

AKATHIST TO ALL THE VENERABLE FATHERS OF MOUNT ATHOS



For the ability to follow the Commandments of Christ

Kontakion 1

O chosen favorites of the Lord, spiritually fragrant blossoms of the garden of Jesus, who have been transplanted from Athos, the Holy Mountain, to the garden of heaven, and have acquired boldness before the Lord! We beseech you, O God-bearing fathers: By your supplications free us from all misfortunes that we may cry out to you in praise:

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Ikos 1

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Rejoice, unshakable pillars of the Holy Orthodox Church!

Rejoice, valiant ascetics who have adorned Athos with your struggles!

Rejoice, divinely wise fasters who illumine the whole universe with your miracles!

Rejoice, spiritual pearls who have shown forth from the valleys of Athos to the heavenly Zion!

Rejoice, priceless gems of the treasury of the Mother of God!

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Kontakion 2

We see you, O venerable fathers Peter and Athanasius, as enjoying the first place among the assembly of the saints of Athos, and as ones exceedingly favored by the appearance of the All-Holy Theotokos to you; wherefore, as two of the divinely wise who served well the divine Trinity, we bless you with hymns of praise, O right wondrous fathers, and cry out to the triune God Who has glorified you: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 2

You acquired heavenly understanding, O divinely wise fathers; and having disdained all the beautiful things of this world, on Mount Athos found spiritual peace in Christ, and abide with Christ in the kingdom of heaven. Thereafter by your supplications, graciously grant peace to us who are battered by the threefold waves of the sea of life, that in tranquility of spirit we may chant to you, our helpers such hymns as these:

Rejoice, you by the steering of Christ traversed well the depths of the sea of the passions!

Rejoice, you safely reached the harbor of salvation!

Rejoice, you with the sail of faith, hope and love invisibly preserved the ship of your souls from the tempest of the passions!

Rejoice, you the anchor of fasting and prayer made it fast with strength!

Rejoice, divinely radiant stars illumining our sinful night with grace!

Rejoice, you with the light of your virtues spiritually illumine our benighted souls!

Rejoice, O venerable fathers of Athos, fervent intercessors in behalf of our souls!

Kontakion 3

Replete with the power of Christ, O divinely wise and holy hierarchs Athanasius, Callistus, Niphon, Theonas, Gregory, and many others who shone forth on Athos, pastors of the Church of Christ, entreat Christ, the Chief Shepherd, we beseech you, that He shepherd us, who are lost sheep, to salvation, and that He vouchsafe us to imitate your godly wisdom, that in this age we may live righteously and in a God-pleasing manner, may receive a blessed ending to our life, and with you may chant to Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 3

Having one desire which was to be well pleasing to Christ alone, to serve Him faithfully in holiness and righteousness, O most blessed fathers, you were shown to be both boast and confirmation, and

you spiritually adorned well the portion of the Mother of God with your holy struggles. With her pray to the Lord, her Son and God, that we not be deprived of the goodly portion of those saved by Christ's love for mankind, that we may cry out to you in thanksgiving and praise:

Rejoice, invincible warriors of the King of Heaven, who fought the invisible foe under the banner of the Cross!

Rejoice, chosen servants of the Queen of heaven, who through your virtues have glorified well her earthly portion!

Rejoice, worthy heirs of the joy of heaven and the glory of the saints!

Rejoice, you share in the blessedness of paradise and never-waning light!

Rejoice, you mercifully regard those on earth from the heavenly heights of your glory!

Rejoice, you paternally visit us, your children and the reason-endowed sheep of your flock!

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Kontakion 4

You wisely fled the storms of life and exchanged well an earthly realm for a heavenly kingdom, O myrrh-streaming Symeon and holy hierarch Savva, boast of Serbia and renowned patrons of the Monastery of Hilandar; wherefore, Christ has glorified you with all-glorious miracles, and instead of the good things which pass away,

which you forsook out of love for Him, He has enriched you with eternal and incorruptible good things. Pray earnestly to Him, O right laudable fathers, that we sinners may also receive salvation in Christ, for we compunctionately cry to Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 4

Hearing of your struggles, we marvel, O venerable fathers of Athos, who by your residence have made the Holy Mountain another heaven, and have easily ascended there from to the heavenly mountain, where in your souls you now inhabit the Jerusalem on high and continually delight in the sweet sight of Christ. Yet as good imitators of the loving kindness of the Savior with your supplications mercifully overshadow us, who are lowly and sinful and guide us to the path of salvation, that with all joy we may cry to you:

Rejoice, eagles with heavenly wings, soaring aloft to the mountain of heaven from the portion of Athos!

Rejoice, sweet melodious larks, who filled the wilderness of Athos with prayerful hymns!

Rejoice, you were illumined from on high by the light of the threefold Sun!

Rejoice, you have been glorified by the Lord with the grace of miracles and the gift of healing!

Rejoice, for great is the fame of your sanctity on earth!

Rejoice, for great is your reward in the heavens!

**Rejoice, O venerable fathers of Athos, fervent intercessors in
behalf of our souls!**

Kontakion 5

You were shown to be divinely radiant stars, O John, George and Euthymius of Iveron, Neophytus and Euthymius of Dochiariou, Symeon, Paul, Dionysius, and Gregory, most honored abbots and founders of the monasteries of Athos, to whom we add the wonder workers Gregory of Sinai, Dionysius of Olympus, Symeon, Theophanes and Eudocimus, and Gennadius and Nectarius the fasters, in that they were resplendent in the eternal mansions: In your supplications cease not to preserve and keep us, your spiritual children, from the pursuit and snares of the devil, that, saved by your holy intercessions, we may cry out to God our Savior:

Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)

Ikos 5

O God-bearing fathers, we look to you who kept well all the commandments of Christ and diligently applied yourselves to the love of spiritual wisdom; and guided by your example, we shake off the slothfulness which is harmful to the soul and take up spiritual struggles, having you as teachers and guides to spiritual asceticism. Wherefore, we cry out to you in thanksgiving:

Rejoice, you weeping, found the blessedness of paradise!
Rejoice, you pray tirelessly before God for the peace of the
whole world!

Rejoice, you with fasting nourished your souls unto salvation!
Rejoice, you mightily cast down the invisible foe through all
night vigils and prostrations!

Rejoice, you quenched the burning arrows of the devil's
temptations with compunctionate weeping!

Rejoice, you by sighs from the depths of your hearts rendered
the wilderness of Athos spiritually fruitful!

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behalf of our souls!**

Kontakion 6

In the preaching of the Gospel of righteousness you diligently
imitated the apostles of Christ, the preachers of the Holy Faith, O
Cosmas, peer of the apostles, Damian, Nicetas, Cyprian, and
James, with your two disciples, who contended even to the
shedding of your blood for the name of Christ and received
martyrdom, O right victorious crowned ones; and you now reign
eternally with Christ in the mansions of paradise. Him do you
earnestly beseech, that we also be not deprived of the inheritance
of heaven, who cry to Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 6

You shone forth on Athos like divinely radiant luminaries, O all-
blessed fathers, and fill the whole universe with the radiance of
your miracles; for from the east even unto the north your holy

names are glorified and the struggles of your angelic life are blessed with such goodly praises as these:

Rejoice, most joyous heralds of the omnipotence and power of Christ!

Rejoice, ascetics mighty of soul, who crushed the head of the most prideful Belial!

Rejoice, good healers of infirmities of soul and body!

Rejoice, renowned placators of Christ God, the King of heaven!

Rejoice, spiritual warriors arrayed in holiness and righteousness!

Rejoice, you received from the Lord authority over unclean spirits!

Rejoice, O venerable fathers of Athos, fervent intercessors in behalf of our souls!

Kontakion 7

Desiring to live piously in Christ, you showed forth in yourselves a model of the God-pleasing life of stillness, O venerable desert-dwellers Maximus, Cosmas and Acacius, and myrrh-streamers Nilus and Theophilus, who struggled angelically in the wilderness of Athos; and you joined the venerable Anthony of the Caves, who was trained spiritually on Athos, and became the founder of the monastic life in Russia. Entreat the Lord, O God-bearing fathers, that we, the lowly, may be vouchsafed to inherit with you the kingdom of Heaven, and may chant forever to our Creator, in the joy of the saints: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 7

Athos, the Holy Mountain, has been shown to be a new Zion, to which spiritual children came from the east, the north, and the south, blessing the Lord therein with hymns of praise; for, lo! the divinely radiant assembly of the venerable fathers, who dwelt in holiness on Athos, calls us today to honor their struggles and labors, and to cry out to them:

Rejoice, great favorites of God, who amazed the angels by the magnitude of your struggles!

Rejoice, all-glorious wonder workers who help men amid misfortunes and tribulations!

Rejoice, grace-bearing plants of the wilderness of Athos!

Rejoice, spiritual beauty and joy of the Holy Orthodox Church!

Rejoice, fervent mediators of joy and glory for us!

Rejoice, speedy fulfillers of our goodly desires!

Rejoice, O venerable fathers of Athos, fervent intercessors in behalf of our souls!

Kontakion 8

In a strange and all-glorious fashion, you walked dry shod over the sea, O venerable Gabriel, and carried the icon of the divine Keeper of the Portal as a blessing and sanctification for Athos; and to you, O God-bearing John Kukuzelis, the All-Holy Theotokos herself appeared, and from Her all pure hands wondrously gave you a golden coin, that you might unceasingly chant hymns of praise to

Her. Wherefore, marveling at so many divine miracles, let us cry out to God: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 8

The whole of Mount Athos, its wilderness and all its valleys, reveal the blessings of God, for from them right fruitful trees formed the paradise of Jesus, the great assembly of our venerable fathers of Athos; and nourished by their spiritual fruits, let us give thanks to them with such words of our hearts and mouths as these:

Rejoice, earthly angels and heavenly men!

Rejoice, fragrant lilies produced by the wilderness!

Rejoice, you made Mount Athos heaven by your celestial virtues!

Rejoice, you continually mediate before the Lord for the whole Christian world!

Rejoice, chosen ones of God, who bore witness to your election by many miracles!

Rejoice, right victorious crown bearers who were crowned by the right hand of Christ!

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Kontakion 9

All the inhabitants of heaven were amazed by your contest, O martyred monks of Zographou, venerable Thomas and those with you, who were burned alive by the Latins for the Orthodox Faith,

and were shown to be sacrifices right acceptable to God; for your names have been inscribed in the heavens, in the book of everlasting life, and are confessed by Christ God before the heavenly Father, to whom you chant with joy among the choir of the martyrs: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 9

Vain minded human orators who say that spiritual asceticism is foolishness have been put to shame by your struggles and miracles, O our venerable fathers of Athos; for who is not moved to compunction by how, having disdained all earthly things, you hastened with all your soul toward what is heavenly and sought and found it in the all-radiant sight of the countenance of Christ. Wherefore, we praise you:

Rejoice, O holy nation, royal sanctity, restoration of men!

Rejoice, spiritual salt of the whole earth, which shall never lose its savor!

Rejoice, proclaimers of the righteousness of Christ, who forsook the world for the service of God!

Rejoice, you were called forth from every generation for the sweet servitude of the Lord!

Rejoice, you took the easy yoke upon you and sincerely followed Christ the Master!

Rejoice, you have received from Christ, the Judge of the contest, everlasting peace for your souls in the heavens!

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Kontakion 10

Sending up hymnody of praise to God the Savior, Who led you forth from the bitter slavery of sin, you hastened to suffer for Christ, O most valiant venerable martyrs Macarius, Hilarion, Pachomius, Constantine, Onuphrius, Procopius, Luke, Timothy, Agathangelus, and many others who issued forth from Athos and confessed Christ before the Muslims. You suffered for Him even to shedding your blood, and laid down your lives for Him; and now you rejoice with the martyrs and chant sweetly to Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 10

O God-bearing fathers, you were shown to be valiant warriors of Christ, the King of heaven; and having received the reward of your labors from Him, by the example of your faith, guide your spiritual children directly to Him, and hear from us such worthy praises of you as these:

Rejoice, from you, the angels rejoice and men glorify God!

Rejoice, from you, Athos, the Holy Mountain, is spiritually adorned from generation to generation!

Rejoice, dew-bearing clouds which cool the burning of our passions!

Rejoice, fruitful olive trees, anointing our hearts with the oil of your labors!

Rejoice, diamonds of patience, resplendent with rays of grace divine!

Rejoice, pillars of Orthodoxy, who by your miracles make steadfast those wavering in faith!

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Kontakion 11

Offering up hymnody to the All Holy Trinity, a trinity of new martyrs shone forth spiritually on Athos: the most valiant Euthymius, Ignatius and Acacius, who put to shame the ungodliness of Islam and all-gloriously confessed the name of Christ before the Muslims; and having received martyrdom from them, they now dwell with Christ, chanting to Him the hymn of victory: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos 11

By the radiant beams of your miracles is Mount Athos spiritually illumined, O most blessed fathers, and it blesses you as is meet, as its heavenly helpers and protectors; and honoring your struggles and sufferings, out of spiritual love we offer you these praises with humility and faith:

Rejoice, healing myrrh of the grace of God, which is poured forth upon us in abundance!

Rejoice, all-good physicians of infirmities of soul and body!

Rejoice, you require of us only faith for the healing of ailments!
Rejoice, you freely receive and freely impart to us the grace of healing!

Rejoice, good bestowers upon us the spiritual gifts beneficial to the soul!

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Kontakion 12

All you, our venerable fathers of Athos, O chosen vessels of the grace of God, both those whose names are known and those whose are unknown: in your splendid assembly hasten quickly to aid us when we are helpless, and by your right acceptable intercession before the Lord from sudden and violent death deliver those who honor you, that we may cry out to Him in thanksgiving:
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Ikos 12

Hymning your holy, angelic life and your many miracles, O our venerable fathers of Athos, we praise, glorify and magnify Christ God, Who has glorified you, the Sanctifier of the saints and Author of miracles, Who has showered you with an abundance of the gifts of grace; and we bless you, O our holy and most mighty intercessors, with such sayings as these:

Rejoice, instructors of monks and conversers with angels!
Rejoice, friends of all the saints and intimates of God!
Rejoice, citizens of the shining city of the heavenly Jerusalem!
Rejoice, celestial protectors of our communities on earth!
Rejoice, confirmation and help of Orthodox monastics!
Rejoice, tireless mediators for the whole world!

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Kontakion 13

(To be read three times)

O our all-venerable fathers of Athos, who have been given to us by God as helpers and protectors: you dwell in heaven on high, while we are on the earth below, far removed from you not so much by place as through our sinful impurity. Yet even so, we make bold to offer you this meager hymnody of praise, entreating and asking you for one thing only: Beseech Christ the Savior, that He deliver us from everlasting torment and vouchsafe us the kingdom of heaven, that with you we may chant to Him forever: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)**

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Prayer to All the Venerable Fathers of Mount Athos

O our venerable and God-bearing fathers of Athos, all-radiant luminaries of the earth, who shone forth gloriously upon the Orthodox Church from the wild valleys of Athos, the Holy Mountain, who by the beauties of your life rendered heavenly the Holy Mountain, our dwelling place, and amazed the whole world with the splendors of your exalted virtues and the effulgence of divine miracles! Having now bodily set for a time in the grave, through the sunset of death, as righteous ones you are with Christ, the Sun of righteousness, in your souls, and shine like the sun in the kingdom of heaven. There, spreading forth your prayers like rays to God, the true Light, forget us not, your spiritual children, who languish in the night of the passions and in sorrows; but send down from on high beams of grace, that, walking aright the path of the commandments of Christ in the light of your virtuous life, we may be vouchsafed to gaze upon the light of the unapproachable glory of God, together with you praising God, Who is glorified and worshiped in the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, time without end. **Amen.**

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