**OCTOBER 31**

**New Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov**

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

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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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**

Rejoice, O holy Father John of Chicago,

missionary and evangelizer of America!

You left your native land to minister to Christ's people in the New World.

Like Abraham, you were a stranger in a strange land,

and like the patriarch, you never lost your faith in God.

You zealously instructed your flock in the Orthodox Faith,

guiding them through a land of strange beliefs as through the Land of Canaan.

You firmly established your flock in the True Faith, //

as a true emulator of the Apostles and intercessor for our souls.

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

(Repeat: “Rejoice, O holy Father John…”)

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

Rejoice, O holy Father John, Evangelizer of Chicago!

You embodied the virtues of the Apostles.

With your family, you traveled to the New World to minister to Christ's people.

Through patience, tolerance, and love,

you built up a strong foundation for Orthodoxy throughout the Midwest,

always acting in humility and in obedience to the will of God. //

By your prayers, preserve the Church in peace and pray to save our souls!

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.*

(Repeat: “Rejoice, O holy Father John, Evangelizer…”)

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

Rejoice, O holy Father John, Martyr of Tsarskoe Seló!

Returning to Russia, you found Christ's people beset by godless powers.

With love and zeal you ministered to your flock,

not caring about wars, or rumors of wars, //

but only for the peace and salvation of all.

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: “Rejoice, O holy Father John, Martyr…”)

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

Rejoice O glorious John, true disciple of the Lord!

To those consumed by the darkness of this world,

the light of your virtues was blinding.

When they sought to extinguish the light,

you were praying, not for the victory of an earthly kingdom,

but for the peace of the Kingdom of Heaven.

With malice, the godless ones insulted and persecuted you.

Filled with hate they put you to a gruesome death,

granting you the victory that they had sought. //

O pious and holy Hieromartyr, pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

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

(Repeat: “Rejoice, O holy Father John, true disciple…”)

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

**Tone 6**

Rejoice, O city of Chicago!

Leap for joy, O Tsárskoe Seló!

You have shared in the blessed presence of the holy Hieromartyr John,

faithful and righteous priest of Christ;

zealous teacher and defender of the Truth;

enlightener of the confused, consoler of the distraught,

and rescuer of those gone astray;

true shepherd and pastor of the Flock of Christ;

who with the holy Patriarch Tikhon, and the holy Hieromartyr Alexander,

illumined North America with the rays of Orthodoxy;

who struggled unto death in defense of the Faith in Russia against the godless powers.//

With them, he prays for the peace of the world and the salvation of our souls.

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

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

not two persons, but one known in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Old Testament Readings**

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

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

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

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, these stichera are sung)*

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

**Tone 2**

Rejoice, O holy Father John,

great builder of the Church.

As you built a great temple to the Holy Trinity,

so also you built up the Church of Christ in the Old World and the New.

By your words and deeds you added soul upon soul,

and stone upon stone,

sealing your work with the mortar of your blood.

Now by your prayers preserve the Church in peace //

and pray that our souls be saved!

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

**Tone 2** *(Theotokion)*

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!

Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,

who carried in her arms her Creator?

This birth is the will of God!

Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,

and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,

do not cease praying for us who honor you,//

that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 2** *(Joseph of Arimathea)*

Come, let us assemble today

and glorify our holy father, John,

missionary and hieromartyr;

temple-builder and pillar of the Church;

teacher and guardian of the True Faith;

minister of the Bloodless Sacrifice;

and a bloodied sacrifice;

true pastor and shepherd;//

who offered himself for the flock of Christ.

V. *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in*

*Lebanon.* *(Ps. 91:11)*

Come, let us praise Saint John of Chicago,

who came to the Orthodox people in a new land,

a land of diverse cultures and doctrines.

Through word and deed he educated and preserved them in their ancestral Faith,

ensuring that the Light of Orthodoxy

would always shine in the New World,

guiding all peoples to the knowledge of Truth.

Let us glorify him,//

that through his intercessions our souls may be saved.

V. *They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts*

*of our God. (Ps. 91:12)*

Come, let us honor the holy Hieromartyr John,

pastor of the Church in the Old World and the New.

He imitated the Good Shepherd in all things,

tending his flock not as a hireling,

but as a true shepherd of his flock;

for, when the godless powers descended on the Church like wolves,

he laid down his life for his sheep,

thereby receiving a martyr's crown.//

He now stands before the Chief Shepherd ceaselessly praying for our souls.

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

**Tone 5**

Rejoice, O holy Father John, great pastor of the Church of Christ!

You were a source of comfort and consolation to your people,

ministering to their needs as a servant of servants,

guiding them in an alien land, like Abraham of old.

Returning to your native land, you likewise offered consolation

to a people beset by evil and civil war.

You did not condemn the warring parties,

but ceaselessly prayed to Christ for the restoration of peace and the end of suffering.

For this you endured insult and injury,

bearing all in a Christ-like manner,

even unto the forfeit of your earthly life.

Now, as you stand before the Prince of Peace, //

intercede with Him that He may grant peace to the world and salvation to our souls!

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

**Tone 5** *(Theotokion)*

O 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, O all praised Lady,//

pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 1** **Troparion[[1]](#footnote-1)**

You were revealed to all as a true shepherd

O Hieromartyr John of Chicago,

for you nurtured your people in the Orthodox Faith,

guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation,

and defended the Faith even unto the shedding of your blood.

Therefore we your spiritual children cry out in thanksgiving:

“Glory to Him Who gave you strength!

Glory to Him Who granted you the Martyr’s ^crown!//

Glory to Him Who through you grants mercy to all!”

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

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

**Tone 1 Resurrectional** **Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to you, O Virgin, saying “Rejoice!”

with that word the Master of all was incarnate in ^you,

the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David!

Your womb became more spacious than the heavens,

for you carried your Creator.

Glory to Him Who took abode in you!

Glory to Him Who came ^forth from you!//

Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of you!

***(at Vigil)***

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Glory to Him Who through you grants mercy to all!” *(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)*

***Alternate Troparion and Kontakion***

**Tone 1** **Troparion**

Aflame with love for God,

you gave your life as a martyr for Christ and ^neighbor,

for this you received a crown of righteousness from Him.

Hieromartyr John, entreat the most merciful God//

to preserve the Holy Church in peace and to save our souls!

**Tone 8** **Kontakion**

As you zealously fulfilled your pastoral service,

you brought your soul to God as a well-pleasing sacrifice, O Father John.//

Entreat Christ God to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls!

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

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“Glory to Him Who gave you strength!

Glory to Him Who granted you the Martyr’s ^crown!//

Glory to Him Who through you grants mercy to all!”

**Tone 3** **Kontakion**

Now the holy Hieromartyr is glorified,

for he took up his cross and followed Christ.

In so doing, he gave us a model of true discipleship.

Therefore, let us cry aloud to him: //

“Rejoice, O Father John, the glory of priests!”

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon** *(St. John)*

Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing for joy on their couches! *(Ps. 149:5)*

V. *Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful! (Ps. 149:1)*

**Epistle**

(253) Colossians 2:1-7

(334) Hebrews 13:7-16 *(St. John)*

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Your saints shall rejoice!*

*(Ps. 131:9)*

V. *For the Lord has elected Zion; He has chosen her for His dwelling-place.*

*(Ps. 131:14)*

**Gospel**

(58) Luke 11:23-26

(67) Luke 12:32-40 *(St. John)*

**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. An alternate troparion and Kontakion for St. John are presented below. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)