

# Akathist to St. Matrona



For the healing of illnesses

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## KONTAKION 2

When you were baptized, blessed one, the people and the priest beheld a wonderful pillar like smoke above your head and smelled a strong fragrance. Astonished, they wondered what this maid was destined to be, while singing to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

## IKOS 2

Being enlightened in mind, the priest of God, Vasily, discerned her whom he baptized to be a vessel of the grace of God, and called you, righteous Matrona, a holy maiden. In our zeal, we bring praises such as these:

Rejoice, you were made fragrant in the holy font by the grace of the Holy Spirit;

Rejoice, the sign of the cross was imprinted on your chest;

Rejoice, you prayerful one, given to the people by God;

Rejoice, ever-burning candle, shining before the Lord;

Rejoice, you by the gift of miracles from God were famed upon earth;

Rejoice, you by your unfading crown are crowned by the Lord in Heaven;

Rejoice, herald to sinners of the mercies of God;

Rejoice, you from the source of living water, refresh the thirsty.

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## KONTAKION 3

You felt the Power of God's grace while yet in infancy, blessed Matrona, stretching forth to the holy icons and with a pure heart and infant lips, proclaimed praise to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

### IKOS 3

Having from God the gift of foresight from infancy, blessed mother, you knew the most hidden things in the hearts of them coming to you, telling the future like the present, and by this set many people on the path of righteousness. Whereby you glorified God, making wise the blind and we cry out to you:

Rejoice, wondrous seer;  
Rejoice, denouncer of hidden sins;  
Rejoice, brightest teacher of darkened souls;  
Rejoice, merciful guide of them that had gone astray;  
Rejoice, star pointing the way to the faithful;  
Rejoice, candle giving light in the darkness of this age;  
Rejoice, you served the one God;  
Rejoice, by the grace of the Holy Spirit you trampled down the wiles of the devil.

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### KONTAKION 4

A storm of bewilderment and confusion in the people concerning your miracles was dispelled, and them that were made wise by God, Who is wondrous in His saints, glorified and praised you, and with thanksgiving sang to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

### IKOS 4

Hearing how you give help in sicknesses of spirit and body, mother Matrona, people came to you with hope, and receiving favorable counsel and healing, gave thanks to God and sang to you:

Rejoice, you receive souls that are diseased and suffering;

Rejoice, you bestow peace upon grieving souls;  
Rejoice, enlightener of them that were in delusions;  
Rejoice, teacher of piety;  
Rejoice, reliever of our sorrows;  
Rejoice, consoler in griefs;  
Rejoice, blessed unmercenary;  
Rejoice, benevolent healer of diverse ailments.

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God!***

### **KONTAKION 5**

As a divinely moving star, blessed mother Matrona, you shined forth in evil times in the land of Russia as a new confessor and bore the yoke of Christ boldly and fearlessly throughout your life; and strengthened by the grace of God, you gave enlightenment to the bewildered, relief to the suffering, and healing to the sick, who thankfully cried to God: ***Alleluia!***  
***(People sing Alleluia!)***

### **IKOS 5**

Seeing miracles and healings given by you through the grace of God - the lame walking, the paralytic and bedridden healed, evil spirits cast out of the possessed - many Russian people rushed to you, mother, as to a source inexhaustible and drank from it profusely, and with tender heart cried out to you:

Rejoice, called to the right path from infancy;  
Rejoice, righteous one, bestowed upon us by God;  
Rejoice, healer of our ailments;  
Rejoice, speedy helper in our needs;  
Rejoice, you enlighten us through your inspired advice;  
Rejoice, quick resolver of our bewilderment;  
Rejoice, you drive away unclean spirits from the people;

Rejoice, you protect from every evil by your prayers.

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God!***

### **KONTAKION 6**

Herald of the holiness and righteousness of your life, blessed mother, the holy and righteous Father John of Kronstadt appeared when he saw you in the church, and he called you his heir and eighth pillar of Russia. And all that heard this glorified the Lord, proclaiming to Him: ***Alleluia!*** (*People sing Alleluia!*)

### **IKOS 6**

Through your prayers, mother Matrona, the light of God's grace shone in hearts of them having no knowledge of God and burdened by many sins which angered Him. And seeing the miracles performed, they turned to the Lord, crying to you in gratitude:

Rejoice, your feats glorify God;

Rejoice, revealer to us of the glory of God;

Rejoice, guide of the faithless to the right path;

Rejoice, you cleanse by your prayers those defiled by sins;

Rejoice, you call us to repentance;

Rejoice, you admonish us to thank the Lord for all things;

Rejoice, you teach us to love the divine Church;

Rejoice, gatherer of the scattered sheep within the walls of the Church.

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God!***

## **KONTAKION 7**

Wishing worthily to glorify the Most Holy Lady Theotokos, mother Matrona, you ordered the people to have Her depicted in the most honorable icon called "Seeker of the Perishing" and placed it in God's church in your village, that all who look upon the bright face of the Most Pure One, might tenderly praise Her and the Lord: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia!*)

## **IKOS 7**

The Lord gave you as a new protectress, prayerful mediator, and intercessor with God, to the Russian people in the hard times when many forsook the Holy Church; and you, mother, by word and deed, set on the right path the fainthearted and deceived, revealing the wonderful miracles of God. Wherefore we hymn you:

Rejoice, you feel ceaseless compassion for the country of Russia;

Rejoice, intercessor for our salvation;

Rejoice, you move to compassion God the righteous Judge;

Rejoice, protectress of the diseased and wronged;

Rejoice, helper of the weak and desperate;

Rejoice, ceaseless warrior against the spirits of malice;

Rejoice, before you the demon chiefs do tremble;

Rejoice, before you Angels and people rejoice.

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## **KONTAKION 8**

Strange it was for the weak in faith and the unwise that, though born blind, you could see and know not only the present, but also the future, for they knew not that the power of God is fulfilled in human weakness. And we, blessed mother, seeing the wisdom of God manifested in you, cry out to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

### **IKOS 8**

Many vexations and offences, exiles and reproaches you bore, blessed mother, not complaining, but in all things thanking God. For these things and for teaching us each with patience to carry his cross, we praise you:

Rejoice, you prayed without ceasing;  
Rejoice, you drove away spiritual wickedness by fasting and prayer;  
Rejoice, you have gained graceful peace;  
Rejoice, by your love many were saved;  
Rejoice, you gave a life of service to many;  
Rejoice, after your repose, people are helped by you;  
Rejoice, you fervently heed our petitions;  
Rejoice, you do not leave those that put their trust in your care.

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before God!*

### **KONTAKION 9**

All manner of sorrows and diseases you bore, mother Matrona, ever leading the struggle with the forces of darkness, denouncing their machinations and guile, and expelling demons from the possessed; and up to the end of your days you helped them in sufferings, illnesses and grieving, ever singing to God: *Alleluia!(People sing Alleluia!)*

### **IKOS 9**



Eloquent orators are not able worthily to glorify your holy life, nor the miracles wrought by you through the power of God, most marvelous Eldress. And we, wishing by hymns to praise God in His saints, and with heartfelt love inspired, dare to sing to you:

Rejoice, you chose the narrow path and strait gates;  
Rejoice, you shined with many virtues;  
Rejoice, you rejected all in life that is passing;  
Rejoice, you were adorned with the precious crown of humility;  
Rejoice, bird of Heaven, that lived the Gospel on earth;  
Rejoice, you followed the Son of God Who had nowhere to lay  
His head;  
Rejoice, you are rejoicing now in the mansions of  
Paradise;  
Rejoice, your mercy is never failing to us sinners who pray to  
you.

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### **KONTAKION 10**

Wishing to save many people from bodily sufferings and spiritual sicknesses, you stayed all night in prayer, O righteous one of God, beseeching for them help and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ, singing to Him: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia!*)

### **IKOS 10**

A rampart and protection were you in the days of your life, blessed mother, to all who resorted to you, and after death you ceaselessly intercede before God for the people who in faith run toward your tomb. Wherefore, hearken now to us sinners, by sorrows, sickness and many griefs consumed, and hasten to help by your prayers all that cry to you:

Rejoice, speedy intercessor for the distressed;  
Rejoice, comforter of them bearing hardships;  
Rejoice, guardian of worthy marriages;  
Rejoice, pacifier of all that persist in strife;  
Rejoice, defender of them brought unjustly to trial;  
Rejoice, merciful advocate before God for those guilty before an earthly judgment;  
Rejoice, refuge of them deprived of shelter;  
Rejoice, protectress of all that call upon you.

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### **KONTAKION 11**

You heard Angelic singing, worthy mother Matrona, while living on earth. And teach us, the unworthy, how we should glorify God in the Trinity - worshipping Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to Whom also the Heavenly Host unceasingly sing with a great voice: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

### **IKOS 11**

Your life shines with luminous light, blessed Matrona, enlightening the darkness of this too-busy world, and you draw to you our souls. Wherefore we, by the ray of the grace of God, will be enlightened, and our mournful way in this temporal life shall pass in a manner pleasing to God, and thus attain to the Kingdom of God, where you, mother, now take up your abode, hearing our voice calling to you:

Rejoice, ever-burning candle of God;  
Rejoice, precious pearl, illuminating us by the light of your holiness;  
Rejoice, sweet-smelling flower that by the Holy Spirit covers us with fragrance;

Rejoice, rock of faith, establishing the fainthearted in piety;  
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Rejoice, good warrior of Christ, by the sword of prayer  
frightening demonic hosts;  
Rejoice, throughout your life, you were holy and undefiled;  
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### **KONTAKION 12**

The grace of God, already richly perceived even from the cradle, O blessed mother, will be with you all the days of your life. We believe without doubt, that also after your repose this grace is with you abundantly. Wherefore, falling down before you, we pray: deprive not us still wandering on earth of your help and intercession, beseeching the Lord to have mercy on all who sing to Him: ***Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)***

### **IKOS 12**

Singing of your many and marvelous wonders, mother Matrona, we glorify God Who gave you to the city of Moscow and to the Russian land in the days of atheism and persecution as a staunch pillar of piety and faith. Now, blessed mother, with grateful heart we hymn you:

Rejoice, you have attained the peace of Christ in your soul;  
Rejoice, you lead many people to God;  
Rejoice, in your feeble body, the power of God's grace  
was shown;  
Rejoice, in the finding of your honorable relics, God's mercy to  
us is revealed;  
Rejoice, you bloom in the assembly of the saints of Moscow;  
Rejoice, glorious adornment of the city of Moscow;  
Rejoice, constant intercessor for the Russian land before God;

Rejoice, you call all to repentance and prayer for the Russian land.

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### **KONTAKION 13**

**(To be read three times)**

O blessed mother, hear now our hymns of praise which we sing to you, and ask for us of the Lord Jesus Christ, the remission of sins, a Christian death, and peaceful repose, and a good answer at His dread judgment, and that we shall be blessed with you in the dwellings of Paradise to glorify the Holy Trinity, crying: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!* (People sing *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*)

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### ***Prayer to St. Matrona***

Blessed mother Matrona, your soul in Heaven stands before the throne of God, your body rests upon earth, and you bestow diverse miracles through grace given you from on High. Look down with your merciful eyes upon us sinners who pass our days in sorrows, sicknesses and sinful temptations. Console us who are in despair. Heal our grievous ailments which God allowed because of our sins. Deliver us from many misfortunes and attacks of evil spirits. Beseech our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us all our trespasses, transgressions and falls, and our sins committed from our youth up to the present day and hour. And by your prayers obtain for us grace and great mercy, that we may glorify the

Trinity, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### **Troparion**

*Tone 2*

Let us the faithful today praise blessed Eldress Matrona made wise by God; flower of the land of Tula and glorious adornment of the city of Moscow, for whom daylight was unknown but who were enlightened by the light of Christ and enriched by the gifts of insight and healing: You were a sojourner and wanderer upon earth, but now in the Heavenly chambers you stand before the throne of God and intercedes for our souls.

### **Kontakion**

*Tone 7*

You were chosen from your mother's womb for service to Christ, righteous Matrona, treading a path of sorrows and griefs, but showing firm faith and piety, which were pleasing to God. Wherefore, we venerate your memory and beseech you, blessed Eldress: help us to dwell in God's love.

### **Magnification**

We magnify you, O righteous blessed Matrona, and honor your holy memory, you that pray for us to Christ our God.

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