**JULY 19 Uncovering of the Relics of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov**

**"Lord, I Call..." Tone 1**

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, Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 1** *(Oh, the marvelous wonder)*

Oh, the marvelous wonder!

An athlete in piety appears at Saróv;

he has become a fervent intercessor with God for us.

Rejoice, monks of Saróv who possess the relics of the holy monk!

Rejoice, Orthodox faithful!

You possess the most holy Seraphim as your defender in affliction.

Cry out to him: “Rejoice, light of the Russian land!

You quenched the darkness of the Enemy.//

Entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy!”

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

(Repeat: “Oh, the marvelous … “)

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

*there is forgiveness with You.*

Oh, the marvelous wonder!

Behold, in the monastery of Saróv a firm pillar of goodness,

the blessed Seraphim, appears in truth to us.

Therefore the assemblies of those who are wise in God cry out, exulting in

Spirit:

“O Saint, and Father Seraphim,//

entreat the Lord to grant our souls peace and great mercy!”

*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: “Oh, the marvelous wonder … “)

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

Great are Your mysteries, O Christ our God!

You have given us the holy monk Seraphim to be a light for us,

a strong defender against the Enemy,

intercessor before God for monastics and all the Orthodox faithful,

his own monastery's strength and boast.

For now he intercedes with You, O Lord,//

asking for our souls peace and great mercy.

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

When you entered the Saróv wilderness, O venerable Seraphim,

then, completely stripping off your own will,

you showed yourself steadfast in every obedience,

for you endured insults and dishonor, rejoicing.

You loved the blows and wounds from evil men,

for whom you also prayed, O holy monk.

And as we glorify your most honorable memory,

we pray you, O venerable father://

“Entreat the Lord to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our

souls!”

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

The blessed Saróv Monastery acquired you, O venerable Father Seraphim,

as a treasury of virtues, a vessel of purity,

a guardian of wise moderation, a receptacle of grace,

a fountain of healing, an unmercenary physician to the sick,

a true ascetic, a comforter of the afflicted;

a quiet haven to those bestormed by the afflictions of life.

Pray, O holy Father Seraphim, that we who celebrate your honorable

 memory,//

be granted peace and great mercy!

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

Today the faithful rejoice in your memory, O holy Father Seraphim,

proclaiming you with a loud voice.

You forsook the good things of this life for love of Christ

and went to live in wilderness of Saróv.

You were not afraid of the struggle with invisible enemies,

but you swept them aside like dust with your prayers.//

Beseech the Lord that He grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

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

 **Tone 8** *(for St Seraphim)*

Come, O assemblies of the faithful,

let us glorify our most wondrous Father with songs of praise,

and let us cry out to him:

“O venerable Father Seraphim,

you have truly been granted life divine,

and have received a crown of unfading glory from God.

Therefore the Monastery of Saróv praises you,

and the people, beholding the precious shrine of your relics

and the miracles that have taken place,

glorify the Lord Who has glorified you.

Entreat Him now, O venerable Father,//

to grant peace and great mercy to our souls!”

 *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**

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

 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3**

 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15**

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**Litya** ***(If the rector desires a Litya, these stichera are sung*, *following the sticheron of the temple)***

 **Tone 1**

With what praise shall we crown the great warrior,

the holy Monk Seraphim?

He revealed himself as the good pastor, firm in faith and virtue.

His teachings were inspired by God;

his manner of life equal to the Angels.

He taught those who came to him,

and we also cry aloud, as we stand before him:

“Seraphim, pray to Christ our God//

to establish the Orthodox faith and to save our souls!”

Let us assemble today, O monastics,

and reverently praise the holy monk,

the true disciple of Christ, who trampled the world's delusion

and who, taking upon his shoulder the yoke of Christ,

put to shame the armies of demons.

Therefore, let us cry aloud to him:

“Do not forget us, Father Seraphim,//

as we sing praises and honor your holy memory!”

Your bright and divine memorial, O venerable Seraphim,

fills all with wonder.

For, like a bodiless Angel in the flesh,

you put the invisible foes to shame;

and the entire region of Tambóv and the holy Monastery of

Saróv rejoice,

for they possess your holy relics;

through them health is given to all who hasten in faith to your honorable

 shrine.

Therefore, we who are enlightened cry out to you:

“O Father Seraphim, pray for the salvation of our souls!”

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

 **Tone 5**

Rejoice today, all Orthodox Christians!

Celebrate with Russia and the monks of Saróv!

Come together, all faithful people;

glorify our holy Father!

He is a pastor and teacher,

a divinely-wise guide of those who have gone astray;

the swift healer of the sick and wounded,

the great adornment of the Church.

Let us cry out and glorify him://

“Save us by your prayers, O holy Father Seraphim!”

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

 **Tone 5** *(Theotokion)*

Most precious Virgin,

you are the gate, the temple,

the palace, the throne of the King.

From You, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord, appeared to those asleep in

darkness.

He is the Sun of Righteousness,

Who desired to enlighten His image, whom He had created.

Since you possess motherly boldness before Him, all praised Lady,//

pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 5** *(Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross)*

Rejoice, O venerable Seraphim,

emulator of the Angels!

Living piously on earth, you taught the fear of the Lord to many who

flocked to you.

Illumined by the grace of the Holy Spirit,

you beheld the future as though it were the present

and filled with joy and tender contrition many who were sorrowful in

soul.

Therefore, we entreat you://

“Pray to the Lord for those who honor you!”

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

Rejoice, most wonderful instructor of those who have gone astray;

with Archangels and Angels,

you were counted worthy to see Christ in the temple.

And now, venerable Seraphim,

enjoying the sight of Him always in the heavens,//

pray for us who in faith honor your memory!

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

Rejoice, holy Seraphim, for you commanded all to preserve the true faith

of Christ,

and, conceiving a strong desire for the highest life,

you began to despise riches!

Now you behold the ineffable heavenly beauty

and enjoy the sweet singing of the Angels.//

Therefore, entreat the Lord to grant us peace and great mercy!

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

 **Tone 6** *(for St Seraphim)*

Holy Father Seraphim, who can worthily praise your wondrous life?

What tongue can tell of your struggles in the wilderness:

the vigils, the fasting, the isolation and silence, the ceaseless prayer?

Truly you are the pride of ascetics,

a powerful intercessor before God.

Rejoice, example of monks!

Rejoice, haven for those in torment!//

Pray to the Lord that our souls may be saved!

*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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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Seraphim)*

You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed one,

and, longing to work for Him alone, you struggled in the wilderness in

constant prayer and labor.

With penitent heart and great love for Christ you were favored by the

Mother of God.

Therefore we cry to you://

“Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

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

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

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

by which He resurrected the first-created man,//

saving our souls from death.

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***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**

You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed one,

and, longing to work for Him alone, you struggled in the wilderness in

constant prayer and labor.

With penitent heart and great love for Christ you were favored by the

Mother of God.

Therefore we cry to you://

“Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father.” *(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.

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

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(St Seraphim)*

You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed one,

and, longing to work for Him alone, you struggled in the wilderness in

constant prayer and labor.

With penitent heart and great love for Christ you were favored by the

Mother of God.

Therefore we cry to you://

“Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father.”

**Tone 2** **Kontakion** *(St Seraphim)*

Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world,

you settled in the monastery of Saróv, O Saint.

There you lived an angelic life,

becoming for many the way to salvation.

Therefore, Christ has glorified you, Father Seraphim,

enriching you with abundant healing and miracles.//

So we cry to you: “Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our

 father!”

**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 *(St Seraphim)*

 **Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)*

*v: His seed shall be mighty on earth. (Ps 111/112:2)*

**Gospel**

 Luke 6:17-23 *(St Seraphim)*

**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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