**APRIL 13**

**Leavetaking of the Transfiguration**

**St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia**

*(Note: The service to St. Maximus the Confessor is transferred to August 12)*

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

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. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

**Tone 4** *Idiomela (for the Feast, by Cosmas the Monk)*

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord,

the mountain became as heaven,

and like a tabernacle the cloud spread itself out,

when Thou wast transfigured, and the Father bore witness to Thee.

Peter was present with James and John,

since they were to be with Thee at the time of Thy betrayal,

that, having seen Thy wondrous works,

they might not be afraid of Thy sufferings.//

Grant us to venerate Thy sufferings in peace, through Thy mercy!

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

(Repeat: “Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, the mountain…”)

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

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord,

Thou didst take Thy Disciples to a high mountain

and wast transfigured before them,

illumining them with bright rays of Thy pow’r.

From love of man and in Thy sovereign might,

it was Thy desire to show them the splendor of Thy Resurrection.

In peace count us also worthy of this splendor, O God,//

in Thy mercy and Thy love for man!

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

(Repeat: “Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord, Thou didst take…”)

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

The mountain that once was veiled in gloom and smoke,

is now holy and revered,

since Thy feet, O Lord, have stood upon it.

For by Thy dread Transfiguration,

the mystery hidden before the ages

has been made manifest in the last times to Peter, James, and John.

Unable to endure the shining of Thy face and the brilliance of Thy garments,

they fell to the ground upon their faces.

Seized with wonder and amazement, they saw Moses and Elijah

talking with Thee about the things that would befall Thee;

and a voice came in testimony from the Father saying:

“This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!//

It is He Who grants the world great mercy!”

V. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

When Thou wast transfigured upon a high mountain, O Savior,

having with Thee the chief Disciples,

Thou didst shine forth in glorious majesty,

proving that those who excel in the height of their virtues

shall be made worthy of divine glory.

Moses and Elijah, talking with Christ,

showed that He is Lord of both the living and the dead,

the God Who spoke of old through the Law and the Prophets.

The voice of the Father testified to Him from the cloud of light, saying:

“Listen to Him, Who through the Cross has despoiled hell//

and has given the dead eternal life!”

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

**Tone 8** (*for St. Tikhon)*

Come, all Orthodox people,

let us praise with divine hymns the Hierarch and Wonderworker Tikhon:

the lamp shining with the divine light of Christ, who shone in his dark age,

instructor of Orthodox dogmas, denouncer of false teachings,

eloquent preacher of repentance,

true teacher of the commandments of Christ who himself fulfilled and taught them.

Falling down at the shrine of his holy relics, which grant many healings,

let us with compunction cry out to him:

“Enlighten us, our Father, with the light of thy understanding of God,

lifting us up from the sleep of sins

by the fear of the awesome punishment and judgment of God.

Make firm our footsteps on the path of Christ’s commandments,//

and pray that our souls may be saved!”

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

O divinely-wise God-bearer Tikhon,

elect vessel of blessings, pure abode of the Trinity,

precious house of virtues,

from thy youth thou hast followed after Christ

and hast completed the course very well,

preserving the Faith until the very end.

Therefore thou didst receive a crown of righteousness from Christ God.//

Entreat Him ceaselessly that our souls may be saved!

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

O most noble shepherd,

pillar and beauty of the Church,

bright praise of Orthodoxy,

the Holy Spirit ordained thee to shepherd the flock of Christ.

Thou didst tend it well, perfecting priests and instructing the people,

and correcting those who had lost their way.

Thou didst become the protection of the affronted,

the refuge of widows and orphans,

and thou didst nourish the needy as well.

Now, as thou standest before the Chief Shepherd,//

pray that our souls may be saved!

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

O Teacher of golden words,

divine organ of the Holy Spirit,

O herald of the truth of Christ,

preacher of repentance,

leading the unworthy and making them honorable,

thou wast the mouth of the Lord, pouring out to all the words of eternal life.//

Pray now that our souls may be saved!

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

**Tone 8** *(for St. Tikhon)*

Come, O faithful, let us glorify the blessed hierarch Tikhon,

who abides in the heavens with the angelic choirs,

rejoicing with the Prophets and Apostles, the Hierarchs and Martyrs,

and who makes glad with the venerable and righteous ones,

gazing on Christ God, not as in a mirror or in riddles but face to face.

On earth his precious body is adorned with incorruption,

pouring out streams of healings to those who hasten to it with faith and love.

Therefore we beseech thee, O Hierarch:

be an ardent intercessor for us before the throne of God,//

as thou hast great confidence to approach Him!

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

 **Tone 6** *(for the Feast, by Anatolius)*

Prefiguring Thy Resurrection, O Christ our God,

Thou didst take with Thee in Thine ascent of Mount Tabor

Thy three Disciples, Peter, James and John.

When Thou wast transfigured, O Savior,

Mount Tabor was covered with light.

Thy Disciples, O Word, threw themselves down upon the ground,

unable to gaze upon the form that none may see.

The Angels ministered in fear and trembling;

the heavens shook and the earth quaked,//

as they beheld on earth the Lord of Glory.

 **Old Testament Readings** *(St. Tikhon)*

 **Composite 2** *(Proverbs – selections from Ch. 10, 3, 8)*

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

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

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,*

*these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 2** *(for St. Tikhon)*

Let us praise the new wonder-worker, the truly blessed Tikhon,

the adornment of Hierarchs, the glory of the Fathers,

and great intercessor for the faithful,

who pours out abundant streams of miracles,

who heals the sick, granting divine blessings without fail.

and let us now cry out:

“O truly-blessed Tikhon, vessel filled with blessings and fountain of mercies,//

pray for us to the Lord that He may grant our souls great mercy!”

O divinely-wise Father Tikhon,

thou wast a good and faithful servant of the Lord,

not hiding the talent that He gave to thee,

but increasing it by teaching and by labor.

Therefore, as thou wast faithful in a little,

thou wast placed over many by the heavenly Master of the house.//

Beseech Him for those who in faith honor thy memory!

Thou wast a faithful upholder of the words of the Gospel,

not acquiring treasure on earth, O truly-blessed Tikhon,

for thou didst acquire voluntary poverty as a treasure itself.

Thou didst abundantly satisfy the needy and destitute.//

Therefore now beseech the Lord to grant us great and rich mercy!

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

**Tone 6** *(for St. Tikhon)*

Today the monastery of Zadónsk is adorned

and the flock of Vorónezh rejoices,

while the whole Orthodox Church makes festival,

celebrating thy memory, O Hierarch Tikhon;

for in thine incorrupt relics and miracles,

we all have a great sign of the grace of the Holy Spirit in the Orthodox Church//

in the exposing of heresies and schisms and the shaming of the unbelieving.

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

 **Tone 5** *(for the Feast)*

Moses, who saw God,

and Elijah who rode the fiery chariot across the heavens unconsumed,

beheld Thee in the cloud at Thy Transfiguration, O Christ.

They testified that Thou art the Maker and fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

With them, O Master,

count us also worthy of Thy light,//

that we may sing Thy praises forever!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 1** *Idiomela (for the Feast)*

He Who of old spoke through symbols to Moses on Mount Sinai saying: “I am He Who Is,”

was transfigured today upon Mount Tabor before the Disciples.

In His own person He showed them the nature of man

arrayed in the original beauty of the Image.

Calling Moses and Elijah to be witnesses of this surpassing grace,

He made them partakers of the gladness,//

foretelling His death on the Cross and His saving Resurrection.

V. *The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine; the world and all that is*

*in it, Thou hast founded them! (Ps. 88:11a)*

David, the ancestor of God,

foresaw in the Spirit the sojourn with men of the only-begotten Son in the flesh,

and from afar, called the creation together to rejoice with him,

prophetically lifting up his voice to cry:

“Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy Name!”

For Thou didst go up to this mountain with Thy Disciples and wast transfigured, O Christ,

making the image that had grown dark in Adam to shine once again like lightning,

and transforming it into the glory and splendor of Thine own Divinity.

Therefore we cry aloud to Thee://

“O Lord and Creator of all things, glory to Thee!”

V. *Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy Name!* *(Ps. 88:12a)*

When the chosen Apostles beheld upon the mountain of the Transfiguration

the overwhelming flood of Thy light,

O Christ Who hast no beginning,

and Thine unapproachable Divinity,

they were caught up in a divine trance.

The cloud of light shone around them on every side,

and they heard the voice of the Father

confirming the mystery of Thine incarnation,

that even after taking flesh,

Thou remainest the only-begotten Son//

and the Savior of the world!

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

**Tone 8** *(for St. Tikhon)*

What shall we call thee, O Hierarch Tikhon:

Good shepherd, since thou wast prepared to lay down thine own soul for thy flock?

Successor to the Apostles, since by thy writings thou didst instruct all?

Praise of the ascetics and adornment of monks,

since thou didst take up vigils, labors, and monastic fasting?

Earthly angel and heavenly man, since thou didst live on earth in a truly peaceful way?

Son of God, for thou didst love peacemaking more than all else?

Pray now to Christ God to bring peace to the world//

and to establish firmly the Holy Church!

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

 **Tone 6** *(for the Feast)*

Today on Mount Tabor, O Lord,

Thou hast shown the glory of Thy divine form

to Thy chosen Disciples, Peter, James and John.

For they looked upon Thy garments that gleamed like the light

and at Thy face that shone more than the sun.

Unable to endure the vision of Thy brightness that none can bear,

they fell to the earth, powerless to gaze at the sight,

for they heard a voice that bore witness from above:

“This is My beloved Son//

Who has come into the world to save mankind!”

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 8** **Troparion** *(St. Tikhon)*

From thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one.

Thou hast been an example for all by word, life, love, faith, purity, and humility.

Therefore, thou dost now abide in the heavenly mansions,

where thou standest before the throne of the All-holy Trinity.//

Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

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

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

**Tone 7** **Troparion** *(Feast)*

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,

revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.

Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,

through the prayers of the Theotokos!//

O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

***(at Vigil)***

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Thou hast been an example for all by word, life, love, faith, purity, and humility.

Therefore, thou dost now abide in the heavenly mansions,

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Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls! *(twice)*

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

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Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

**Tone 8** **Kontakion** *(St. Tikhon)*

Successor to the Apostles, adornment of hierarchs, teacher of the Orthodox Faith,//

beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

**Tone 7** **Kontakion** *(Feast)*

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,

and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;

so that when they would behold Thee crucified,

they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,

and would proclaim to the world//

that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon** *(Feast)*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

*(Ps. 103:26)*

V. *Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!* *(Ps. 103:1)*

**Tone 1** **Prokeimenon** *(St. Tikhon)*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be

understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

**Epistle**

 (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *(St. Tikhon)*

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! (Ps. 88:11a)*

V. *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! (Ps. 88:14b)*

 **Tone 2**

V. *The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

**Gospel**

 (11) Matthew 5:14-19 *(St. Tikhon)*

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

 **Tone 4**

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Thy childbearing was without corruption;

God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh,

and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.//

Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

**Communion Hymn**

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. *(Ps. 88:15)*

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

tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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