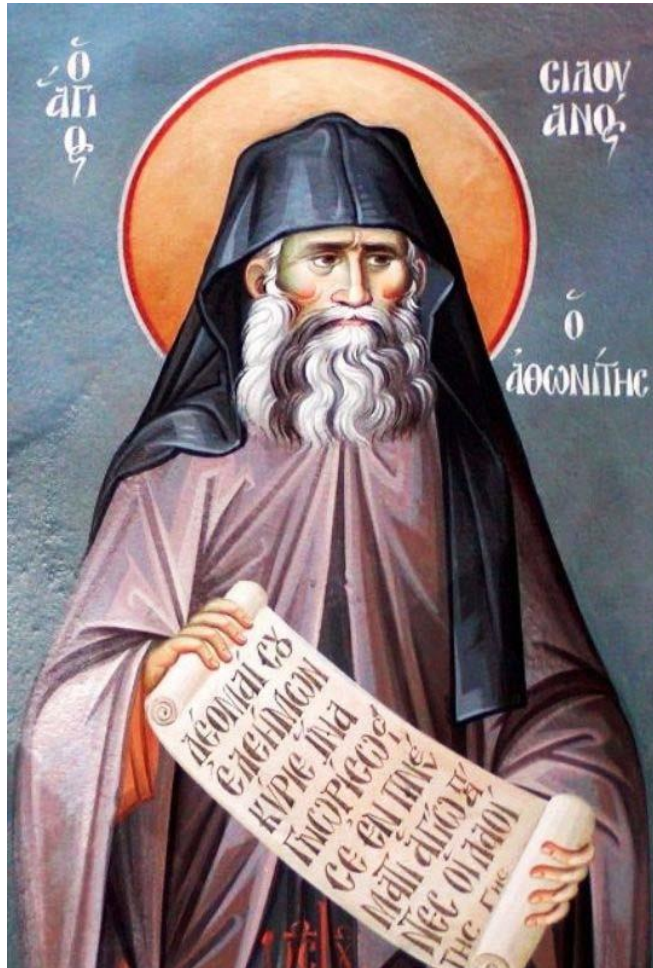


Akathist to Our Venerable and God Bearing Father

St Silouan the Athonite



Developing a habit of Prayer for the entire World

For Chasity and the Purity of Pious Parents

KONTAKION I

O chosen ascetic and earthly angel of Christ, all-blessed Father Silouan, most excellent emulator of the Fathers of Athos in vigils, fasting and humility! Through your thirst for God and burning love for Him you did acquire abundant grace for your soul, O most blessed one. Imitating Christ, you did crucify yourself with tearful prayer for those languishing in hades, for the living and for those yet to come. Of this your love do not deprive us, who amid the vale of sin ask your intercession before God and cry out with compunction:

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

IKOS I

The Creator of angels and Lord of hosts chose you beforehand from your mother's womb, and, as saith the Psalmist, gave you a deep heart, O God-bearing Father Silouan, that as in a most excellent receptacle, you might place the uncontainable name of God Most High, and through the power of God and divine grace might most earnestly follow the life of the angels. And praising the wondrous struggle of your earthly labors, we reverently cry out to you:

Rejoice, fruit of chastity and the purity of pious parents;
Rejoice, fragrant flower of the unfading beauty of their struggle of faith!

Rejoice, you who with all your soul did love the piety of your parents;

Rejoice, you who were pleased to emulate their chastity and love for God!

Rejoice, you who from childhood were wondrously filled with the wisdom to seek joy in God;

Rejoice, you who like a deer did yearn for the well-spring of grace divine!

Rejoice, you who did sweeten your youthful mind with the word of God, as with sweet honey;

Rejoice, you who did root your heart wholly in the will of God!

O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION II

The all-blessed Theotokos beheld you sink in the depths of sin, when delight in sin had entered into the belly of your youth like a fetid serpent; and, grieving maternally, she wondrously cried out to you: “Most painful is it for me to see you defiling yourself with sinful acts!” And when you did realize that she was suffering for your falls into sin, you did manfully cast the serpent of sin out, vanquishing it by repentance and prayer, and ever chanting to the Lord Who loves us, a hymn of gratitude for His all-pure Mother: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)*

IKOS II

The knowledge of God overshadowed you when you were vouchsafed to hear the voice of the Mother of the Lord of hosts, O Silouan chosen of God, and your heart was filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, by Whose activity you did escape the vanity of the world like a doe from a snare, fleeing unto Mount Athos, the garden of the Mother of God who had wondrously summoned you, that you might cleave unto God with filial love. And, seeing the wondrous intention of the Mistress of the world for you, we cry out to you with compunction:

Rejoice, you who were called forth from the darkness of sin into the light of the truth of Christ by the all-pure one herself;
Rejoice, you who were wondrously chosen to be a faithful husbandman of her earthly garden!

Rejoice, succulent grapes of the land of Russia, springing forth in abundance on Mount Athos;

Rejoice, untiring conscience who broke the sting of sin by penitent prayer!

Rejoice, you who did minister unto God like an angel in the Holy Monastery of Saint Panteleimon;

Rejoice, you who by labor, fasting and stillness did gloriously subdue the enemy who fought against you!

Rejoice, you who by humble-mindedness did trample all the wiles of the devil underfoot;

Rejoice, you who did gloriously acquire immaculate faith by your thirst for God!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION III

The power of the Most High truly preserved you when the spirit of hades and death attacked you and assailed your soul with sinful delusions, O God-loving Silouan. But when you were afflicted and did imagine that God was beyond entreaty, the Lord Who loves mankind visited you in the ineffable effulgence of Tabor, O most blessed one, and strengthened you with the fire of the grace of the Holy Spirit. And receiving a new birth, like Paul, with fear and joy you did cry out unto God: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia.*)

IKOS III

Possessed of a wealth of grace, you were taken up by the Spirit into the heavens, where you did hear unspeakable words. Truly, who can describe those joys, O all-blessed Father Silouan? For when, beyond the forms of the world, in contemplation of the indescribable beauties of the Godhead, you were vouchsafed to gaze upon the face of Christ God Who loves infinitely and forgives all, you were filled to overflowing with the ineffable love of God. And, marveling at your ineffable divine vision, we cry out:

Rejoice, you who in the struggle of the faith of Christ were vouchsafed visitation and consolation;

Rejoice, you who were counted worthy to behold the beauty of His ineffable glory!

Rejoice, you who by the Holy Spirit were transported to the heavenly Eden of wondrous beauty;

Rejoice, you who there were given to drink abundantly of the gracious gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter!

Rejoice, partaker of the ineffable beauty of paradise;

Rejoice, beloved of God who were favored by Him with compassions of heavenly beauty!

Rejoice, you who did earnestly mediate these graces for the whole human race;

Rejoice, you who like an unsleeping guardian did wake us for the dawn of eternal life!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION IV

The devil, the slayer of man, who from time immemorial has sought to destroy the righteous, loosed a storm of grievous temptations upon you, O Father Silouan, but you were taught by the Holy Spirit

to keep your mind in hell but despair not. Anticipating the wiles of the devil by vigilance and humility, you did vanquish him; and put to shame by you, he plainly admitted that he is a liar. Thus, did you preserve your soul for God, like a meek dove from the snares, unceasingly chanting unto Him: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)*

IKOS IV

Hearing of you that you were miraculously summoned from the vanity of the world to the monastic struggle, and that you did produce goodly fruit through the grace of God, O venerable one, not only young monks, but elders also, well tried in the struggle, had recourse unto you and delighted in your deeds and words as in honey; and thus attaining the angelic life, they emulated the Lord. Wherefore we too, seeing you adorned with humble-mindedness, cry out to you with joy:

Rejoice, inexhaustible well of humble-mindedness
and chastity;

Rejoice, fragrant and unfading lily of the earthly
Eden!

Rejoice, you who with love did bear the easy yoke of Christ
in your struggle;

Rejoice, you who by prayer did establish your mind, heart and
will in God!

Rejoice, you who did diligently preserve the purity of your
soul and body;

Rejoice, you who by unceasing prayer did ascend the heights
of dispassion!

Rejoice, most earnest follower of the canons of the holy
Fathers;

Rejoice, you who did unceasingly proclaim to us the
heavenly homeland and the love of God!

*Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in
your prayer for the world!*

KONTAKION V

The Lord gave you divine grace as a star pointing the way and enlightening your mind, O God-loving Father Silouan, and thereby He strengthened you for the struggle of salvation, as He did Elias at the brook Chē'-rīth. And, wondrously fed with the inexhaustible treasures of the Holy Spirit, in youth and old age, from the morning watch until night, in your prayers for the whole world you did unceasingly sound forth unto God like a melodious flute: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia.*)

IKOS V

We see you in your goodly struggle, O all- blessed Father Silouan, seeking the love of God as a babe seeks its mother's milk, aflame with His love and crying out with tears: "Be you mindful of the love of the Lord, O my soul, and warm my heart, for who can give me such heat as the love of God, which will give me rest neither by day or by night?" Wherefore, let us constrain our hearts and soften our souls with the warmth of love for You, God most compassionate, and let us cry out to Silouan with compunction:

Rejoice, you who did constantly thirst for the righteousness of God, more than for sweet honey;

Rejoice, you who did emulate the angels in your love for the Lord!

Rejoice, you who did offer up the incense of pure prayer like a flame of fire;

Rejoice, you who have adorned things above and things below with the beauty of angelic reverence!

Rejoice, for you did make your heart like the bush
unconsumed by the fire;
Rejoice, for your arms, like those of Moses for the chosen
people, were stretched forth before the Lord for all!
Rejoice, for you did love to desire the judgments of God for
all time, and did seek His statutes.
Rejoice, for you did unceasingly cry out to Him: O God, save
Your people and bless Your inheritance!

***Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in
your prayer for the world!***

KONTAKION VI

You were shown to be a constant preacher of stillness, O favored
one of God, when lovingly the Lord Who loves mankind desired to
test you by depriving you of the visitation of the most Holy Spirit.
Sensing yourself bereft of His grace, like Adam who lamented the
loss of paradise you did tearfully cry out with contrite heart: “O
Lord, before You did seek me out and grant me to delight in Your
Holy Spirit, and my soul loved You. But now my soul grieves after
You.” And thus lamenting, though trusting in the loving-kindness
of God, you did cry out to Him: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia.*)

IKOS VI

You did shine forth as a new beholder of mysteries, O God-loving
Father Silouan, and by prayer and tears did again acquire the grace
of the Holy Spirit, through which your heart was filled to
overflowing with ineffable love. And comprehending the power of
this grace, you did cry out with the boldness of Elias: “O Lord, not
to me alone, but grant the whole world to recognize Your love and
be saved!” And having you as a tireless advocate before God, we
cry out to you with compunction:

Rejoice, for through the crucifixion of prayer for the dead, the living and those yet to come, you became an open heaven;
Rejoice, for by such love you did win the kingdom of heaven for your soul!

Rejoice, wondrous embodiment of purity of faith and innocence;

Rejoice, you who did acquire the full forgiveness of Christ for your neighbors' falls into sin!

Rejoice, faithful fellow struggler with the saints of God, the wondrous sanctification of the world;

Rejoice, faithful novice of the all-blessed Abbess of Athos and receptacle of the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Rejoice, sweetly melodious harp of Mount Athos, proclaiming the life which is to come;

Rejoice, tireless toiler in her garden, who did strengthen the weak for the struggle!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION VII

Desiring to reveal in you a new lamp of grace, O venerable Father Silouan, the Lord Who loves mankind transplanted you like an olive shoot from the root of the land of Russia to the wilderness of Athos; and, bedewing you with the grace of the Holy Spirit, He rendered you most fruitful: for by your deeds and words, as with life-creating oil, you did guide all to purity and chasteity, piety and brotherly love. And, bound with the bond of love, and making what is baser subject to that which is higher, they chanted unto God: ***Alleluia!***
(People sing Alleluia.)

IKOS VII

The Lord revealed you as a new fellow ascetic of the desert dwellers, a guide and teacher of monks and lay folk, O all-blessed Silouan. For, while yet living in the world, you did teach the full forgiveness of Christ to a certain soldier, who was scandalized by the fall of his wife into sin and raged with anger, and thus you did preserve the Mystery of Matrimony, the Little Church, from destruction. And calling on monks who had fallen into despondency to acquire peace of soul, and guiding them to the fear of God, you lead them to repentance, and did thus prepare all to be dwellers in paradise. Knowing you as one who thus concerned yourself for the salvation of all, with love we cry out to you as is due:

Rejoice, diligent fellow struggler with the desert-lovers in seeking God;

Rejoice, earnest establisher of brotherly love and fervent advocate for all!

Rejoice, faithful companion on the path of life, amid misfortunes and perils;

Rejoice, unfeigned servant amid sicknesses and griefs, and sorrows of soul!

Rejoice, proclaimer of the love of God, calling all to reconciliation with God and our neighbors;

Rejoice, you who in bearing witness that the Lord is good did strengthen in the hope of forgiveness souls weakened by sin!

Rejoice, faithful ascetic of the earthly Eden, tearfully mediating salvation for the world;

Rejoice, you who desires to descend into hades for all unrepentant sinners!

*Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of lover in
your prayer for the world!*

KONTAKION VIII

A strange wonder did the Lord reveal to you, O all-blessed Father Silouan, when He miraculously showed you your spiritual Father, the elder Abraámus, transfigured in His own image and shining more brightly than the eye can bear; and so He has taught us to treat the Mystery of Repentance with honor. And, seeing you entrusting your own will to your spiritual Father as to the Lord Himself, and thus cutting off your evil desires through humility and repentance, we learn thus to entrust ourselves to the will of God through the pastors of the Church, and so to escape the wrath of God and the coming judgment before our departure, crying out to the triune God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)*

IKOS VIII

O all-wondrous favorite of God, who acquired the humility of Christ with all your heart and soul, and who crucified yourself to the world for Him, your Beloved, you did cry out, weeping: “O Jesus most sweet! You have resurrected my soul, that I may love You and my neighbor. Wherefore, grant me to pour forth tears for the whole world, that all men may come to know You, that they may delight in Your peace and behold the light of Your countenance.” And we who have lived our life in sins and are saved by you bless you thus:

Rejoice, tireless toiler with her who is our earnest helper, in making supplications for the world;
Rejoice, you who, like Jeremiah who wept for the people, have bedewed the Holy Mountain with tears!

Rejoice, all-wondrous ascetic of Athos, who by your supplication did sanctify the whole world;

Rejoice, you who as a solicitous Father did mediate with tears before God for all who are perishing amid sins!

Rejoice, beloved favorite of Christ God, joy and amazement of the angels;

Rejoice, radiant effulgence of the North, purely transplanted from Holy Russia to the desert of Athos!

Rejoice, you who in humility and obedience did show forth a model of angelic beauty;

Rejoice, you who by the fervor of your supplication did desire to make us also dwellings of the divine Spirit!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION IX

All the angelic beings and the multitude of ascetics marveled at your humility and love for mankind, O Silouan our Father, when, assuming the position of steward, you did emulate the wisdom of Joseph of Egypt. Having concern not only for the brethren of the holy monastery, but also for the lay workers who toiled there, as sons of God, you did cry out in their behalf to God Who loves each of His creatures: “O Lord, send You Your Holy Spirit, and comfort the troubled souls of these, Your poor people.” For thus pointing out the beauty of each obedience undertaken with humility of mind, you did cry out to God unceasingly: ***Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)***

IKOS IX

Even the most eloquent of orators are unable to describe the power of your love, O all wondrous Father Silouan; for with tears, you did

thirst to extinguish all enmity and disorder among men and to reconcile everyone unto God, crying out to the Master of the world: “O Lord, I yearn to be Yours, and to crucify myself with You for the whole world, that all may be saved!” And to the brethren you did cry out: “My children, pray for your enemies, for they are our brethren, our life; and only the devil is the enemy of peace.” And guided by you toward brotherly love and love of mankind, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, you who in your goodness did make yourself like
Christ on Golgotha;

Rejoice, you who did crucify yourself for your enemies, not
through your hands, but your heart and soul!

Rejoice, you who care for your neighbor and did not lose the
beauty of grace-filled stillness;

Rejoice, you who, loving your neighbor, did acquire the
power of unceasing prayer!

Rejoice, you who through fasting and prayer did utterly
deflect the darts of the evil one;

Rejoice, you who have taught us to overcome the evil wiles
and machinations of the devil!

Rejoice, you who, laboriously grinding your flesh in the mill
of Christ, like sacred grain, did sweeten your heart with
prayer;

Rejoice, you who with the bread of life did abundantly feed
the workmen of the garden of the Queen of heaven!

***Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in
your prayer for the world!***

KONTAKION X

Seeking the salvation of your soul, and desiring to cleave unto Christ most sweet, you did humbly flee from the land of your Fathers to the Holy Mountain, where in abstinence and stillness, industriousness and love for mankind, you did acquire angelic beauty, O most blessed one. And thus, you did attain a goodly end at the all-blessed dawn, when all the desert-lovers of the communities of Athos chant the midnight hymn to the Creator, and did surrender your soul, which was nourished by the life-creating Body and Blood of the Lord, into His divine hands, that with all the saints you might unceasingly chant to the Word, Who is holier than the saints: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)*

IKOS X

In life, faith and love you were a most zealous servant of the King of heaven, Whom the cherubim, the seraphim and the councils of the saints glorify, O venerable one; and like a right fragrant lily you stand with all the elect of the all-pure Theotokos at the throne of the All- holy Trinity. Be you, O most blessed one, a most zealous mediator before God for the peace and prosperity of the land of your Fathers, and an angel of untiring prayer and a fervent intercessor for the Holy Church, that delivered by you from tribulations, we may cry out to you in thanksgiving:

Rejoice, angel of the Russian land, who did labor most excellently on the Holy Mountain;

Rejoice, most fervent advocate, who for us have crucified yourself with love at the throne of God!

Rejoice, earnest mediator before God for the people of the land of your Fathers;

Rejoice, speedy intercessor for the brethren of the garden of Athos who weaken in the struggle!

Rejoice, you who did bear without complaint the wounds of your Lord on your body;

Rejoice, you who did entrust to Him your pure soul, rendered white by tears of repentance!

Rejoice, faithful husbandman of the garden of Christ, who were summoned by the Lord to Sion on high;

Rejoice, for, crowned there with glory and honor, you converse with the saints and angels!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION XI

A right laudatory hymn we offer you, O Father Silouan, favorite of God; for with burning love for the Lord Who hungered for the salvation of the world and put the devil to shame by His humility, you did faithfully follow Him, and adorned with the right fruitful gifts of the Holy Spirit, did perfume the wilderness of Athos with pure prayer, graciously showing us the ideal of the angelic life. For thus likening the Holy Mountain to paradise, you did put the enemy to shame, and did acquire the kingdom of heaven for your soul, struggling to cleave unto God with love, and crying out to Him: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)*

IKOS XI

In our days— during your lifetime and after your death—the Lord has revealed you to the whole world as a bearer of the light-bestowing light and grace of the Holy Spirit, that, gazing upon you, who art resplendent in the incorrupt beauty of your earthly struggles and offers supplications for us like the cherubim at the throne of God, we are assured of our hope of salvation and most diligently follow your right moral life. Sweetly do we submit our

will to the love of God, that thus the glorification of the name of the Lord, Who loves us, may be made steadfast in our bodies and souls. Wherefore, strengthened by you in faith, with love we cry out to you:

Rejoice, you who by the struggles of a right moral life did strengthen us in love of God;

Rejoice, zealous denouncer of immorality, who teaches us to preserve the Mysteries and canons of the Orthodox Faith!

Rejoice, you who were earnestly zealous to embrace the desert-dwelling of Peter the Athonite in fasting and stillness;

Rejoice, you who did faithfully emulate Abba Athanasius in care for the goodly morals of monastics!

Rejoice, new luminary of the Faith, who in our days did point out the true path to God;

Rejoice, you who bear true witness unto all concerning the abundance of the grace of the Holy Spirit in the Orthodox Church!

Rejoice, faithful servant of Christ, who stand as is meet before the throne of His glory;

Rejoice, you who did earnestly ask for us a peaceful ending to our life and a good defense before the fearful Judgment Seat of Christ!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION XII

Christ our God poured forth the indescribable power of grace upon you, O venerable one, that in the heavens, where everything lives and moves in the joy of the Holy Spirit, He might show you to be in the choir of Athonite ascetics, offering up supplications with all the saints in behalf of all born on earth. And knowing you to be thus,

we pray: Pour forth fervent prayer unto the Lord, O most blessed one, that, moved to mercy, He may make His Holy Church steadfast forever, for our salvation, may preserve in every way the desert-lovers of the earthly Eden, and strengthen them, that the name of God may be glorified forever by those on earth and those in heaven, who chant: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia.)*

IKOS XII

Hymning your all-glorious memory, O God-bearing Father Silouan, as is meet we bless the pangs and labors which you did most diligently endure in vigils and fasting with all the chosen ones of the Mother of God. For who can reckon the labors and sighs we tearfully offer up in prayers for the world, and whereby the Lord changes His wrath over our sins into mercy, and in His love for mankind doth not disavow the oath He swore, that the Holy Church will be established until the end of time? Wherefore, thankful for this your intercession, we cry out to you with compunction: Rejoice, diligent follower of the leading of the Holy Spirit;

Rejoice, you who did gaze upon the face of Christ, the Peace and Wisdom of God!

Rejoice, humble ascetic of Christ, joy and boast of the Mother of God, before all those in heaven and those on earth;

Rejoice, tireless advocate for the world, our consolation and hope of salvation!

Rejoice, heir of the kingdom of Christ, who did adorn Mount Athos with your struggle;

Rejoice, faithful mover of our salvation, who have sanctified for us the path which leadeth to God!

Rejoice, gilded clarion proclaiming the glory of God with all the saints and angels;

Rejoice, you who were crowned by God with a diadem of immortality, and in your supplications have not forsaken us!

*Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in
your prayer for the world!*

KONTAKION XIII

(To be read three times)

O all-wondrous Silouan, favorite of God, gracious scion of the land of Russia, boast and adornment of the desert-lovers of Mount Athos! Accept from us this meager entreaty, and ask you of Christ our God, Who was crucified for the world, that He may have mercy on all of us, His children, and may bind us with the grace of the Holy Spirit in the bond of His love, and may lead us to Himself by the judgments which He knows, that by your supplications we may appear unashamed on the day of judgment before the face of His glory, and may be vouchsafed with all the saints and angels to chant the hymn of victory:

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia.)*

IKOS I

The Creator of angels and Lord of hosts chose you beforehand from your mother's womb, and, as saith the Psalmist, gave you a deep heart, O God-bearing Father Silouan, that as in a most excellent receptacle you might place the uncontainable name of God Most High, and through the power of God and divine grace might most earnestly follow the life of the angels. And praising the wondrous struggle of your earthly labors, we reverently cry out to you:

Rejoice, fruit of the chastity and purity of pious parents;
Rejoice, fragrant flower of the unfading beauty of their
struggle of faith!

Rejoice, you who with all your soul did love the piety of your parents;

Rejoice, you who were pleased to emulate their chastity and love for God!

Rejoice, you who from childhood were wondrously filled with the wisdom to seek joy in God;

Rejoice, you who like a deer did yearn for the well-spring of grace divine!

Rejoice, you who did sweeten your youthful mind with the word of God, as with sweet honey;

Rejoice, you who did root your heart wholly in the will of God!

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

KONTAKION I

O chosen ascetic and earthly angel of Christ, all-blessed Father Silouan, most excellent emulator of the Fathers of Athos in vigils, fasting and humility! Through your thirst for God and burning love for Him you did acquire abundant grace for your soul, O most blessed one. Imitating Christ, you did crucify yourself with tearful prayer for those languishing in hades, for the living and for those yet to come. Of this your love deprive us not, who amid the vale of sin ask your intercession before God and cry out with compunction:

Rejoice, O Father Silouan, inextinguishable burning of love in your prayer for the world!

**A PRAYER TO OUR VENERABLE FATHER SILOUAN THE
ATHONITE**

O all-wondrous Father Silouan, favorite of God! By the grace given you by God to pray with tears for the whole world — the dead, the living and those yet to come — never cease to make entreaty to the Lord for us who earnestly fall down before you and with compunction beseech your intercession. Move you to prayer, O most blessed one, the earnest Helper of the Christian race, the all-blessed Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, who wondrously summoned you to be a faithful husbandman in her earthly garden, where the chosen of God implore Him to be merciful and long-suffering toward our sins, that He not be mindful of our injustices and iniquities, but that in His ineffable goodness our Lord Jesus Christ may take pity and save us in His great mercy. Yea, O favorite of God, with the all-blessed Mistress of the world, the most holy Abbess of Athos, and the holy ascetics of her earthly portion, ask of the Word, Who is holier than all the saints, that Mount Athos and its God-loving desert-dwellers may be preserved in peace from all misfortunes and the assaults, of the enemy, that, delivered by the angels from evils, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit in faith and brotherly love, until the end of time they may offer up supplications for the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and may show unto all the path to salvation, that the earthly Church and that of heaven may unceasingly glorify the Creator and Father of lights, illumining and sanctifying the world in the eternal righteousness and goodness of God. For the peoples of the whole world ask, a prosperous and peaceful life, the spirit of humble-mindedness and brotherly love, good morals and salvation, and the spirit of the fear of God, that the hearts of men may not be infected with malice and iniquity, which are able to uproot the love of God in men and cast them into God-opposing enmity and fratricide, but that the name of God may be sanctified in the power of divine love and righteousness on earth and in heaven, that His holy will may be manifest, among men, and that peace and the kingdom of God may reign on earth. Likewise, O favorite of God, for our homeland, beg the peace we desire and the blessing of heaven, that, protected by the almighty veil of the Mother of God, it may be delivered from wrath, famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion, civil war, sudden death, and from all enemies, visible and invisible; and thus, through the power of the life-giving Cross, may be the most sacred dwelling- place of the all-blessed Theotokos until the end of time, and may be established in the superabundant love of God. And for all of us who are sunk in the darkness of sin, who have neither fervent repentance nor the fear of God, and thus immeasurably offend the Lord Who loves us, O most blessed one, ask of our most compassionate God that He divinely visit and enliven our souls with His omnipotent grace, and that He abolish in our hearts all malice and the pride of life, despondency and negligence. Again we pray that when we are fortified by the grace of the most Holy Spirit and warmed by the love of God, we may be strengthened in love of mankind and our brethren, in humble-mindedness and prayerful crucifixion for one another and for all, and in the righteousness and grace-filled love of God, and may draw nigh unto Him like children: that thus doing His most holy will, we may tread the path of this transitory life unashamed, in all piety and purity, and with all the saints of the heavenly kingdom may be vouchsafed the wedding-banquet of the Lamb. From all those in heaven and on earth be glory, honor and worship unto Him, and His unoriginate Father and His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

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