, you became both priest and sacrifice. For this cause, we offer you our ceaseless songs of praise:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, Radiant icon, for the **beauty** of your life.
Rejoice, Faithful servant who worthily received **eternal** life.
Rejoice, Powerful **defender** of the Truth.
Rejoice, Earnest proponent of **repentance**.
Rejoice, Destroyer of the evil intentions of the **wicked**.
Rejoice, Strengtheners of the weak in the **Orthodox Faith**.
Rejoice, Willing prisoner for the **sake** of the Faith.
Rejoice, Passion-bearer who willingly endured torture for the **sake** of Christ.
Rejoice, Proven weapon of the **power** of God.
Rejoice, Holy temple dedicated to the **glory** of God.
Rejoice, Blessed shepherd dedicated to the spiritual **safety** of thy flock.

Rejoice, Speedy helper to those who **call** upon thee.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox Church**.

Kondak 12

PRIEST: Desiring to receive grace from the Bountiful Lord of all, you adorned your life with a garment free of the stain of sin, O All praised Father Tikhon, teaching us all to humbly venerate Christ. In return, He adorned you with the gift of miracles, and sanctified and glorified you both in Heaven and on earth, teaching us to sing to you: Alleluia.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Ikos 12

PRIEST: As we glorify the Confessor's crown which you received, O Most-wonderful Tikhon, we find ourselves unable to praise you worthily, for what shall we call you through whom God, glorified in the Trinity, has glorified Himself? Therefore we sing to you these songs of praise:

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Rejoice, O Father whose Cross-bearing labors were **pleasing** to the Lord.

Rejoice, O Master who sought only to do the **will** of God.

Rejoice, O Vessel overflowing with the Holy **Spirit**.

Rejoice, O Blessed chalice filled with His **Holy Gifts**.

Rejoice, O Honored one who received the eternal **blessings** of God.

Rejoice, O intercessor who entreats God's blessings on your **people**.

Rejoice, O physician whose healing relics appeared as a **flame** of fire.

Rejoice, Precious dew, for through you the Holy Church was **preserved** as from fire.

Rejoice, Fervent champion of the **glory** of God.

Rejoice, Steadfast protector who speedily **answers** our prayers.

Rejoice, Source of joy and **gladness** for your flock.

Rejoice, Humble servant who dedicated your life to serving the **Orthodox**
Faith.

Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the
Orthodox Church.

Kondak 13

PRIEST: O Most-gracious pastor Holy Patriarch Tikhon, accept these, our humble praises and pray to the Lord of Hosts who has crowned you with glory, that Russia and America might arise in Christ, that the people and His Holy Church might live in peace protected from all spiritual maladies and godless turmoil, that the hearts of all mankind may become filled with love for Him and toward their neighbor, that those who have fallen away or have never been taught might come to know Him through the power of His Good and Holy Spirit, and that we may now and ever and unto the ages of ages with one heart and with one mind sing unto Him: Alleluia. **(3X)**

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

(This Kondak is repeated 3 times, followed by Ikos 1 and Kondak 1)

Ikos 1

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Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox Church**.

Kondak 1

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: O Chosen Hierarch, most glorious favorite and confessor of Christ, / strong defender of the **Orthodox Church**, / intercessor and supplicant for both Russia and **America**, / who glorified the Lord who glorified you by granting us such a great and new and glorious **witness**, / we sing this hymn of **praise** to you; / and as you have great boldness before the Queen of **Heaven** and earth, / deliver us from all **calamity** / who call to **you** and sing; // Rejoice, O Holy Hierarch **Tikhon**, the pride and confirmation of the **Orthodox Church**.

PRIEST: Again and again on bended knees let us pray to our Holy Patriarch Father Tikhon.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: O Holy Patriarch Father **Tikhon** pray to **God** for us.

Prayer to Holy Hierarch Tikhon

PRIEST: O most-gracious pastor, great and holy Patriarch Tikhon. You appeared as a fortress standing high atop a hill, and your many good deeds shine forth before us even to this day. And now, standing before the Throne of the Most-Holy Trinity, you pray ceaselessly with great boldness to the Lord and Creator of all. Look down upon your sinful and unworthy children who fall down before you in earnest prayer and entreat the Lord that He may grant us the determination to firmly strive in the faith of our fathers as you firmly strove from the days of your youth, and having been an ardent defender and protector of the true Faith during this life, help us to preserve the Orthodox Faith. Seeing before us the calm and serene example of your peaceful soul, enable us to humbly accept the will of God rather than be concerned with the tempestuous wisdom of man. Bravely you stood before the enemies of Christ, boldly proclaiming the One True God, strengthen us weaklings therefore with your prayers, that we too may in every place and at every time stand against the forces of atheism and lies. O champion of Christ, do not despise us as we bring our prayers to you, for not only are we asking for deliverance from our sorrows and misfortunes, we are also asking for strength and determination, and the spirit of love and grace, that we might overcome all the perils that befall us. Pray that we may be granted the required patience to reach the end of our days, that we may attain the peace of our Lord and that we may receive forgiveness of our sins. O holy father Tikhon, disperse the winds of strife and faithlessness, so that our Lord may establish the peaceful calm of Faith and uncompromising Love in all the Russian and American lands, that civil strife and discord may be abated through your prayers, and that our Holy Orthodox Church may flourish, never wanting for honest workers and true pastors to rightfully divide the Word of Thy Truth. Protect and preserve the flock of Christ, and ceaselessly entreat the Lord of Hosts that our lands will embrace

the spirit of repentance, that we may all with one mind and one heart ever praise God, Who is wonderful in His saints, the Trinity, glorified in the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR / FAITHFUL: Amen.

Litany

PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Lord have mercy (3)

PRIEST: Again we pray for His Beatitude, Metropolitan _____, His (Grace /Eminence), (Arch) Bishop _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Lord have mercy (3)

PRIEST: Again we pray for the president of our country , for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Lord have mercy (3)

PRIEST: Again we pray for mercy, life peace, health, salvation and visitation for the servants of God and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Lord have mercy (3)

PRIEST: Furthermore, we pray for the people here present, awaiting from

Thee great and bountiful mercies for all the brethren and for all Christians.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Lord have mercy (3)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God, and loves mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Amen.

PRIEST: Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos we magnify you.

PRIEST: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee !

CHOIR/FAITHFUL: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy (3).

Father bless.

PRIEST: [pronounces the dismissal and faithful venerate the Cross]

***Holy Hierarch Patriarch Tikhon
Pray to God for us!***