**OCTOBER 6**

**Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas**

**[Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas]** *(Served whenever the Superior wishes)*

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 2**

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 2[[1]](#footnote-1)**

O Holy Father Innocent,

like the Apostles long ago,

you accepted the Lord’s command to baptize all peoples in His name;

you left your homeland to proclaim His truth

to an island people sitting in darkness.//

With them lead us down the path to the Kingdom of Heaven!

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

(Repeat: “O Holy Father Innocent…”)

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

Like the betrothed of the Theotokos,

you worked with your hands in humility;

and through you, like Constantine, churches blossomed throughout the land,

built for the feeding of the flock//

that you gathered and led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Like the Holy Brothers[[2]](#footnote-2) from Thessalonica,

who brought illumination to your forefathers,

you labored to bring this same inheritance

to untaught peoples placed in your care;

that, worshipping the One True God in words of many tongues,//

they might, by the Word, be led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

**Tone 2** *(With what crowns)*

With what crowns of praise shall we adorn the wise Apostle of our land?

With the radiant Gospel of salvation he came bodily to enlighten an island people,

who sat in darkness and ignorance;

by planting there the Orthodox Faith,//

he brought to them great mercy from Christ our God.

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: “With what crowns…”)

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

With what songs of praise shall we now bless Innocent, our Teacher wise in God?

As the first archpastor to rule our land,

by word and deed he taught us the way we must go

to attain the glorious Kingdom, won and promised to us by Christ,//

from Whom we have great mercy.

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

With what songs of virtue shall we exalt our Father Innocent?

By his word he brought heathen worship to an end

in the distant reaches of Alaska and Siberia.

Then, like the Holy Apostle Paul before him,

bound in chains of obedience to the will of God,

he brought comfort to believers in the ancient capital,

who through his prayers and exhortations//

receive great mercy from Christ our God.

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

**Tone 2**

Truly the Lord guided you along paths of many labors,

through many lands, to many peoples,

to enlighten a multitude of hearts,

and to guide and counsel an army of souls//

down the narrow path that alone leads into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

**Tone 2** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;

as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,

so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.

The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

 **Old Testament Readings**

 **Composite 2** *(Proverbs 10:7, 6; 3:13-16; 8:6, 32, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23)*

 **Composite 3** *(Wisdom 4:7, 16, 17, 119; 20:5-7)*

 **Composite 4** *(Proverbs 10:11; Wisdom 6:12-16; 7:30; 8:2-4, 7-9, 21; 9:1-4, 10, 11, 14)*

**Litya**

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

*these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 2**

Let us come together in joy

to praise the apostle of our land,

whose wise preaching and selfless labors across the barren North

prepared good soil for the seeds of faith!

These he planted with loving care;

and he nurtured the tender sprouts unceasingly,

pruning from them all deception and wickedness,

watering them with truth and righteousness,

until they grew into a sturdy vine,

whose holy fruit we are called to be,//

worthy of the Master’s table.

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

**Tone 6**

As we, the faithful, gather to celebrate your holy memory, O Father Innocent,

we rejoice that, through your ceaseless toils,

the truth of the Gospel was rooted in our land.

Pray that we, your unworthy servants,

may remain firm in the Orthodox Faith//

and spread its truth to all people!

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

We bless you, O Virgin Theotokos,

and glorify you, as we ought,

as the vine that blossomed with the Sacred Fruit,//

from Whom we have great mercy.

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6**

Called to the New World by the grace of God

as a skilled helmsman of the ship of Christ,

you endured dangers on the sea,

as you led those adrift in darkness, delusion and the storms of passions

to the calm harbor of salvation.

Pray for us now, Holy Father Innocent,//

before the Holy Trinity!

V. *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. (Ps. 36:23)*

A prophet raised up from among the Aleuts

heard from an angel that you would journey afar,

leaving your family to speak with a great man.

Once his words had been fulfilled,

by the infinite wisdom and mercy of God

we received you again as the first bishop to rule our land.//

Intercede now for the flock you have gathered!

V. *The Lord knows the way of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. (Ps. 36:18)*

People of two continents with different tongues and customs

rejoice today through you in the mystery of the tongues of Pentecost

and in the fall of the cursed tower of human pride,

which kept at enmity all the nations of the earth,

until they were swept into the net of faith//

worshipping the consubstantial Trinity.

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

**Tone 6**

In mortal danger from a storm at sea,

you looked to the North Star of the Church of Christ,

and, through the prayers of St. Herman of Alaska,

found grace and deliverance.//

With him now intercede for 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!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion[[3]](#footnote-3)**

O Holy Father Innocent,

in obedience to the will of God,

you accepted dangers and tribulations,

bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.

You showed us the way;

now by your prayers help lead us//

into the Kingdom of Heaven!

*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.

***[Alternate Troparion]***

**Tone 2** **Troparion**

You evangelized the Northern people of America and Asia,

proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues,

O Holy Hierarch, Father Innocent,

Enlightener of Alaska and All America, whose ways were ordered by the Lord.//

Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

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

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

**Tone 2** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

All beyond thought, all most glorious,

are your mysteries, O Theotokos.

Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity,

you were revealed to be the true Mother who gave birth to the True God.//

Entreat Him to save our souls.

***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**

O Holy Father Innocent,

in obedience to the will of God,

you accepted dangers and tribulations,

bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.

You showed us the way;

now by your prayers help lead us//

into the Kingdom of Heaven! *(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. *(once)*

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

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**Tone 2** **Kontakion**

Your life, O holy Father Innocent, Apostle to our land,

proclaims the dispensation and grace of God!

For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ,

you were kept unharmed and exalted in humility.//

Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

**Tone 1** **Prokeimenon**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

V. *Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth! (Ps. 48:1)*

**Epistle**

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

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

V. *The Law of God is in his heart, and his steps shall not falter. (Ps. 36:32)*

 **Gospel**

 (36) John 10:9-16 *(St. Innocent)*

**Communion Hymn**

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

tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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1. Music for St. Innocent from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CPhillip%5CDocuments%5C5.%20OCA%20Chancery%5C1.%20Department%20of%20Liturgical%20Music%5CNew%20Packets%20beginning%2002-2020%5C2020-03%20Services%5Cwww.oca.org). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Sts. Cyril and Methodius [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. An alternate troparion and the corresponding Theotokion are presented below. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)