





## The Akathist Hymn to All Saints of North America

**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:** With glad and grateful hearts we honor you, All Saints of North America. / You are the first fruits of Christ's bountiful harvest in the **new** world. / You gave your lives as an **offering** of love. / You labored faithfully in the Vineyard of the Lord's **holy** Church. / Through your prayers we enter into the joy of the **Orthodox** Way. / As we assemble today to honor **you** we cry: // Rejoice, **All** Saints of North America!

### **Ikos 1**

**PRIEST:** We glorify the Lord Who has glorified you, holy men, women and children of these North American Lands. We stand in awe before the miracles you have worked, revealed to us by our heavenly Father. Together with the bodiless choirs, we offer you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, hierarch Tikhon, humble shepherd of your **American** flock,  
Rejoice, venerable Herman, defender and heavenly intercessor,  
Rejoice, father Innocent, evangelizer of Siberia and **Alaska**,  
Rejoice, martyr Juvenal, courageous witness to the **gospel**,  
Rejoice, bishop Nicholas, teacher of heavenly **theology**,  
Rejoice, father Alexis, defender of the **Orthodox** way,  
Rejoice, wonderworker John of San **Francisco**,  
Rejoice, Raphael, first bishop of **Brooklyn**,  
Rejoice, **All** Saints of North America!

## Kondak 2

**PRIEST:** Holy new martyrs of North America, we honor your lives by pondering the sufferings that led to your deaths. You were faithful to the end, having been crowned by the Lord as His faithful witnesses. Through your prayers we are delivered from the snares of the evil one, so that we might sing an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Ikos 2

**PRIEST:** The Church of North America is renewed through the shedding of your blood, holy martyrs. Through your sufferings you strengthen those who follow your footsteps down the hard and narrow way. Seeing you clothed in white robes and glorifying the Lord of Hosts, we sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, holy Tikhon, long suffering confessor of the **Orthodox** Church,  
Rejoice, hieromartyr Alexander, passion bearer of St. **Petersburg**,  
Rejoice, father John, first martyr of the Bolshevik revolution,  
Rejoice, holy Juvenal, zealous preacher of **divine** grace,  
Rejoice, blessed Peter, star of the Aleutian **peoples**,  
Rejoice, martyrs overcoming the power of **darkness**,  
Rejoice, patrons of the North **American** Church,  
Rejoice, good soldiers striving to the **very** end,  
Rejoice, **All** Saints of North **America**!

## Kondak 3

**PRIEST:** Having led your people to the homeland of God's Kingdom, you defended the faith entrusted to you, confessors and defenders of the North American Church. Having rightly directed the

word of the truth, you preserve us from the injury of false teachings. You gave yourself to imprisonment, sufferings and death remaining faithful all the while to the One Who is Himself Faithful and True. Seeing your steadfastness in times of affliction, we sing to God an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 3**

**PRIEST:** The adversary and enemy of our souls never ceases his ferocious attacks against Christ's holy Church. Hating the light of the Father's radiance that shines from your lives, the children of the evil one condemned you to imprisonment and death. As your grateful children, we offer to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, righteous Tikhon, protector of the sacred **treasures** of the Church,  
Rejoice, valiant preachers of the Wisdom, Word, and the **Power** of God,  
Rejoice, holy Nicholas, defender of your people in times of **oppression**,  
Rejoice, comfort of those persecuted for the sake of **righteousness**,  
Rejoice, inspired teachers of the royal way of Orthodox **theology**,  
Rejoice, father John, loyal priest and intercessor for the **faithful**,  
Rejoice, faithful guides leading us on the path of **salvation**,  
Rejoice, guardians of the Tradition of the Holy **Apostles**,  
Rejoice, **All Saints** of North **America!**

### **Kondak 4**

**PRIEST:** As imitators of the twelve apostles, you traveled from the Pacific to the Atlantic in order to make disciples of North America's

many peoples. You gave us an *Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven*. You taught us with *The Word* of salvation. In this way you ministered to your people so that we might sing an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### **Ikos 4**

**PRIEST:** With love and zeal you tilled the soil of the North American lands with the divine seed of the gospel. Through the sowing of Christ's word, the fruits of the Spirit were cultivated in this new land. You uprooted the tares of false teachings and brought forth a great harvest of faith. Together with the holy apostles we offer to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, visionaries of the Orthodox Church  
in America,

Rejoice, dispellers of spiritual darkness and **ignorance**,

Rejoice, inexhaustible treasuries of Divine **Wisdom**,

Rejoice, zealous defenders of the **one** true faith,

Rejoice, faithful guardians of the holy **mysteries**,

Rejoice, chosen successors of the Holy **Apostles**,

Rejoice, living icons of the **evangelical** life,

Rejoice, teachers of Orthodox **doctrine**,

Rejoice, **All Saints** of North **America**!

#### **Kondak 5**

**PRIEST:** The Lord sent you to this new land in order to enlighten its peoples with the knowledge of God. Through your words you have overcome the darkness of error and unbelief. Through your deeds you have shown us how to live a virtuous way of life. Inspired by your labors and your preaching of the gospel, we sing to God an everlasting

Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 5**

**PRIEST:** After His resurrection the Son of God made man sent His twelve apostles to the ends of the earth in order to declare His name among all nations. In these latter days, the Lord has sent you, as Equals to the Apostles, in order to teach us the commandments of the gospel. Following in your footsteps, apostles and evangelists of North America, we sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, hierarch Tikhon, pioneer of Orthodoxy in North America,  
Rejoice, father Innocent, master of native American **languages**,  
Rejoice, Sebastian, founder of many **churches** in the West,  
Rejoice, Raphael, patron of learning for all the **faithful**,  
Rejoice, good stewards of the **Household** of the Lord,  
Rejoice, blessed John, reconciliation of your **children**,  
Rejoice, laborers in the **vineyard** of the Church,  
Rejoice, preachers of Christ's resurrection,  
Rejoice, **All Saints** of North America!

### **Kondak 6**

**PRIEST:** In obedience to the will of God, you left your ancestral homelands, hierarchs of North America. In order to fulfill your episcopal work you sailed the great oceans and crossed vast continents. With diligence you sought after your scattered flock and guided them to the shelter of the Lord's Church. As loving fathers you fed your children with the teachings of the gospel, so that we might sing an everlasting Alleluia:



**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Ikos 6**

**PRIEST:** Holy hierarchs of North America, you endured many wants and hardships in order to fulfill your episcopal work here in this new land. Through your lowliness, we have been exalted in Christ. Through your poverty, we have become rich in Spirit. As models of virtue, we sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, father Innocent, evangelizer of the Northern peoples,  
Rejoice, patriarch Tikhon, defender of the Apostolic Tradition,  
Rejoice, wonderworker John, pious exemplar of forgiveness,  
Rejoice, blessed Raphael, teacher of Orthodox children,  
Rejoice, holy Mardarius, intercessor before the ever merciful Christ!  
Rejoice, bishop Nicholas, co-sufferer of Dachau,  
Rejoice, humble servants of the Holy Trinity,  
Rejoice, clarions of the gospel of grace!  
Rejoice, All Saints of North America!

### **Kondak 7**

**PRIEST:** Guided by the Holy Spirit, you sailed over vast oceans in order to fulfill your apostolic witness, holy missionaries of North America. Following the example of the blessed Cyril and Methodius, you translated the scriptures and divine services into the tongues of the local peoples and established schools for the training of native clergy. All of this you have done so that we might sing an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **Ikos 7**

**PRIEST:** Burning with the love of Christ, you traversed the breadth of this new continent in order to nurture and edify the Church which God obtained through the blood of His own Son. As successors of your work, sanctified hierarchs and evangelists, we sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, imitators of the chosen apostles **Peter** and **Paul**,

Rejoice, trustworthy guides on the road to **eternal** life,

Rejoice, teachers of the first principles of the **gospel**,

Rejoice, noble preachers of the grace of **Jesus Christ**,

Rejoice, living icons of righteousness and **holiness**,

Rejoice, good shepherds of the Church in **America**,

Rejoice, zealous instructors of Orthodox **theology**,

Rejoice, humble servants following the **will** of God,

Rejoice, **All Saints** of North **America!**

## **Kondak 8**

**PRIEST:** Following the example of the Holy Fathers, you gave yourselves over to many labors and struggles, blessed monastics and ascetics of the new world. You have revealed to us the fruits of true holiness. Your obedience to the will of God has confirmed the promises of the Gospel. Your humility has shone forth as an example for all the inhabitants of North America. Seeing you clothed in glory and exalted with Christ, we sing an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **Ikos 8**

**PRIEST:** By observing the commandments of the gospel, you have

shown us the path to righteousness and holiness, venerable and God-bearing monastics. Working together with the grace of God, we imitate your purity of heart, so that we might sing these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, father Herman, founder of  
monasticism in **America**,  
Rejoice, wonderworking John, holy ascetic of San Francisco,  
Rejoice, champions of Orthodoxy here in the **new** world,  
Rejoice, conversers with the angels and the Theotokos,  
Rejoice, treasury of the Orthodox Church in **America**,  
Rejoice, wondrous ascetics, comfort of the afflicted,  
Rejoice, well-springs of holiness in North **America**,  
Rejoice, protectors of the poor and **dispossessed**,  
Rejoice, **All Saints** of North **America**!

### **Kondak 9**

**PRIEST:** Forsaking the vanity of this world, blessed ascetics of North America, you became disciples of the Divine Teacher by acquiring the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You fought the demons and overcame their power by the power of the sign of the Cross. Through self-denial and abstinence you have shown forth the inward beauty of holiness and righteousness. Emulating your life of repentance, we sing to God an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 9**

**PRIEST:** As living vessels of the grace of Jesus Christ, you sanctify this new land, our venerable fathers and mothers of the North American Continent. You offer to God a sacrifice of loving

intercession for those who follow your way. As we assemble to honor your memory, we sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, blessed ones whose names are written in the **Book** of Life,  
Rejoice, valiant soldiers who fought the **enemies** of Christ,  
Rejoice, speedy defenders of those suffering **injustice**,  
Rejoice, restoration of those fallen into **grievous** sins,  
Rejoice, partakers of the heavenly **manna**,  
Rejoice, freedom from the insanity of **evil**,  
Rejoice, fountain of **healing** for the sick,  
Rejoice, passionate lovers of **virtue**,  
Rejoice, **All Saints** of North **America!**

### **Kondak 10**

**PRIEST:** Your blameless way of life is a source of amazement to the angels, you righteous ones - known and unknown - of North America. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, you established the Orthodox Faith in this new land. With patience and diligence you built upon a foundation laid long ago with Christ Himself as the Chief Cornerstone. Having received from you the riches of faith, we sing to God an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 10**

**PRIEST:** Doing all things for the glory of God and the love of your neighbor, you fulfilled your calling to perfect holiness, righteous ones of North America. You accomplished the tasks given to you, according to the measure of grace given to you by God. You fished the great waters of the Alaskan North; you tilled the fertile soils of the Canadian

and Midwestern plains; you labored under harsh conditions in the mines and mills; you toiled day and night in the factories of the American cities, all so that we might sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, faithful who took up your crosses  
and **f**ollowed Christ,  
Rejoice, honored citizens of the heavenly **K**ingdom,  
Rejoice, royal priesthood of the New **J**erusalem,  
Rejoice, holy nation of the **P**rince of Peace,  
Rejoice, chosen vessels of the Holy **S**pirit,  
Rejoice, pillars of Orthodoxy in **A**merica,  
Rejoice, eternal city of the **l**iving God,  
Rejoice, pious teachers of **c**hildren,  
Rejoice, **A**ll Saints of North **A**merica!

### **Kondak 11**

**PRIEST:** The Wisdom, Word and Power of God, begotten from His Father before the beginning of time, was born in time and in these latter days from His Holy Mother, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary. Through the grace of the Spirit, blessed ones of North America, you became partakers of the divine nature, having perfected within yourselves the Image of the One Who is the express Image of the Father. Together we sing to our Lord an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Ikos 11**

**PRIEST:** The King of Heaven and earth humbled himself by taking the form of a servant in order to become the least and the last of His brethren. In His never-ending love for man, He poured Himself out

fully - so that we might be filled with all the fullness of His grace. Following His example, righteous ones of North America, you served those to whom you were sent: you healed the sick, you gave aid to the poor, you sought out the lost, you raised infants, you guided the youth, you cared for the elderly, all so that we might sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, gracious adornments of the Church  
in North America,

Rejoice, benefactors of believers living in the **new** world,

Rejoice, blessed ascetics, wonder of the **angelic** hosts,

Rejoice, venerable Fathers, guides for the **fallen**,

Rejoice, illumination of those living in **darkness**,

Rejoice, bright stars of the Northern **heavens**,

Rejoice, holy mothers, life of your **children**,

Rejoice, bearers of the saving **word** of God,

Rejoice, **All Saints** of North America!

### **Kondak 12**

**PRIEST:** Surrounded by your heavenly glory, hierarchs, martyrs, apostles, monastics and all righteous men and women of North America, known and unknown, we beseech you . as your spiritual children - to intercede for us before Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We worship the Lord Who has given you to us as heavenly patrons and guardians for the protection and salvation of our souls and bodies. Together with the bodiless hosts, we sing to God an everlasting Alleluia:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **Ikos 12**

**PRIEST:** We celebrate your great works, All Saints of North America. We offer thanks to Christ for the wondrous deeds you have accomplished through Him for the enlightenment of all men, women, and children living in this new land. Together with God's elect, we sing to you these words of loving praise:

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Rejoice, exultation of the Rocky Mountains  
and the Pacific West,

Rejoice, beacons of the Great Lakes and the Midwestern plains,

Rejoice, adornment of New England and the Atlantic states,

Rejoice, wondrous aurora of Alaska and the Arctic North,

Rejoice, heavenly constellation of Canada and Quebec,

Rejoice, shining stars of the North American continent,

Rejoice, bright flowers of the Southwestern deserts,

Rejoice, fragrant blossoms of the American South,

Rejoice, All Saints of North America!

## **Kondak 13**

**PRIEST:** Holy luminaries of North America, look down upon your sinful servants and accept this present supplication. Entreat the Lord Jesus Christ that He will bestow upon us His many mercies. Be a refuge and a protection for us that we might be delivered from all physical and spiritual harm. Guide us into the heavenly Kingdom, so that we might sing to God an everlasting Alleluia:(3X)

**CHOIR / FAITHFUL:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

## **Ikos 1**

**PRIEST:** We glorify the Lord Who has glorified you, holy men, women and children of these North American Lands. We stand in awe before the miracles you have worked, revealed to us by our heavenly Father. Together with the bodiless choirs, we offer you these words of loving praise:

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**PRIEST:** Again and again on bended knees let us pray to All Saints of North America.

**CHOIR/FAITHFUL:** All Saints of North **America**, pray to **God** for us.



## **Prayer to All Saints of North America**

**PRIEST:** Blessed and wise saints of God, who have been sanctified in North America by your holy deeds, and having left your relics as seeds of the Orthodox faith, you now stand before the throne of God in ceaseless prayer for our land. We sinners made bold on this day offer to you these hymns of praise. We exalt your great and holy deeds, spiritual warriors of Christ, who with patience and courage have vanquished the enemy, delivering us from his craft and cunning. We bless your holy lives, lamps of God, who have shown the light of grace and virtue and have illumined our minds and hearts with the knowledge of God. We glorify your great miracles, flowers of paradise, who have blossomed in our land, spreading the sweet fragrance of your gifts and wonders. We praise your love that reflects God's own love, defenders and intercessors, and trusting in your help, we fall down before you and cry: Holy Hierarchs and Enlighteners of North America: Innocent, Tikhon, Raphael, John, Nicholas, Alexis, Sebastian, and Mardarius! Help us the faithful here in this new land to preserve steadfastly the Orthodox faith that you have planted in us as a seed that, watered by divine rain, will bring forth fruit a hundredfold. Confirm the Church here by your prayers, and gather the scattered sheep into one flock, preserving it safe from all harm. Holy Father Herman of Alaska, first sanctified in this new land, keep us from the delusions of this transitory life, that denying ourselves and taking up our cross, we may follow Christ, crucifying our flesh with its sins and passions, and bearing each others burdens. Saints known and unknown, who have shown through the history of this land, remember our weakness and hardship, and by your prayers beseech Christ our God, that we, having successfully crossed the sea of this life, may reach the harbor of eternal salvation together with you who have served Him throughout the ages. Through the grace and compassion

and love of mankind of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom together with the Eternal Father and the Most Holy Spirit be never-ending glory and worship by all creation 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]

*All Saints of North America  
Pray to God for us!*