

Akathist to Saint Xenia of Petersburg



For Finding Employment
For Strong Families

Kontakion 1

O holy and blessed Mother Xenia, chosen favorite and fool for the sake of Christ, who elected to undergo the struggle of patience and the suffering of affliction. We honor your holy memory and offer you hymns of praise. Help us against our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may cry to you:

*Rejoice, O blessed Xenia,
whoever intercedes for our souls!*

Ikos 1

After the death of your husband, O blessed Mother, you sought the life of the Angels and rejected the beauty of this world and all that is in it, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life; and you acquired the understanding of Christ. Wherefore, you hear these praises which we offer to you:

Rejoice, for you were the peer of Andrei, the fool for the sake of Christ!

Rejoice, for you renounced your own name, referring to yourself as dead!

Rejoice, for you assumed foolishness and took the name of your husband, Andrei!

Rejoice, for you called yourself by a man's name, renouncing woman's weakness!

Rejoice, because for the sake of Christ you accepted voluntary poverty!

Rejoice, for you distributed all your substance to good people and to the poor!

Rejoice, for by your foolishness you have taught us to
reject the vain wisdom of this age;
Rejoice, good comforter of all who have recourse to you
in prayer!
Rejoice, for you were full of wisdom transcending the
world!
Rejoice, for you preferred mockery and ridicule to earthly
glory!
Rejoice, for you have been glorified by God;
Rejoice speedy helper in times of trouble and despair!

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whoever intercedes for our souls!*

Kontakion 2

Perceiving your manner of life as strange, for you spurned your home and all worldly riches, your kinsmen in the flesh thought you deranged; but the people of Saint Petersburg, seeing your humility, lack of acquisitiveness, and voluntary poverty, sang to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

Ikos 2

O blessed Xenia, you hid the understanding given to you by God under an apparent mindlessness; and amid the vanity of the great city you lived like a desert-dweller, unceasingly offering your prayers up to God. And, marveling at your manner of life, we cry out to you in praise:

Rejoice, for you took upon your shoulder the heavy cross
of foolishness which God had given you!

Rejoice, O blessed one who bore it without hesitation!

Rejoice, for you hid the radiance of grace under an
assumed insanity!

Rejoice, for your foolishness was most wise!

Rejoice, for through extreme humility and feats of prayer
you acquired the gift of clairvoyance!

Rejoice, for you showed forth this gift for the benefit and
salvation of the suffering!

Rejoice, for you beheld the sufferings of the people
clairvoyantly, as from afar!

Rejoice, for your prayers brought relief to those in pain
and distress!

Rejoice, for you prophesied to the good woman the birth
of a son!

Rejoice, for you entreated God, that He grant that woman
a child!

Rejoice, for you hurry to entreat the Lord on behalf of
your neighbors!

Rejoice, for you have taught all to flee to God in prayer!

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whoever intercedes for our souls!*

Kontakion 3

By the power given to you by God from on high, you manfully
endured burning heat and bitter cold, crucifying your flesh and the

passions and lusts. Wherefore, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, you cried out unceasingly to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

Ikos 3

With the sky as your roof and the earth as your bed, O blessed One, you spurned the comfort of the flesh for the sake of the Kingdom of God. And we, beholding your manner of life, cry out to you with compunction:

Rejoice, for you gave your earthly home to the people!
Rejoice, for you sought and received the shelter of
Heaven!

Rejoice, for you possessed nothing that was earthly, but
enriched all spiritually!

Rejoice, O treasure house of the gifts of Heaven!

Rejoice, for you accounted every material thing as
nothing!

Rejoice, for you were freed from every loss!

Rejoice, for you endured hunger and cold in ragged
clothing!

Rejoice, for by your life you teach us endurance!

Rejoice, for you showed forth the love of God for all!

Rejoice, for you have been adorned with the fruits of
piety!

Rejoice, for you showed the world patience and
guilelessness!

Rejoice, O our fervent intercessor before the throne of the
Most High!

*Rejoice, O blessed Xenia,
whoever intercedes for our souls!*

Kontakion 4

The tempest of life which assailed Saint Petersburg you weathered by meekness and guilelessness, O blessed Mother, and you acquired dispassion toward this corrupt world; therefore, you sing to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

Ikos 4

Hearing of you, that having endured a multitude of afflictions for Christ's sake, you comfort the sorrowful, strengthen the weak and guide the lost to the straight path; the suffering hasten to your aid, singing to you:

Rejoice, for you loved the path of Christ with all your heart!

Rejoice, for you joyfully bore the Cross of Christ!

Rejoice, for you endured every offense offered you by the world, the flesh, and the devil!

Rejoice, for you emulated the ascetics of the desert!

Rejoice, for you were full to overflowing with the gifts of God!

Rejoice, for you freely bestow spiritual gifts upon those in need!

Rejoice, for you showed love for your neighbors!

Rejoice, for you offered consolation to the suffering!

Rejoice, for you shed unceasing tears of repentance!

Rejoice, for you wipe away the tears of those who weep!
Rejoice, for you sought neither comfort nor warmth for
yourself!

Rejoice, for you were wondrously warmed by the grace of
the Holy Spirit!

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whoever intercedes for our souls!*

Kontakion 5

Your holiness, O blessed Xenia, was like a divinely guided star
illuminating the sky of Saint Petersburg; for to all perishing in the
madness of sin you showed the path of salvation, calling all to
repentance, that they might cry out to God: *Alleluia! (People sing
Alleluia!)*

Ikos 5

Seeing your feats of prayer and your endurance of heat and cold,
pious folk sought to alleviate your sufferings, offering you clothing
and food; but you distributed all these things to the poor, desiring
to maintain your struggle. And we, marveling at your voluntary
poverty, cry out to you:

Rejoice, for you willingly endured burning heat and
freezing cold for the sake of Christ!

Rejoice, for you were warmed by the indwelling of the
Holy Spirit!

Rejoice, for you remained continually in prayer!

Rejoice, for you never tire in interceding for mankind!

Rejoice, for by all-night vigils in prayer you preserved
Saint Petersburg from misfortunes!
Rejoice, for many times you averted from it the wrath of
God!
Rejoice, for every day of the year you prayed at night in a
field!
Rejoice, for by your fervent tears you warmed the cold
earth!
Rejoice, for you tasted the sweetness of paradise in
poverty of spirit!
Rejoice, for in this sweetness you left behind all earthly
things!
Rejoice, for you abide wholly in God!
Rejoice, for you delight in the bridal banquet of your
Master!

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Kontakion 6

All who have been delivered by you from different ailments, misfortunes and sorrows, the rich and the poor, the old and the young, proclaim the holiness of your life, O blessed one of God; therefore, and glorifying you, we cry out to God: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia!*)

Ikos 6

The glory of your struggles shone forth, O blessed Mother, when at night you secretly carried stones for those who were erecting the Church of the Smolensk Icon of the Mother of God, lightening the tasks of the builders; and mindful of this, we sinners cry out to you such things as these:

Rejoice, for you teach us to perform virtuous deeds in secret!

Rejoice, for you call all to feats of piety!

Rejoice, for you aided those who were building the churches of God!

Rejoice, for you loved the holiness of the Church!

Rejoice, for you labor for the Lord of the vineyard!

Rejoice, for you ease our labors on the path of salvation!

Rejoice, for you continually call upon the name of the Lord!

Rejoice, O speedy helper of those who have recourse to you!

Rejoice, for you have found rest in Christ your Master!

Rejoice, O good comforter of all the sorrowful!

Rejoice, for you sanctified your city by your painful footsteps!

Rejoice, O Heavenly aid of the city of Saint Petersburg!

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whoever intercedes for our souls!***

Kontakion 7

Desiring to deliver from sorrow the mourning physician who had buried his wife, you commanded a certain maiden to hasten to Okhta, there to take him as her husband and to console him. And they did as you said, singing to God in joy: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia!*)

Ikos 7

A new wonder you revealed in your prayer, O blessed Mother, when you said to a pious woman: "Take a five-kopek piece, and it will go out!" thus prophesying that fire would strike her house; and at your supplication the flame of the fire was extinguished. Therefore, mindful of these things, we cry out praises to you:

Rejoice, for you unceasingly grieved over your sins!

Rejoice, for you extinguish the sorrows of the people!

Rejoice, for you bore suffering in body and soul!

Rejoice, for before God you show forth boldness for the suffering!

Rejoice, O inextinguishable lamp burning brightly in prayer to God!

Rejoice, O our intercessor amid misfortunes and perils!

Rejoice, for you save from perdition those beset by the passions!

Rejoice, for you turn pious virgins away from marriage with unbelievers!

Rejoice, for you crucified your flesh with constant mortification!

Rejoice, for you deliver from despair those who have
been wounded by a curse!
Rejoice, for your defender was the Most High!
Rejoice, O speedy defender at an unjust trial!

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Kontakion 8

As a homeless wanderer you trod the path of your life in the capital city of Russia, bearing afflictions and reproaches with great patience; and abiding now in the Heavenly Jerusalem, in joy you sing to God: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

Ikos 8

You were all things to all, O blessed Xenia, comfort for the sorrowful, protection and defense for the weak, joy for the grieving, clothing for the poor, healing for the sick; therefore, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, for you dwell in the mansions on high!
Rejoice, for you pray there for us sinners!
Rejoice, O good One, who shows us a model of service to
God!
Rejoice, O provider of our every need!
Rejoice, O protectress of the persecuted and oppressed!
Rejoice, for you by your supplications help the Orthodox
people!
Rejoice, for you endured much affliction and grief!

Rejoice, for you defend the afflicted who pray to you!
Rejoice, for you rebuke those who abuse their neighbors!
Rejoice, for you put to shame unbelievers and those who babble!

Rejoice, for you were clothed in rags and tatters!
Rejoice, for God has adorned you with the splendid raiment of righteousness!

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Kontakion 9

O blessed Mother, you endured all illness, bodily poverty, hunger and thirst, and the reproach of iniquitous people who considered you to be insane; yet, praying to the Lord, you continually cried out to Him: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

Ikos 9

Even the most eloquent of orators are unable to understand how by your foolishness you reprovved the madness of this world, and by your weakness you put the mighty and wise to shame, for they do not know the power and wisdom of God which are in you; but we, receiving your aid, sing to you such things as these:

Rejoice, O bearer of the divine Spirit!
Rejoice, for with the Apostle Paul you boasted in your weakness!
Rejoice, for you reprovved the world by your feigned foolishness!

Rejoice, for you spurned the glamour of this world for the sake of salvation!

Rejoice, for you disdained the beautiful things of this earth!

Rejoice, for you loved the good things of Heaven with all your heart!

Rejoice, for you were attentive to the inner voice of the Lord!

Rejoice, for you call us to the path of salvation!

Rejoice, O dread denouncer of drunkenness as a sin!

Rejoice, for you were renowned for your kindness and love!

Rejoice, O holy protectress of the Orthodox family!

Rejoice, for in Christ you found comfort for your sorrows!

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Kontakion 10

Desiring to save your soul, you crucified your flesh with its passions and lusts; and utterly denying yourself, you set your cross upon your shoulder and followed after Christ with all your heart, singing to Him: ***Alleluia!*** (*People sing Alleluia!*)

Ikos 10

You are a firm rampart and an unassailable refuge for those who pray to you, O Mother Xenia; therefore, by your supplications help

us against our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may cry to you:

Rejoice, for you worked diligently in the garden of Christ!

Rejoice, for you move us to spiritual labor!

Rejoice, for through steadfastness of faith you escaped the devil's snares!

Rejoice, for you deliver us from the snares of the enemy!

Rejoice, for you offered yourself to God like incense in a censer!

Rejoice, for you bring the peace of God into the hearts of the people!

Rejoice, for you shed rays of Christian love upon all!

Rejoice, for you extinguish the spirit of malice in the hearts of the oppressed!

Rejoice, for you impart blessing to good children!

Rejoice, for by mystic supplication you heal their ailments!

Rejoice, for through foolishness you attained Heavenly wisdom!

Rejoice, for you have shown forth the wisdom of God to the afflicted world!

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Kontakion 11

Those who have been saved from misfortunes, sorrows and all dangers offer you hymns of praise, O blessed Xenia, and with you joyously sing to God: *Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia!*)

Ikos 11

Your life, O holy Mother, has been shown to be a radiant light illuminating the people amid the darkness of this life; for you have delivered those who have fallen into the mire of sin and directed their path to the light of Christ. Therefore, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, O favorite of Christ, who, while in the world,
lived above the world!

Rejoice, for you enlighten the Orthodox with the light of
God!

Rejoice, for you, by your many labors, acquired great
grace!

Rejoice, for you shone forth with the grace of God in the
darkness of sin!

Rejoice, for you set your hope upon the Almighty!

Rejoice, for on the path of salvation you give a helping
hand to the desperate!

Rejoice, for you were clad in the brilliant robe of
unwavering faith!

Rejoice, for you strengthen those who are weak in the
Faith!

Rejoice, for you were renowned for your kindness and
love!

Rejoice, for you put to shame the spirits of malice!
Rejoice, for your ways were those of an ascetic of the
wilderness!
Rejoice, for by your manner of life you amazed the
Angels!

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Kontakion 12

You pour forth grace in abundance upon those who honor your memory and flee to your protection, O blessed Xenia; therefore, upon us who pray to you, pour forth streams of healing from God, that we may cry out to Him: *Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)*

Ikos 12

Hymning your many wonders, O blessed Mother, we praise you and entreat you with all our heart: forsake not us sinners amid our grievous circumstances, but beseech the Lord of hosts, that we do not fall away from our Orthodox Faith, but that, strengthened in it by your prayers, we may cry out to you:

Rejoice, for you teach us to have sympathy for the suffering!

Rejoice, for you bear our infirmities with all your heart!

Rejoice, for you instruct us to crucify the flesh, together with the passions and lusts!

Rejoice, for you come to our aid amid every spiritual battle!

Rejoice, for you hear our every supplication!
Rejoice, O intercessor and protectress of those who honor
your memory!
Rejoice, for you traveled the path of tribulation!
Rejoice, for you thereby obtained everlasting salvation!
Rejoice, for you give joy to those who hasten to your
tomb!
Rejoice, for you are a speedy helper in every misfortune!
Rejoice, for your light has shown forth before all!
Rejoice, for you ever mediate the salvation of your
people!

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Kontakion 13
(To be read three times)

O holy and blessed Mother Xenia, who bore a heavy cross during your lifetime, accept from us sinners this entreaty offered to you. By your supplications protect us from the assaults of the spirits of darkness and from all who plot evil against us. Beseech our most compassionate God, that He grant us power and might, that we may bear our own crosses and, following Christ, may go forth, singing with you to Him: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!* (*People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*)

Ikos 1

After the death of your husband, O blessed Mother, you sought the life of the Angels and rejected the beauty of this world and all that is in it, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life; and you acquired the understanding of Christ. Wherefore, you hear these praises which we offer to you:

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Rejoice, because for the sake of Christ you accepted voluntary poverty!

Rejoice, for you distributed all your substance to good people and to the poor!

Rejoice, for by your foolishness you have taught us to reject the vain wisdom of this age;

Rejoice, good comforter of all who have recourse to you in prayer!

Rejoice, for you were full of wisdom transcending the world!

Rejoice, for you preferred mockery and ridicule to earthly glory!

Rejoice, for you have been glorified by God;

Rejoice speedy helper in times of trouble and despair!

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Kontakion I

O holy and blessed Mother Xenia, chosen favorite and fool for the sake of Christ, who elected to undergo the struggle of patience and the suffering of affliction, we who honor your holy memory offer you hymns of praise. Help us against our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may cry to you:

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Prayer I

O blessed wanderer Xenia, heir to the Kingdom of the Father, who was homeless on the earth and most simple in the manner of your life: Like those who in the past fell down before your tomb, so do we, who have recourse to you, now ask: pray that, as the Lord says, our steps may be guided rightly toward the doing of His commandments, and that the soul-corrupting iniquity sown by the godless may not prevail over our generation. O you who hid yourself from the wise of this age, yet were known to God, ask humility, meekness and the pledge of love for our hearts, faith in prayer, hope in repentance, strength in labors, the mercy of healing in sickness, and restoration of our whole life from this time

forward, that, blessing you, we may with compunction confess the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the consubstantial and indivisible Trinity, to ages of ages. **Amen.**

Prayer II

O holy and most blessed Mother Xenia, who lived under the protection of the Most High and was strengthened by the Mother of God, and who endured hunger and thirst, cold and burning heat, oppression and persecution: you have received from God the gift of clairvoyance and the power to work miracles, and you rest under the shelter of the Almighty. The Holy Church now glorifies you as a fragrant blossom. Praying before your holy icon, we ask you, as one who is alive and with us: accept our petitions, and offer them up before the throne of the loving Father of Heaven; and, since you have boldness before Him, for those who have recourse to you, ask eternal salvation, compassionate blessing upon our good works and undertakings, and deliverance from all misfortunes and sorrows. In your holy supplications before our most merciful Savior, intercede for us, the unworthy and sinful. O holy and blessed Mother Xenia, help our children to receive illumination by the light of holy baptism and the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit; raise our youths and maidens in faith, honesty, and the fear of God, and grant them success in their studies; heal the infirm; send down love and concord upon families; account monastic's worthy to fight the good fight and protect them from oppression; make our pastors steadfast in the might of the Holy Spirit; preserve the Orthodox faithful in peace and tranquility; and pray for those who at the hour

of their death are deprived of the communion of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. You are our trust and hope, speedily hearkening to us and delivering us, and to you we ascribe thanks, and with you we glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to ages of ages. **Amen.**

Troparion

Christ the Lord has revealed you to be a new intercessor for the Orthodox; you willingly endured evil in your life and lovingly served both God and man. We zealously run to you in misfortune and sorrow. We hope in you and cry from our hearts: put not our hope to shame, O blessed Xenia.

Troparion

Having lived as a stranger in the world, O Xenia, you outwitted the deviser of evil by your feigned foolishness. You received from God grace to foresee and foretell things to come. Now you have been translated from earth and are numbered with the choirs of Angels.

Troparion

Having renounced the vanity of this world, you took up the cross of a homeless life of wandering. You did not fear grief, privation, and scorn, but knew the love of Christ. Now taking sweet delight in His love in Heaven, O blessed and divinely wise Xenia, pray for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion

As we who honor you with love, O Xenia, celebrate the memory of your strange way of life, we sing the praise of Christ, who in all ways grants you the strength of cures. Ever entreat him on behalf of us all.

Kontakion

You gave your wealth to the poor, O Xenia, and accepted poverty out of love for Christ; and having lived in a manner rivaling the Angels you were counted worthy of glory on high.

Kontakion

A wandering stranger on earth ever sighing for the Heavenly homeland, you were considered a fool by the senseless and unbelieving, but were known to be wise and holy by the faithful. God crowned you with glory and honor, O Xenia, strong minded and divinely wise. Therefore, we cry to you: Rejoice, for after earthly wandering you have come to dwell in the Father's house.

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