

Akathist to Saint Tikhon of Moscow



For Strength to be an Example in Word,
Conduct, Love, Spirit, Faith and Purity

Kontakion 1

To you, the steadfast champion of the Holy Orthodox Faith, we, your spiritual children, offer hymns of praise and thanksgiving, mindful of the many benefactions which you have bestowed upon us. As you have great boldness before the dread throne of the Most High, pray earnestly on behalf of all who truly honor your holy memory and cry out to you with love:

Rejoice, O humble Tikhon, steadfast confessor of the Faith and fervent intercessor for our souls!

Ikos 1

Called by God to His holy priesthood from your mother's womb, for all the faithful you were an example in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith and purity, for you fought well the good fight, did finish the difficult course of your life, and kept the Faith, in nowise failing to hold fast to your vows. Wherefore, full of gratitude for your love and sacrifice, we say:

Rejoice, you preached the word of God with fervor;

Rejoice, you were watchful in all things!

Rejoice, you made full proof of your ministry;

Rejoice, you, as an evangelist, proclaimed the glad tidings of salvation!

Rejoice, you reprov'd those who rejected the truth of the Christian Faith;

Rejoice, you rebuked those who embraced the modern fables of materialism and progress!

Rejoice, you, when the time of your departure was at hand, made provision for the Church;

Rejoice, you have received from God a twofold

crown for your righteousness and confession!
Rejoice, for the Lord stood with you and
strengthened you in the hour of your tribulation;
Rejoice, for He delivered you as from the mouth of a
lion and gave you rest!
Rejoice, for as you lived in godly manner in Christ
Jesus, you suffered persecution;
Rejoice, for you did prevail until the end and have
obtained your reward!

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Kontakion 2

Having received the royal name Basil in the holy waters of
baptism, from your infancy you were raised in piety and love for
the Holy Church of Christ, Who called you to follow your father in
His priestly ministry; and from childhood you came to know the
Holy Scriptures, which made you wise unto salvation through faith
in our merciful Savior, to Whom we all cry: **Alleluia!**
(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 2

In your youth you with fervor applied yourself to the study of the
law of God and the dogmas of the Holy Orthodox Faith at the
seminary in Pskov, O favorite of Christ; and so thoroughly you
absorbed the moral teachings of the Holy Fathers, that your
companions came to call you the Patriarch, showing themselves to
be unwitting prophets. Wherefore, marveling at the guidance of the
providence of God which was manifest throughout your life, we
say:

Rejoice, your heart was devoid of guile;
Rejoice, you whose gentleness touched the hearts of
all!

Rejoice, you to whom the Lord granted the gift of
intelligence, that you might understand His will;
Rejoice, you in humility did receive the monastic
habit!

Rejoice, you drank your fill of the inexhaustible spring
of the dogmas of the Church;

Rejoice, you were the embodiment of Christian
teachings!

Rejoice, you enlightened Pskov with the effulgence of
piety;

Rejoice, you shine forth the light of the Holy Faith in
the city of Kholm!

Rejoice, for the city of Kazan rejoiced in your
teaching;

Rejoice, for by your mild demeanor you inspire
heretics to return to the Orthodox fold!

Rejoice, for your life was a beacon of piety casting its
light over a gloom-enshrouded sea;

Rejoice, for thereby you guide many to the calm haven
of the One Church of Christ!

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Kontakion 3

When the Most Holy Synod heard report of your good works in
Kholm, and how the people were instructed by you in
righteousness, they commanded that you be consecrated to the

Episcopal rank; and thus you were entrusted with the onerous task of tending Christ's reason-endowed sheep, to which you did assiduously devote your energies until the very hour of your death, showing yourself to be not a hireling, but a true shepherd of the flock of the all-holy Trinity, to Whom we all cry: **Alleluia!**
(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 3

When rumor spread that you were appointed to another Episcopal See, your flock rose up in protest, showing their dismay over the loss of their beloved arch pastor; but, submitting in obedience to the ecclesiastical authorities, you undertook the long journey to your new diocese in faraway America, where for eight years you labored tirelessly in the vineyard of Christ, bringing forth abundant fruit. We therefore cry out to you thus:

Rejoice, you increased fourfold the parishes of your See;
Rejoice, you who by your guilelessness and humility did restore multitudes to the Faith of their fathers!

Rejoice, you, in your love for the saints of God and respect for the pious Tsar, did erect the Cathedral of St. Nicholas;
Rejoice, you called a holy council to further the spread of the Orthodox Faith!

Rejoice, you dedicated a sacred monastery for the establishment of the angelic life;

Rejoice, you honor the heavenly patron whose name you had received at your own tonsure!

Rejoice, for in your pastoral care for your flock you show forth the spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind;

Rejoice, you shine forth the brightness of the

grace of God in your spiritual life!

Rejoice, you were shown to be an eloquent preacher,
an apostle and teacher of the nations;

Rejoice, you cherished well the treasure committed to you by the
Holy Spirit!

Rejoice, you transmit to the faithful what you had learned from the
holy fathers;

Rejoice, you, having striven lawfully, have received your crown!

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Kontakion 4

When they saw how Almighty God had used you in America as
His instrument for the building up of His Holy Orthodox Church,
your superiors in Russia decided to transfer you from the New
World to the ancient and glorious See of Yaroslavl, where you
lived in all obedience; and there you astonished all by your
unfeigned concern for the life of even the lowliest parishes in your
diocese and your love for all the children of God, to Whom we cry:
Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 4

With esteem for the gifts of the Spirit which so manifestly abode
within you, the Most Holy Synod assigned you as bishop of the
See of Vilna of Lithuania, where there were multitudes of Latin's
and Uniates who rejected the Orthodox Church of Christ; but with
your mild ways and gentle demeanor, you won over their hearts,
and many converted to the true Faith. With them we cry out to you
such things as these:

Rejoice, you were steadfast in your Orthodoxy;
Rejoice, you in Godly manner did edify all in the Faith!
Rejoice, you with love admonished those who had
turned aside from the Truth;
Rejoice, you know that the law of God is good, when
used lawfully!
Rejoice, you did oppose that which is contrary to
sound doctrine;
Rejoice, you advanced the spreading of the Gospel of
Our Lord!
Rejoice, you enlighten those who were in the
ignorance of unbelief;
Rejoice, you whose love softened their hard hearts
and stiff necks!
Rejoice, you offer up supplications and prayers
for all men!
Rejoice, you intercede for them and gave thanks!
Rejoice, for your labors were good and acceptable
unto God our Savior;
Rejoice, for through you many were saved and came
to a knowledge of the Truth!

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Kontakion 5

When the Latin Empire of Austria-Hungary declared war on the Kingdom of Serbia, and the Russian Empire rose up to defend its Orthodox brethren, the horrors of war overwhelmed your diocese

as it was invaded by the enemy; but though you were urged to retreat to the safety of Moscow, you bravely resolved to remain with your flock, helping those who had lost their homes and were in flight from destruction, encouraging the soldiers at the front, and courageously celebrating the divine services on the battlefield even as bombs burst round about you. Wherefore, in awe of your fearlessness, we cry out to the Almighty, Who gave you strength: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 5

When the tide of battle turned against the Russian realm because of its sins, and treacherous and traitorous lackeys, faint-hearted and cowardly, prevailed upon the Orthodox Tsar to abdicate his throne, as a merciful arch pastor you wept for your people, who were caught up in the chaos of war, civil strife and famine, and you begged the Most High not to inflict unbearable tribulations upon them. And we, mindful of your compassion, cry out to you:

Rejoice, you pray at every time and in every place;

Rejoice, you lifted up your holy hands, without wrath and doubting!

Rejoice, you commemorated the ruler and those in authority;

Rejoice, you pray that all might lead a quiet and peaceable life!

Rejoice, you were blameless and temperate;

Rejoice, you were sober-minded and apt to teach!

Rejoice, you as a good monk spurned your lucre;

Rejoice, you who in your modesty were a stranger to covetousness!

Rejoice, you held the mystery of the Faith in a pure conscience;

Rejoice, you were repeatedly proved, and found blameless!

Rejoice, you ruled well each of your dioceses;
Rejoice, you edify the house of Christ, the Church of
the living God!

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Kontakion 6

Amid the tumult and turmoil of civil unrest, in the presence of the miraculous Vladimir Icon of the all-holy Theotokos you were elected by the clergy and people of the glorious city of Moscow to be their bishop. And great was their joy and astonishment when they found you to be a solicitous arch pastor, who gladly visited the homes of even the humblest of his flock; and they gave thanks for you unto Christ our God, chanting: **Alleluia!**

(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 6

As the dark clouds of ungodly revolution massed over the land, the hierarchs of the Church of Russia and representatives of the clergy and the faithful assembled in the Kremlin of Moscow to deliberate and ensure the well-being of the Holy Orthodox Church; and they chose you, O Holy Tikhon, to preside over their sessions, which you did with great intelligence and patience. Wherefore, we all exclaim:

Rejoice, you labored and suffered reproach for your
trust in the living God;

Rejoice, you did not neglect the gift which was
prophetically given you!

Rejoice, you, taking heed to yourself and to Orthodox doctrine, saved yourself and those who listened to you;
Rejoice, you took care of widows and orphans!
Rejoice, you did not prefer one before another, showing partiality to none;
Rejoice, for your good works were manifest before all!
Rejoice, you were content to have food and raiment;
Rejoice, you did not suppose that gain is godliness!
Rejoice, you, hating riches, were not entangled in their snares;
Rejoice, you did not fall into the manifold pernicious lusts which drag men down to destruction!
Rejoice, you followed after righteousness, piety, faith, patience and meekness;
Rejoice, you laid hold of eternal life, unto which you were called!

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Kontakion 7

With the abdication and imprisonment of the devout Tsar, and the fall of the Orthodox government, the hierarchs of the Church and the leaders of the faithful considered how best to preserve the age-old piety of Russia; then, resolving to restore the ancient Patriarchate of Moscow, they elected you to that exalted office. And, accepting the will of God when your ballot was chosen before the wonder-working Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God, you did not refuse to shoulder this heavy burden, but did cry unto the Almighty: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 7

When you were a young man, you assumed that the hierarchal rank entailed dignity, power, strength and honor; but in time you came to realize that it signified instead toil, struggle and sacrifice. And when you accepted election as Patriarch, you compared your new duty to the scroll of which the Holy Prophet Ezekiel spoke, whereon were writ the words weeping, sighing and sorrow; lamentation, mourning and woe. Moreover, in the words of Moses you said unto the Lord: Wherefore have you afflicted your servant? Wherefore have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all these people upon me? Yet, undaunted by the impending horrors you envisioned, you did not refuse this duty; for which cause we cry unto you:

Rejoice, you to whom the staff of Saint Peter of
Moscow was entrusted;

Rejoice, you upon whose head the Kilbuk of
Patriarch Nikon was set!

Rejoice, for even the blasphemous soldiers cast
themselves at your feet;

Rejoice, for they would not move until you had blessed
them repeatedly!

Rejoice, fearless mediator for your people, who were not
daunted by the weaponry of the enemy;

Rejoice, you who, placing your trust in God, did lead a
procession around the embattled Kremlin, praying for the
carnage to cease!

Rejoice, you who bound yourself with an oath to preserve
the Orthodox Faith;

Rejoice, you who with the other members of the Great Council did
set down rules to govern the life of the Holy Church!

Rejoice, you who with devotion to all the saints of the Russian land established a special feast in their honor;
Rejoice, you set aright injustices committed of old!
Rejoice, you inscribe in the lists of the saints the holy Hierarch Sophronius and Hieromartyr Joseph;
Rejoice, you protest a treaty devoid of honor!

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Kontakion 8

When the godless seized power in Russia, they fell upon the Holy Orthodox Church like jackals upon an innocent lamb, and strove to rend it limb from limb: they unjustly confiscated the lands and funds which were its support, dispossessed it of all its schools and seminaries, ordered that thenceforth the clergy receive no payment for their labors, and strictly forbade the teaching of the Holy Faith; for they wished to create a nation where the people would no longer chant unto God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 8

O Holy Hierarch Tikhon, you clearly perceived the evil purposes of the enemies of God, and in your heartfelt concern for their salvation committed them, and those who supported them, to dread anathema and excommunication, for attempting to bring about the ruination of the Holy Church of Christ. But you urged the faithful to endure martyrdom for our merciful Savior and the Holy Orthodox Faith; and many who hearkened to your zealous exhortations were later led like sheep to the slaughter, and have been translated to the choirs of heaven, where, having joined their company, you hear us cry unto you:

Rejoice, you condemn the desecration of the
Temples of God;
Rejoice, you protest the confiscation of the holy
churches!
Rejoice, you lamented the estrangement of Kiev
and Little Russia;
Rejoice, you decry the senseless murders
wantonly committed by the godless mob!
Rejoice, you were stricken with anguish by the
assassination of the pious Tsar and his innocent
family and servants;
Rejoice, you proclaim that those who did not
condemn this sin of regicide would bear the guilt of
innocent blood!
Rejoice, you fearlessly celebrate a memorial for
the royal victims;
Rejoice, you adjure the Russian people to
acknowledge their sins!
Rejoice, for with spiritual sight you perceived the
famine as a sign of God's wrath;
Rejoice, for many, heeding your valiant words, found the
strength to endure martyrdom!
Rejoice, for you blessed them for their final struggle
against evil in high places;
Rejoice, for the blade of the demonized woman who
sought your death did not slay you!

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Kontakion 9

O the depths of depravity to which the ungodly sank in those troubled times! For, having cast off all moral restraints, the minions of the evil one falsely arrested the clergy and monastic's, and summarily executed them as enemies of the people, or sentenced them to hard labor as slaves; and they delighted in slaughtering multitudes of the faithful during church processions. But you, groaning at the loss of your brethren, did rebuke the wicked murderers, crying out: The blood of our brethren, shed like rivers and spilled by you, cries out to heaven, where they stand with the saints and angels, chanting: **Alleluia!**

(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 9

When drought and famine struck the land of Russia, so that the harvest failed and death stalked the land, you appealed to all the faithful to help their starving brethren; and, hearkening unto you, they gave generously of their substance. But the evil oppressors of the people, fearing the power of the grace inherent in holy charity and almsgiving, seized for themselves the funds which had been collected, and suppressed the organization formed for the distribution thereof, preferring that the starving perish of hunger rather than owe their lives to the Christian Church. Then also the godless regime demanded all the treasures of the Church, wherein the pious had adorned it over the centuries; but you resisted their blasphemous edict, urging the flock not to surrender unto the ungodly that which is holy. Wherefore, we cry unto you such things as these:

Rejoice, good husbandman of the vineyard of Christ;
Rejoice, you pruned the vine of the Church, that
it might put forth goodly fruit!

Rejoice, you bravely defend the patrimony of the
faithful;

Rejoice, you with valor denounced those who
committed sacrilege!

Rejoice, for you did not bury in the ground the talent
entrusted to you;

Rejoice, for you wisely increased it for your heavenly
Master!

Rejoice, for Christ the Lord was well pleased with
you;

Rejoice, for with gladness you entered into His joy!

Rejoice, you take care that the starving are fed;

Rejoice, for by your efforts was aid given them in
abundance!

Rejoice, for the enemies of Christ said all manner of evil
against you falsely for His sake;

Rejoice, for in like manner were the prophets of God
persecuted before you!

**Rejoice, O humble Tikhon, steadfast confessor of the Faith and
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Kontakion 10

Though the onslaught of the godless enemies of Christ dealt His
Church a bitter blow, yet even more bitter by far was the betrayal
of you and Holy Orthodoxy by false brethren who strove to
refashion it in their own fallen image, perfidiously casting aside

the canons of the holy ecumenical councils and the age-old traditions of the Universal Church. For though they called themselves the Living Church, yet you rightly declared them to be devoid of the life-giving grace of the Holy Trinity, since they had basely usurped the legitimate authority within the Church; and as treacherous and traitorous betrayers they have no right to chant unto God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 10

The prince of evil, the ancient enemy of the salvation of man, inspired his henchmen to divide the Church of Russia, thus making it easier to crush it utterly; and supporting the unjust Living Church, the atheist regime persecuted the true Church of Christ, striving to force all the hierarchs and the clergy to abandon you, the true arch pastor of the reason-endowed flock of the Lord. And to achieve their vile aim, they falsely arrested you, O Holy Patriarch, and cast you into prison. Wherefore, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, you unmasked the wolves who came to you in sheep's clothing;

Rejoice, you like Paul suffered perils because of false brethren!

Rejoice, you knew them by their fruits;

Rejoice, you warn them that, lacking any good fruit, they would be hewn down, and cast into everlasting fire!

Rejoice, you assured them that not everyone who says Lord, Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;

Rejoice, you declared that the Lord would say unto them Depart from Me, you who work iniquity!

Rejoice, you adjured them not to try to build their

house on shifting sands, lest its fall be great;
Rejoice, you admonished them to cleave unto the
house of God, which is founded upon the rock of the
true Faith!

Rejoice, you who, when you were arrested, did not
wonder what you would say;

Rejoice, for in that same hour, eloquence was given
you, for you to answer the tyrants!

Rejoice, for it was not you who spoke, but the Holy Spirit
within you;

Rejoice, for your tormenters could not shake you in your
steadfast confession!

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Kontakion 11

Even as all the foes of the Holy Faith arrayed themselves against
you and beset you on every side, to smite and destroy you, they
found willing allies in their blasphemous wiles in the person of the
deluded Patriarch of Constantinople and those of like mind with
him, who, infected with the disease of masonry and ecumenism,
declared his support of the Living Church and confirmed the
deposition it had falsely imposed upon you. Yet, full of valor and
steadfast faith, you did not yield to despair, but did cry out to God:
Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 11

The faithful of the Church did not waver in their allegiance to you,
the rightful primate of the Church of Russia, and when influence
from abroad was brought to bear upon the regime, so that you were

released from captivity, the Living Church withered away like a barren fig-tree. Still, the godless did not cease to persecute you, dispatching a vile tormenter to wear down your strength and health by his constant demands and importunities. Yet, though weak in body, you did not allow the Church to fall prey to his evil machinations; wherefore, we cry to you such things as these:

Rejoice, for though you saw brother deliver brother unto death, you did not despair;

Rejoice, for though you witnessed children rising up against their parents, you resisted despondency!

Rejoice, you who were hated for the name of the Lord;

Rejoice, for, having endured unto the end, you were saved!

Rejoice, for you did not fear those who kill the body;

Rejoice, for you know that such men are unable to destroy the soul!

Rejoice, for you confess Christ before all men;

Rejoice, for He has confessed you before His Father in heaven!

Rejoice, for you pondered the words of Christ, that a man's foes shall be of his own household;

Rejoice, for you did not think that He had come to send peace on earth, but rather a sword!

Rejoice, for you were worthy of the Lord, having loved no one more than Him;

Rejoice, for you were worthy of the Lord, having taken up your cross and followed Him!

Rejoice, O humble Tikhon, steadfast confessor of the Faith and fervent intercessor for our souls!

Kontakion 12

As chaos and turmoil descended upon the Church of Russia, and your physical powers waned, you foresaw the coming of a time when the persecution of the godless would become so intense that they would permit no true and godly hierarch to oversee the flock of Christ; wherefore, taking counsel with your pious physician, you secretly tonsured him to the monastic habit, and did ordain him as Maximus, Bishop of Serpukhov, entrusting to him the perilous task of founding a Church in the catacombs, that the true faith might continue to be preached, and that the flock of Christ, which would call themselves Tikhonites after your name, might continue fearlessly to chant unto the Most High: **Alleluia!**
(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 12

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints, wherefore your hallowed repose was also blessed; for, worn out with constant concern and care for your faithful flock, your health shattered by the unremitting interrogations of the evil tormenter, you did surrender your pure soul into the hands of your Master, passing over unhindered to the mansions of heaven, where, greeted by the most holy Theotokos and all the incorporeal powers, you have joined the choir of the apostles, martyrs and confessors, for which cause we chant to you such things as these:

Rejoice, for in you has the Lord of hosts been well pleased;

Rejoice, for the ranks of angels rejoice in your fearless witness!

Rejoice, for the apostles of Christ welcome you into their choir;

Rejoice, for the assemblies of the martyrs rejoice at your arrival in their midst!

Rejoice, for the entire holy hierarchs marvel at your undaunted courage;

Rejoice, for the company of venerable monastic's stand in awe of your awesome struggles!

Rejoice, for in you are all the saints of Russia exceedingly glad;

Rejoice, for with you all the saints of the Orthodox Church praise the indivisible Trinity!

Rejoice, for though your death was lowly, yet through it you have attained the heights of heaven;

Rejoice, for in her miraculous Icon of the Don the all-immaculate Mother of God guarded your grave!

Rejoice, for after many years in the earth your precious relics were uncovered and found to be untouched by corruption;

Rejoice, for those who approach them with faith receive through them the healing of their infirmities!

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Kontakion 13

(Read Kontakion 13 three times)

O most holy hierarch Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, meek and humble servant of our meek and loving Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ! With your merciful gaze look down upon the suffering Russian land, and regard with pity its downtrodden and oppressed peoples. And even though the trials and tribulations

which afflict us are the result of our own sins, our hardness of heart and lack of repentance, intercede before the dread throne of the Most High, that He punish us not for our transgressions and offenses, but that He have mercy upon us who, taught by you, cry out unto Him in Orthodox manner: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
(People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)

Ikos 1

Called by God to His holy priesthood from your mother's womb, for all the faithful you were an example in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith and purity, for you did fight well the good fight, did finish the difficult course of your life, and did keep the Faith, in nowise failing to hold fast to your vows. Wherefore, full of gratitude for your love and sacrifice, we say:

Rejoice, you who did preach the word of God with fervor;

Rejoice, you who were watchful in all things!

Rejoice, you who made full proof of your ministry;

Rejoice, you who as an evangelist did proclaim the glad tidings of salvation!

Rejoice, you who did reprove those who rejected the truth of the Christian Faith;

Rejoice, you who did rebuke those who embraced the modern fables of materialism and progress!

Rejoice, you who, when the time of your departure was at hand, made provision for the Church;

Rejoice, you who have therefore received from God a twofold crown for your righteousness and confession!

Rejoice, for the Lord stood with you and strengthened you in the hour of your tribulation;

Rejoice, for He delivered you as from the mouth of a lion
and gave you rest!

Rejoice, for as you lived in a godly manner in Christ
Jesus, you did suffer persecution;

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Prayer to the Holy Hierarch Tikhon the Confessor, Patriarch of Moscow

O good pastor, our fervent intercessor and instructor, holy hierarch
Tikhon! Hearken now to the groans and sighs which issue forth
from the depths of our hearts, and accept the earnest entreaty we
make unto you; for we know that as a loving father you abide ever
with us in spirit, watching over us, your sinful children, and
praying to the Lord on our behalf. Wherefore, O favorite of God,
as you have boldness before the Master Jesus Christ and His all-
pure Mother, be for us a mediator and advocate, for, now as ever,

we stand sorely in need of your intercession. As you were a peer of the apostles, bringing enlightenment to those overtaken by heresy and schism, so lead us into the uncreated light of the grace of God, that we may pass from glory to glory, and may find rest with you and all the saints in the mansions of heaven; and as you were a fearless confessor of the truth of the holy Orthodox Faith, so teach us to stand immovable on the rock of faith, unshaken by the surging tides and currents of worldly understandings and temptations; and as you prevailed until the end in your awesome contest against the prince of this world and his evil minions, so aid us, your sinful and unworthy children, in our daily struggles, that by your supplications we may escape the malice of the enemy of our salvation and may set at nought the schemes and wiles of those who, having succumbed to his influence, prefer worldly glory, riches and position to humility and all the Christian virtues and a steadfast confession of Christ our true God, Who with the unoriginate Father and His all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, is worshiped and glorified forever. **Amen.**

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