**MAY 7**

**Repose of St Alexis (Toth), Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America**

***[Music for the Repose of St Alexis from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at*** [***www.oca.org***](http://www.oca.org)***]***

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 5**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 5**  *(from the Pentecostarion) (Rejoice!)*

Today is the radiant and beautiful day

that marks the middle of the Savior’s feast of Resurrection.

The feast that fills the world with grace has now reached high noon.

The miracle of Christ’s rising shines on us,

revealing to us the first-fruits of incorruption,

sealed by His Ascension on high,

and manifesting the gracious coming of the Spirit,

the most joyful celebration of Pentecost.//

All this grants our souls peace and great mercy.

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

As a River of divine glory,

the Lord cries to all in the midst of the feast:

“Let him who thirsts come to Me and drink his fill!”

He is the Fount of compassion, the Well of mercy,

pouring out forgiveness on the world,

washing away transgressions and cleansing impurities.

He saves those who celebrate His Resurrection,

He covers with love those who honor His Ascension in glory,//

and He grants to our souls peace and great mercy.

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

Who is this standing in the middle of the Temple?

Our Lord and God, Whom the heavens cannot contain!

He is God by nature, yet for us He humbled Himself

to be seen contained in mortal flesh;

the Word of Life gushes forth from Him to all.

Cleanse your hearts! Quench the flames of passion!

Do not refuse the water of life, O children of man!

I offer you divine grace, the kingdom of immortality!//

Abide in Me, your Creator, and be glorified!

v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

**Tone 6** *(from the Menaion, for St Alexis)*

Come, all who love the saints,

let us honor the new Man of God,

a fruitful branch of Christ, the True Vine,

a defender of the Orthodox Church,

the thrice-blessed Priest Alexis,//

our father and teacher!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning, watch let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Zealous for the Law of God,

King Josiah taught Israel to serve only the Lord.

Our divinely-wise Father Alexis

guided his people to the Orthodox Faith,

teaching them to cry aloud://

“O Lord, have mercy on us!”

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Our holy Father Alexis,

guided by the Spirit of Truth,

exposed the error of ignorance

and led his people to the True Faith.

In humility concealing his virtues from others,//

he thereby received a heavenly crown.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Today the Church celebrates a feast of great joy,

for the holy Priest Alexis guides his sheep back to the knowledge of the

Truth,

watering them with the ever-flowing fountain of his teachings,

and instructing them to sing://

“Glory to God for His great mercy!”

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

The righteous Priest Alexis

appears as a radiant star.

He shines with the light of holiness

as he nourishes his flock with the Word of God.

And having embraced the Orthodox Faith,

that flock in thanksgiving still cries aloud with joy://

“Glory to God for His great mercy!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Come, Orthodox faithful,

let us praise Alexis, the new Man of God,

who shone forth as a radiant lamp,

dispelling the gloom of ignorance,

proclaiming the Truth to those deceived by error,

and restoring to them their blessed inheritance –//

the Orthodox faith of their fathers!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8** *(from the Pentecostarion)*

In the middle of the feast, before Thy passion and glorious Resurrection,

Thou didst teach the unbelieving Jews in the Temple, O gracious Lord,

You cried out to the scribes and Pharisees:

“Let him who thirsts come to Me and drink!

From the heart of him who believes in Me,

rivers of living water -- the Spirit of God -- shall flow!”

Thy wisdom and understanding are far beyond our words!//

Glory to Thee, our God, Who perfects all things!

**Readings**

1. **Composite 2 (Proverbs)**
2. **Composite 4 (Wisdom of Solomon)**
3. **Composite 5 (Wisdom of Solomon)**

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**Litya *(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Temple, these stichera are sung:*)**

**Tone 6** *(from the Menaion, for St Alexis)*

Come, all who love the feasts,

let us sing together with all the Angels and saints!

Today the laborer rests from his work,

and the earthly voice of the teacher is stilled.

Today our Father Alexis commends his soul to God//

and becomes a citizen of heaven.

Today Wilkes-Barre rejoices with Minneapolis,

celebrating the most radiant festival of Saint Alexis.

Exalt him, O bishops! Praise him, O priests!

Be illumined by his teachings, O people!

He now stands before the throne of God//

entreating Him to save our souls.

A new star has appeared in the heavens,

illumining the spiritual darkness of our times,

guiding us on the paths of righteousness, away from the abyss of error.

Therefore let us offer hymns of praise to Saint Alexis//

and venerate his holy icon!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Oh, glorious wonder!

A new saint is revealed in America.

Those who fulfill the Gospel teaching of Christ

are seen to receive great gifts from God//

and attain the heavenly Kingdom.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8** *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Let us cleanse our thoughts to the very depths,

that our souls may be brilliantly illumined!

Then we shall see Christ,

Who by His boundless goodness taught in the Temple,

Who endured the agony of the Cross and rose from the dead,

triumphing over the Enemy and saving our race.

To Him let us cry:

“Glory to Thee, O incomprehensible Lord!”

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**Tone 2** *(from the Menaion, for St Alexis)*

Come, all ye lovers of piety,

let us praise our Father Alexis in hymns!

He is the adornment of priests and the boast of the faithful,

a fearless defender of the Orthodox faith,//

and our heavenly intercessor.

*v: Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall*

*rejoice. (Ps 131/132:9)*

Rejoice, O people of America,

let us make a joyful noise to God!

Sing a new song to the Lord, O Minneapolis!

Exalt him, O Wilkes-Barre:

from you the sound of our Father Alexis went forth;

his words have put the hard of heart to shame,//

showing all where to seek the Truth.

*v: My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall*

*be understanding. (Ps 48/49:3)*

With what wreaths of victory

shall we crown our most wise teacher, Alexis?

What words can suffice to tell of his love for Christ’s Church?

As a shepherd he protected his flock//

from all foes, visible and invisible.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(from the Menaion, for St Alexis)*

Fleeing the harm that comes from vanity and pride,

thou didst strive to hide thy virtues from the eyes of others

and didst patiently endure trials and afflictions.

Therefore the Lord, Who sees all things,//

has glorified thee, O our Father Alexis.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6** *(from the Pentecostarion)*

We have assembled, O Christ,

to praise the miracle of Thy mysteries:

the midfeast of Thy Resurrection and the coming of Thy Holy Spirit.//

Send down on us great mercy!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Alexis)*

O righteous Father Alexis,

our heavenly intercessor and teacher,

divine adornment of the Church of Christ,

entreat the Master of All

to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,

to grant peace to the world//

and to our souls great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8** **Troparion**  *(Midfeast)*

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,

fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety,

as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to

Me and drink!”//

O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

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***(at Vigil)***

 **Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Alexis)*

O righteous Father Alexis,

our heavenly intercessor and teacher,

divine adornment of the Church of Christ,

entreat the Master of All

to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,

to grant peace to the world//

and to our souls great mercy! *(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.-

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 ***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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In the middle of the feast, O Savior,

fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety,

as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to

Me and drink!”//

O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Alexis)*

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entreat the Master of All

to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,

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and to our souls great mercy!

**Tone 5** **Kontakion**  *(St Alexis)*

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis,

a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America,

a model of patience and humility,

a worthy shepherd of the flock of Christ!

He called back sheep who had been led astray

and brought them by his preaching//

to the Heavenly Kingdom.

**Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Midfeast)*

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,

cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:

“Come and draw the water of immortality!”

We fall before Thee and faithfully cry://

Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon**

Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond

measure! *(Ps 146/147:5)*

*v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!*

*(Ps 146/147:1)*

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. *(Ps 115/116:15)*

**Epistle**

 Acts 12:12-17

 Galatians 1:11-19 *(St Alexis)*

 **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old! (Ps 73/74:2)*

*v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of*

*the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)*

 **Tone 6**

*v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His*

*commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

**Gospel**

 John 8:42-51

 John 10:1-9 *(St Alexis)*

 ***(Instead of “It is truly meet …,” we sing:)***

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,

thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!

With Himself He has raised all the dead.”

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,

in the Resurrection of thy Son!

**Communion Hymns**

The Lord said: “He who eats My Body and drinks My Blood abides in Me,

and I in him.” *(John 6:56)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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