

Akathist to the Theotokos Inexhaustible Cup



For those who suffer with addictions

Kontakion 1

A wonderful and marvelous healing has been given to us by Your holy icon, O Sovereign Lady Theotokos. By its appearance we have been delivered from spiritual and physical ills and from sorrowful circumstances. We bring You our thankful praise, O all-merciful Protectress. O Sovereign Lady, who we call "The Inexhaustible Cup": bend down Your ear and mercifully hear our lamentation and tears that we bring to You, and give Your healing to those who suffer from drunkenness, so that we may cry out to You with faith:

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Ikos 1

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Rejoice, Dwelling Place of the unapproachable God.

Rejoice, constant Wonder of mankind.

Rejoice, perfect Cleanser of our sins through sorrows.

Rejoice, Healer of our infirmities through afflictions.

Rejoice, through Your miraculous icon, You bring us Your heavenly mercy.

Rejoice, O Joy of our grieving hearts.

Rejoice, our wonderful Reconciliation with God.

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Kontakion 2

On seeing the deep sorrow and grief of people possessed by the destructive vice of drunkenness, and also their true repentance, You have willed, O most holy Lady, to show Your mercy to the blessed city of Serpukov by the appearance of Your miraculous icon "The Inexhaustible Cup", so that all who fall down before it with faith and a contrite heart will receive healing from this grievous illness, and cry to God from the depths of their hearts: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 2

Having understood the meaning of the threefold apparition of St. Varlaam, and his order to go to the city of Serpukov, the man possessed by the illness of alcoholism did so, and there, in a monastery he found Your holy icon called "The Inexhaustible Cup". On seeing such mercy bestowed on us sinners, we cry out to You with veneration:

Rejoice, through pious people, You show to us sinners the glory of Your marvelous work.

Rejoice, discerning Guide, showing us the way of salvation.

Rejoice, O Teacher, by Your goodness You attract us to Yourself.

Rejoice, by bestowing on us Your great blessings, You teach us gratefulness.

Rejoice, by making us know hope beyond doubt, You give us gladness of heart.

Rejoice, You destroy our destructive passions.

Rejoice, You help us in our good intentions.

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Kontakion 3

The power of the Almighty and the grace of the Sovereign Mother of God strengthened a man suffering from alcoholism. In obedience to the Theotokos, as instructed by St. Varlaam, he set out for the city of Serpukov, in spite of his paralyzed legs. On his arrival, he found the icon of the most pure Theotokos, and was healed from the illness of his soul and body. Therefore, from the very depth of his heart, he gratefully exclaimed to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 3

You are an inexhaustible fountain, a cup of heavenly gifts which always remains full. And the people of the city of Serpukov, as well as all Orthodox, from every city and village, who come to Your most wonderful icon, "The Inexhaustible Cup", are healed. And so, with grateful lips they cry out to You:

Rejoice, Font in which our sins are submerged.

Rejoice, Chalice by which we receive the joy of our salvation.

Rejoice, You attend to our spiritual and physical ills.

Rejoice, Your prayers tame our passions.

Rejoice, You give to each according to his needs.

Rejoice, Giver of immeasurable compassion to all.

Rejoice, You have opened for us the treasury of mercies.

Rejoice, Revealer of lovingkindness to those who have fallen.

Rejoice, O Theotokos, the Inexhaustible Cup that quenches our spiritual thirst!

Kontakion 4

People laden with passions and addictions, doubting of ever finding deliverance, come with repentance to Your inexpressible mercy. And on having been healed, from the very depths of their hearts they cry to our Savior born of You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 4

On seeing the sorrow and tears of parents, wives and children whose family members are possessed by the passion of addictions, the Lord gave us Your icon, O Theotokos, and all who come to it receive consolation and spiritual joy. And so, we cry out to You with tears of gratitude:

Rejoice, Ewe- lamb, You gave birth to the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.

Rejoice, Cup drawing joy from the source of immortality.

Rejoice, You are the alleviation of the grief of sorrowing mothers.

Rejoice, You are the hope of the hopeless.

Rejoice, You gracefully protect those who come to You.

Rejoice, You are the Gladness and Joy of those in grief.

Rejoice, Calmer of the inner turmoil caused by addiction.

Rejoice, divine Mercy-seat extending Your aid to those who seek it.

Rejoice, O Theotokos, the Inexhaustible Cup that quenches our spiritual thirst!

Kontakion 5

O most gracious Lady, You have shown us Your holy icon to be a divinely radiant star which leads to God, so that looking upon it and praying to You, we may say: O Theotokos, give healing to those who are suffering

from drunkenness and any other illness of soul and body, and teach us all to praise God, singing: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 5

O Theotokos, on seeing the marvels granted to those who humbly venerate You, wonders pouring from Your icon that miraculously appeared in Serpukov, and also from those that are replicas of it, we cry out to You:

Rejoice, You are a speedy Protectress of all who come to You.

Rejoice, gracious Hearer of our supplications.

Rejoice, Blessing overarching the city of Serpukov.

Rejoice, You reveal glorious miracles to distant realms.

Rejoice, inexhaustible Treasury for all in need of healing.

Rejoice, invincible Patroness of those who strive for sobriety.

Rejoice, Champion Leader of those who fight against the world, the flesh, the devil and addiction.

Rejoice, fervent Intercessor of those who lead a pure life.

Rejoice, O Theotokos, the Inexhaustible Cup that quenches our spiritual thirst!

Kontakion 6

O Theotokos, we proclaim Your wonders that pour forth from Your icon, "The Inexhaustible Cup", and with tears we pray to You: Save us all from the passion of drunkenness and from other addictions and sins, and teach us, O pure One, to abstain from all impurity, and to sing to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 6

Radiant with the light of divine glory, You look at Your Son, the eternal God and Lord Jesus Christ, standing in the chalice as shown in Your icon mysteriously called "The Inexhaustible Cup"; and through it grant deliverance from the passion of drunkenness to us who run to You with faith and offer with tears this unceasing praise:

Rejoice, for the ranks of angels and men rejoice because of You.
Rejoice, for Your glory surpasses both human and heavenly praise.

Rejoice, You have revealed to us the mystery of the Divine Eucharist by showing the image of Your Son in the chalice.
Rejoice, You show us the Lamb born of You Who is always eaten but never consumed.

Rejoice, Chalice of life and immortality that leads us to the gates of eternal life.

Rejoice, You fill our thirsty souls with the water from the Fountain of immortality.

Rejoice, inexhaustible Grace, who does not withhold Your blessing even from the most rejected and despised.

Rejoice, by Your compassion, You pull us away from the pit of perdition.

Rejoice, O Theotokos, the Inexhaustible Cup that quenches our spiritual thirst!

Kontakion 7

A man wanted to thank You, O Theotokos, for healing from alcoholism, so he adorned Your miraculous icon that is in Serpukov, singing to God from the depths of his heart: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 7

We see a new wonder from Your holy icon, O Theotokos. A servant of God, Stephen, a victim of the disease of alcoholism, was imploring Your maternal intercession, and he has been granted a cure. So, in gratitude he adorned Your icon with rich gifts and falling before it, he called to You with tears:

Rejoice, life-giving Spring of healing.
Rejoice, heavenly Chalice of divine gifts.
Rejoice, ever-flowing River of healing.
Rejoice, Sea in which our passions are laid to rest.
Rejoice, maternal Hands raising up those fallen under the weight of drunkenness.
Rejoice, Receiver of our gifts of gratitude.
Rejoice, Giver of joy to those whose hearts are pure.
Rejoice, Fulfiller of all our good petitions.

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Kontakion 8

It must be strange and incredible to unbelievers to hear that Your icon "The Inexhaustible Cup" bestows miracles of divine healing. But to us who believe in Your words about Your original icon: "The grace-of the One born of Me, and of My own- will always be with this icon," know that this present icon also exudes Your mercy. And so, reverently we venerate it, crying to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 8

People suffering from alcoholism and addictions place all their hope in You, O Sovereign Lady. Draw near to our infirmities and our passions.

For who but You, O Theotokos, shall raise us out of the pit of perdition and physical and spiritual misery? And having bent our knees, we cry out to You:

Rejoice, You do not reject the prayers of those who are sinful.
Rejoice, You give Your heavenly help to those who ask for it.
Rejoice, You show the depth of Your compassion to sinners.
Rejoice, You give encouragement to those who have lost all hope.

Rejoice, You extend your helping hand to those who suffer from drunkenness.

Rejoice, by Your gift of grace, You console those who suffer patiently.

Rejoice, You nurse our physical and spiritual illnesses.

Rejoice, You teach us to despise the empty pleasures of this life.

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Kontakion 9

All the angels are amazed at Your mercy, O Lord, for You have given to sinful mankind a strong protectress and helper. She looks down at our weakness and heals those suffering from the bitter disease of drunkenness and addiction, teaching the faithful to sing: **Alleluia!**

(People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 9

The most exalted human mind cannot praise enough the appearance of Your glorious icon, O Sovereign Lady. Nor can we sinners bring from our sinful lips a glorification worthy of our Protectress. On having seen innumerable miracles coming from Your icon, we rejoice in our heart and spirit and proclaim:

Rejoice, holy Image pouring forth miracles.
Rejoice, You speedily deliver us from misfortune and sorrow.
Rejoice, You put to shame those who deny You.
Rejoice, You protect from every evil those who come to You.
Rejoice, by Your gentle Radiance, You disperse the darkness of our passions and our sins.
Rejoice, You fill our hearts with love for Your Son and for Yourself.
Rejoice, You show us wisdom and the path of repentance.
Rejoice, You are our Mediatress before the Righteous Judge.

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Kontakion 10

Wishing to save all those who suffer from alcoholism and other addictions, You have given us Your wonderful icon, O Theotokos, so that all who are bound by passions might come to Your miraculous image; and having been healed, may tenderly cry out to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 10

You are a wall and shield, O Lady Theotokos, for those who suffer from drunkenness, and for all who come to You fervently and who piously venerate Your holy icon; for the Lord God gave it to help and heal us from this destructive addiction. And He inspires us to sing to You:

Rejoice, You alleviate our sufferings and give hope to those who are in despair.
Rejoice, You are the healer of the diseases of our souls and bodies.
Rejoice, with Your purity, You wipe away our corruption.

Rejoice, by Your holiness, You illumine our unworthiness by Your grace.

Rejoice, by Your cloak of compassion, You clothe our mortal body.

Rejoice, by Your strength, You fortify our prayers.

Rejoice, You strengthen us in our weakness.

Rejoice, You disperse the dark clouds of passions that surround us.

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Kontakion 11

O pure One, do not despise the humble hymn we bring to You from fullness of love and zeal; and do not turn away Your face from those who suffer from drunkenness and addiction and despair, but help us, so that we also may be cleansed from every impurity and may rightly and justly sing to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 11

We see you, O most holy Virgin, as a light-bestowing Lamp, shining ineffably with rays of grace among the choirs of saints. We implore You: with Your enlightenment shine through the darkness of our sins and place us on the bright path of the virtues, as we with these praises honor You:

Rejoice, by the intercessions of St. Domnica, You save us from the vanity of this world.

Rejoice, by her pleading, You help us to overcome passions of the flesh.

Rejoice, by the prayers of the holy Hieromartyr Charalampus, You fill our hearts with pious thoughts.

Rejoice, by his pleading, You illumine our conscience.

Rejoice, by the prayers of the holy Martyr Paraskeva, You deliver those who suffer from drunkenness.

Rejoice, by her intercession, You call us to repentance and watchfulness.

Rejoice, together with the holy Hieromartyr Antipas, You soften embittered souls.

Rejoice, with him, You save those who call on Your name.

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Kontakion 12

The grace that shines through Your icon "The Inexhaustible Cup" calls to it all those who suffer, all the unfortunate, widows and orphans, and especially those who are ill with the disease of alcoholism and addictions. No one departs empty-handed from Your Inexhaustible Cup, O all-good One, but are filled with divine gifts; so that having received healing and help, they may sing to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 12

Praising Your wonders and the great mercy that You show to those who suffer from addictions, we beg You, O compassionate One: Save and have mercy on us, show us the right path and do not reject us who seek Your protection and call out to You:

Rejoice, You sustain us on the path to sobriety.

Rejoice, by the dew of Your mercy, You deliver us from the passion of alcohol.

Rejoice, You are a constant aid to those suffering from the oppressive sin of addiction.

Rejoice, You are a speedy help to those who suffer from all kinds of dependence.

Rejoice, You are a guide and an encouragement to those fallen in spirit.

Rejoice, You are a great joy to the upright in heart.

Rejoice, You make meek the proud.

Rejoice, You exalt the humble and wish salvation to all.

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Kontakion 13

(To be read three times)

O all-merciful Mother of our Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer: deliver us from every infirmity of soul and body and especially free Your servant(s) *name(s)* suffering from all manner of addiction, so that he (*she, they*) may not perish but be saved and would always sing to God:

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FIRST PRAYER

O our most gracious Queen, our hope, Mother of God, shelter of orphans, and intercessor of travelers, strangers and pilgrims, help of those in need, protectress of the embittered, see our distress, see our affliction! From all sides we are assailed by temptations and there is no one to protect us. Help us for we are weak. Feed us, for we are strangers and pilgrims. Guide us for we are lost. Heal and save us for we are without hope. We know no other help but You, no other Intercessor, no gracious consoler but You, O Mother of all who suffer and are weighed down. Look upon us, living in sin and bitterness, and cover us with Your honorable omophorion that we be delivered from every evil that assails us, especially from drunkenness and addiction, so that we may always glorify Your most holy name.

Amen.

SECOND PRAYER

O most merciful Sovereign Lady, we run now to Your holy protection. Do not despise our petitions but mercifully hear us- wives, children, husbands, parents and all those bound by various addictions. Hear us for the sake of our Mother, the Church of Christ, for the salvation of our brothers and sisters who have fallen away and for the healing of the members of our families. O gracious Mother of God, touch their hearts and raise those who are fallen in sin; establish them on the path of saving temperance. Implore Your Son, Christ our God, to forgive us our sins and not to turn His mercy away from His people but that He would strengthen us in sobriety and chastity. Accept, O most holy Theotokos, the petitions of mothers shedding tears over their children, wives weeping for their husbands, children, orphans, the destitute, those under delusion, as well as all of us who venerate Your icon. May Your prayers carry our petitions to the throne of the Almighty. Cover us and preserve us from the snares and intrigues of the evil one and at the dreadful hour of our death enable us to pass through the trials without stumbling. By Your prayers deliver us from eternal condemnation so that God's mercy may be upon us unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

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