**JULY 5**

**Uncovering of the Relics of Venerable Sergius of Radonezh**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your 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 You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 4** *(Called from on high)*

When your mother came to the Church of God even before your birth,

you cried out in her womb three times, giving glory to the Trinity.

O godly-wise Father Sergius,

you knew God before you knew the world.

You were known by God, O blessed man.

The light of His grace shone from you to those who sought it.

The radiance of your face showed your spiritual and bodily purity.

You were a chosen vessel of Christ our God.//

Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

(Repeat: “When your mother came to the Church…”)

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

When the love of God descended on you,

O divinely-wise and most blessed Father Sergius,

then you despised the world and loved only Christ in your soul.

Following His life-bearing steps, you reached the wilderness,

and cultivated it with the seeds of your labors,

irrigating it with streams of tears,

multiplying the fruits of good works.

Having nourished your children with these, you brought them to Christ

God.//

Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

(Repeat: “When the love of God descended on you …”)

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

O divinely wise Father Sergius,

when you heard a divine voice that said to you:

“Behold, the coming of the Most Pure One!”

you began to make yourself worthy of this visitation,

with many spiritual labors and fervent prayer.

Light brighter than the sun illumined you,

showing your spiritual and bodily eyes the Mother of God.

You heard her words to you:

“I shall not abandon this place, and your monastery shall not be in

want.”//

Entreat her to save and enlighten our souls!

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

(Repeat: “O divinely-wise Saint Sergius …”)

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

When the time came for your departure to God,

as a brightly shining star you entered the heavenly mansions,

where you stand with the choir of saints before the throne of the consubstantial Trinity.

After your body lay hidden in the earth for many years,

it was revealed, manifesting wonders for those who venerate your relics,

O Sergius.

Grant victories to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries;

pray to Christ our God to grant the faithful remission of sins,//

and entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

(Repeat: “When the time came for your departure to God …”)

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

**Tone 8**

Come, O faithful sons and daughters of the Russian Church,

and let us rejoice in this solemn feast!

Come, O priests and monastics and behold the Church of God,

filled and adorned with the sound of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs!

The venerable and glorious monastery of our Father Sergius rejoices,

exulting in the revelation of his relics.

It calls the world to sing to God with gladness.

O Christ and Master, you have granted the people of Russia a mighty

warrior;

an invincible weapon against invisible and visible enemies,

an unfailing treasure of gifts for the people of Christ!//

By his prayers, grant our souls great mercy!

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

**Tone 8**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon*

The King of heaven,

because of His love for man,

appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin

and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.

Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,

we confess Christ our God!//

Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls!

**Old Testament Readings**

**Composite 2** *(Proverbs- selections from Chapters 10, 3, 8)*

**Proverbs 10:31-11:12**

**Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9**

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**Litya** *(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the*

*Temple, these stichera are sung:*)

**Tone 6**

Come, O company of ascetics, who love the feasts of the Church,

having assembled in faith today, let us honor the true ascetic, Sergius,

who joyfully followed in his Master’s step,

on the narrow path and the life of dispassion!

In faith let us cry aloud:

“O all-blessed Father Sergius, co-dweller with the venerable and praise of

ascetics,//

entreat the Lord that He have mercy on our souls!”

O venerable and God-bearing Sergius,

for the sake of the love of Christ,

you abandoned all and entered the wilderness.

You were not frightened by the cunning of the invisible enemies.

Though they approached you many times,

displaying their fury by the gnashing of teeth,

you, by your prayers, caused them to vanish like smoke.

Oh, the purity of your soul,

and the strength of your endurance!//

Ceaselessly entreat Christ to save our souls!

O most sacred and great Church of Russia,

having drunk of the streams of the fountain of the Gospel,

with the Orthodox faithful, both monastics and laity,

let us rejoice spiritually in the appointed feast of the good shepherd and

teacher!

Surrounding his healing relics, we lovingly venerate them,

and crown them with hymns and praises like flowers, saying:

“Rejoice, O blessed Sergius,

heavenly man and earthly angel,

abode of the Holy Spirit!

Rejoice, for you guided many to the path of salvation!

Rejoice, O joy and support of the faithful!

Rejoice, O venerable and God-pleasing Sergius,//

all-radiant light to your native land and intercessor for our souls!”

**Tone 1**

Come, O priests, monastics, and Orthodox faithful;

let us rejoice as we enter the church of our God

and joyfully adorn the wonderworking reliquary of our venerable Father

Sergius,

as an unearthly treasury of miracles!

As we venerate his precious relics with love,

we are freed from sickness and disease,

and receive salvation for our souls.

Let us cry out to him:

“O all-blessed Father Sergius,//

entreat our most-gracious God to protect our land from enemies, and to

save our souls!”

**Tone 1**

Today heaven makes glad and earth with man rejoices.

The newly-chosen congregations of Russia celebrate,

and the companies of monastics joyfully keep festival.

The Church of God is holy and wonderful in righteousness;

for being illumined by the most brilliant twilight,

and filled with many miracles from the precious and healing

miracles of the venerable Father Sergius,

she summons the whole world to praise his achievement.

Wherefore, having assembled together, we joyfully celebrate the

uncovering in songs and hymns,

offering a song of praise to Christ our God,//

that, by his prayers, He may grant us peace and great mercy.

Today we celebrate the bright festivity of the translation of the

relics of the divinely-blessed Father Sergius.

Come, all faithful, let us crown the Church of God with hymns,

and let us glorify Christ our God, Who is hymned in the Trinity,

crying out and saying:

“O Master Christ, You have granted to the city of Moscow a virtuous

servant,

who is an impregnable wall;

You have shown him to be a mighty protector and intercessor for all

the Russian lands,

and for the people who bear the name of Christ!

He is an wonder-worker who heals incurable diseases and

drives out demons,//

and he intercedes on behalf of our souls.

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

**Tone 6**

Come, O multitude of monastics,

and with songs and hymns let us praise today Sergius, the emulator of

piety!

As we stand before his precious and healing reliquary, let us lovingly

venerate it, saying:

**“**Rejoice, most wondrous Sergius, brightest luminary to your native land!

Rejoice, for by purity you were united with the most pure Light!

Rejoice, for you stand with the Angels before the Trinity,//

to Whom you always entreat that great mercy be granted to our souls!”

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 4** *(You have given a sign)*

O Lord, You have adorned Your Church

with the precious and healing relics of our Father Sergius,

for he was well-pleasing to You.

She is beautiful, as the possessor of royal jewels,

rejoicing as she wears a brilliant crown,

calling her children begotten, according to the Gospel, of water and the

Spirit.

Therefore we glorify Your loving dispensation, O Jesus,//

Lover of mankind and Savior of our souls.

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

O Lord, You have given a sure defense to the Orthodox people in Russia,

a weapon of salvation for all Christians,

a jewel for bishops and a cure for the sick:

the holy relics of the righteous, thrice-blessed Sergius.

We receive healing as we honor him joyfully.//

We glorify Your ineffable compassion, O Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

*v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

You have given the healing and holy relics of blessed Sergius, who loved

You,

as an invincible power for the faithful,

a confirmation of their security,

a stronghold of the monastic life.

We glorify Your ineffable compassion, O Jesus,//

the tender-hearted Savior of our souls.

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

**Tone 8**

We honor you, O Sergius our father,

the instructor of a multitude of monks.

We have indeed learned to walk rightly in your footsteps.

You are blest, for having labored for Christ,

you denounced the power of the enemy.

You were a conversor with the Angels and a companion of the venerable

and righteous ones.//

Together with them, entreat the Lord that He may grant mercy to our

souls!

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

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

Unwedded Virgin,

you ineffably conceived God in the flesh.

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of your servants, O blameless one!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 8** **Troparion**

From your youth you received Christ into your soul, O ven’rable one,

and above all desired to leave behind the turmoil of the world.

You courageously settled in the wilderness, where you raised children

in obedience, the fruits of humility.

Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, you enlightened all who approached

in faith and granted healing to all.//

Our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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

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

**Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good

One,

destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your love for mankind, O Merciful One!//

Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing

people, O our Savior!

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***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 8** **Troparion**

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and above all desired to leave behind the turmoil of the world.

You courageously settled in the wilderness, where you raised children

in obedience, the fruits of humility.

Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, you enlightened all who approached

in faith and granted healing to all.//

Our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

*(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

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

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

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

**Tone 8** **Troparion**

From your youth you received Christ into your soul, O ven’rable one,

and above all desired to leave behind the turmoil of the world.

You courageously settled in the wilderness, where you raised children

in obedience, the fruits of humility.

Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, you enlightened all who approached

in faith and granted healing to all.//

Our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 8** **Kontakion**

Having risen from the earth today and shining like the sun,

your precious and incorrupt relics are as fragrant flowers, scented

with miracles,

granting healing to all the faithful, and making glad your flock

which you wisely gathered and tended.

Now as you stand before the throne of the Trinity, entreat God’s

help and grace for them and for all Orthodox Christians,

so that we may sing: “Rejoice, divinely-wise Sergius!”

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon**

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

*v: What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me? (Ps 115?116:12)*

**Epistle**

Galatians 5:22-6:2

**one 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

*v. His seed shall be mighty in the land.. (Ps 111/112:2)*

**Gospel**

Luke 6:17-23

**Communion Hymn**

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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