



**The  
Akathist Hymn  
To  
St. Herman of  
Alaska**

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Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere present and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life. Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.**

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.  
(3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen**

## **God Is the Lord**

Deacon: (In the 4th Tone:) God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

Choir: **God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

Deacon: All nations surrounded me, but in the Name of the Lord I destroyed them.

Choir: **God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

Deacon: I shall not die but live and recount the works of the Lord.

Choir: **God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Choir: **God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

## **TROPARION TONE 4**

**O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska  
North Star of Christ's Holy Church,  
the light of your holy life and great deeds,  
guides those who follow the Orthodox Way.  
Together we lift high the Holy Cross,  
you planted firmly in America.  
Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ,  
singing His Holy Resurrection.**

#### FIRST KONTAKION

**O Chosen Doer of Wonders, most glorious favorite of Christ,  
our God bearing Father Herman, Alaska's adornment,  
the joy of all Orthodox in America.**

**We sing to you, our heavenly protector and powerful intercessor  
before God, these songs of praise.**

**Cease not to pray for your children, who cry fervently to you:  
Rejoice our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

#### FIRST IKOS

Father Herman, the Creator of the angelic hosts called you to proclaim the Orthodox faith in a new land and to be the founder of the monastic way in the remote lands of the north. You were sent, as was the Apostle Paul, to those sitting in darkness so that the light of Orthodoxy might illumine all the ends of the earth. We, the inhabitants of the American continents, bring you, our heavenly protector, this thanksgiving and sing you this song of praise:

**Rejoice, our Father Herman, our glory, our adornment;  
Rejoice, bearer of the light of the true faith to our lands;  
Rejoice, ascetic glorified by God;  
Rejoice, most honored branch of Valaam Monastery;  
Rejoice, praise and joy of the Church in America;  
Rejoice, comforter and protector of all of us;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

#### SECOND KONTAKION

In your early youth, O Venerable One, enkindled by the flame of love for the Lord, you desired to serve God and Him alone. As an offering, you dedicated your youth to God, beginning your journey from the hermitage of Valaam, where choirs of monastics sing ceaselessly to God: **Alleluia.**

## SECOND IKOS

The Most High granted you spiritual wisdom in your youth that you might know the beauty and sweetness of heaven. For this reason, the wise Igumen Nazarius, teacher of the venerable Seraphim of Sarov, taught you God's wisdom and the Lord's way. Therefore, the Holy Church praises you:

**Rejoice, glorious Herman dedicator of your youth to Christ;  
Rejoice, disciple together with Seraphim of Sarov;  
Rejoice, performer of spiritual labors in glorious Valaam;  
Rejoice, honored by all the brethren of Valaam Monastery;  
Rejoice, student of spiritual wisdom in Valaam;  
Rejoice, glorified now by the Orthodox Church;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

## THIRD KONTAKION

The Most High directed the divinely-wise primate of the Church in Russia, Gabriel, to send missionaries of the Orthodox Faith to Alaska. The apostolic choice fell on you, O Venerable Herman, therefore, all the people enlightened by the Light of Christ through your labors and the personal example of your life, sing to the Lord: **Alleluia.**

## THIRD IKOS

Showing great zeal not only in your spiritual labors as a novice, but also in your Apostolic fervor as you preached to a people sitting in darkness, you, O Venerable Herman, revealed the light of Christ to them with great power. Remembering your apostolic labors and your efforts to preach, with love we praise you:

**Rejoice, uncomplaining giver of obedience to your spiritual  
father;  
Rejoice, preacher who brought the Good News from afar;  
Rejoice, faithful son of Holy Russia;  
Rejoice, adopted son of North America;  
Rejoice, initiator of the monastic way in our land;  
Rejoice, zealous preacher of the Orthodox Faith;**

**Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

FOURTH KONTAKION

O Venerable Father Herman, you endured storms of evil attacks and sorrows, by your efforts you persevered in this new land. Therefore, Christ glorified you with the gift of foresight, enriching you with miracles, granting you the Kingdom of Heaven where, together with the angels, you praise God in song: **Alleluia.**

FOURTH IKOS

Hearing of the miracles revealed to your people when a forest fire and tidal wave were made to cease by your prayers, we implore you from the depths of our hearts and entreat you to aid us who call to you:

**Rejoice, ascetic and prophet glorified by God;  
Rejoice, holy favorite of God;  
Rejoice, our intercessor and healer;  
Rejoice, helper of many who called out to you;  
Rejoice, healer of many afflicted and suffering;  
Rejoice, our merciful and humble father;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

FIFTH KONTAKION

O Venerable One, you shone like the North Star on Spruce Island, the New Valaam, illuminating all of America with the brightness of your love and prayer, full of God's power, so that from every corner of it the Orthodox people will sing fervently to God: **Alleluia.**

FIFTH IKOS

Observing your humility, all are in awe of you, O Father Herman, for your rigorous asceticism and perseverance in monastic struggles. In this you followed the example of Anthony of the Caves, the founder of monasticism in Russia, even as he that of Anthony the Great, the first monk of the world. You, the founder of monasticism in our

land, chose in your great humility, the way of a simple monk. Therefore, the holy choir of hierarchs and hieromonks sings these songs of praise to you:

**Rejoice, founder of monasticism in our land;  
Rejoice, imitator of Anthony the Great and Anthony of the Caves;  
Rejoice, crowned, as they were, with heavenly glory;  
Rejoice, founder of a glorious hermitage;  
Rejoice, source of holy relics for the faithful;  
Rejoice, fountain of miracles for all the world;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

#### SIXTH KONTAKION

The wilderness of the north proclaims your works and miracles, revealing you to be a new branch of the vineyard of the Church of Russia in America. The forests and wilderness are permeated with your prayers. Following the example of the ancient hermits, you cried out in the silence of the night to God: **Alleluia.**

#### SIXTH IKOS

You enlightened a people who were living in darkness; you showed them an example of the monastic way of life. O our godbearing Father Herman, pray that we all, giving thanks to the Lord, may ceaselessly sing you these words of praise:

**Rejoice, first saint of our land;  
Rejoice, founder of the monastic way in our land;  
Rejoice, faithful servant of the Holy Trinity;  
Rejoice, humble founder of the church of the Resurrection;  
Rejoice, glorious hermit of the hermitage of Spruce Island;  
Rejoice, loving father of the children who came to him;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
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#### SEVENTH KONTAKION

The Lord chose you, O Venerable One, to bring the light of the knowledge of God to the land of the Aleuts and there to sow the seeds of the Orthodox faith. You taught all to embrace the true faith and to call out to God: **Alleluia.**

#### SEVENTH IKOS

Having reached the heights through prayer, O Venerable One, you did not forget the needs of others. You manifested great concern for homeless orphans, building an orphanage and a school for them and taught them the commandments of the Lord. In gratitude to God for your labors, accept from us these praises:

**Rejoice, defender of the poor and orphaned;  
Rejoice, their good protector;  
Rejoice, builder of a home for the orphaned;  
Rejoice, servant to God with your labors;  
Rejoice, provider of earthly bread to the orphaned;  
Rejoice, nourisher of orphans with words of eternal life;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
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#### EIGHTH KONTAKION

The Lord who loves mankind, O Venerable One, gave you the gifts of foresight and healing in His desire to manifest through you a source of compassion for his people. You showed them the love of God through your works and many words of instruction. Illumined by the light of your spiritual labors, the people called to the Lord: **Alleluia.**

#### EIGHTH IKOS

The people transformed by the light of the Christian Faith, came to you in times of illness and sorrow. As a father who loved his children, you interceded for all, bringing forth healing and comfort to all who came to you for help. Your glory has gone forth into all the earth and we, your spiritual children, glorify you with these words:

**Rejoice, our merciful father;  
Rejoice, our unmercenary and gracious physician;  
Rejoice, merciful healer of our infirmities;  
Rejoice, our speedy helper in time of trouble and need;  
Rejoice, foreseer of coming events as of the present;  
Rejoice, perceptive reprover of hidden transgressions;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
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NINTH KONTAKION

You spoke with the angels, O Venerable One, and revealed how angels came to you in your hermitage and you had sweet conversation with them. Now you are in the Kingdom of Heaven where with hosts of angels you pray ceaselessly to the Creator: **Alleluia.**

NINTH IKOS

Who can enumerate the miracles witnessed by your people? The waves of the sea and a fire in the forest were calmed by your prayers. When there was a great tidal wave, you caused the stormy seas to cease by your prayers before the icon of the Mother of God, saying: "The water shall not go beyond this line." Therefore, we sing to you thus:

**Rejoice, wondrous pacifier of the waters;  
Rejoice, deliverer from the threat of fire;  
Rejoice, safe harbor for the hierarch Innocent who called to you  
from the sea;  
Rejoice, for through your prayers the wind at sea was calmed;  
Rejoice, source of many miracles during your life;  
Rejoice, fount of many miracles even after your death;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
America's most glorious doer of wonders.**

TENTH KONTAKION

We bring to you a song of praise, O Venerable Father, concerning your righteous life. We sing praises of your honored death. You foreknew the day and hour of your blessed end. Most glorious also

was your burial. For forty days a great storm raged at sea and your prophecy concerning your burial was fulfilled. Your disciple Gerasim, sensing a wondrous fragrance at the time of your death, sang to God: **Alleluia.**

#### TENTH IKOS

You were a most glorious doer of wonders during your life, O Father. At your death you manifested this wondrous miracle: your body remained incorrupt in the chapel for many days after your death. The Aleut people who saw a flaming pillar ascending to Heaven at the hour of your death, sang to you thus:

**Rejoice, for your righteous end has assured us of your holiness;  
Rejoice, for your ascension to Heaven was like a pillar of fire;  
Rejoice, for your relics, exuding a fragrance of sanctity, remain  
as our inheritance;  
Rejoice, for many miracles are made manifest at your reliquary;  
Rejoice, for you have provided us with a source of holy water  
and healing;  
Rejoice, for from this water many who are afflicted receive  
healing;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
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#### ELEVENTH KONTAKION

O Holy Father, from your hermitage in the north, in the midst of the wilds of nature, you sang ceaseless praises to the Holy Trinity. Moved by the Spirit, you foresaw the great flowering of this vineyard planted in the soil of America and you called out with the angels of Heaven: **Alleluia.**

#### ELEVENTH IKOS

To all future members of the monastic order, you are a source of light and inspiration. For you foretold, O Venerable One, the founding of a monastery and of an Archbishop's throne in this land. Today a choir of hierarchs and of monastics glorifies you in these words:

**Rejoice, instructor of monastics and converser with angels;  
Rejoice, most glorious founder of the ascetic way in our land;  
Rejoice, foreseer of the growth of this great vineyard of Christ;  
Rejoice, fulfillment of this prophecy to the coming generations;  
Rejoice, giver of a true image of the monastic way;  
Rejoice, for your love is made manifest to all;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
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TWELFTH KONTAKION

Seeing your grace and your great boldness before God, we entreat you, O Venerable Father Herman, to pray fervently to the Lord, that He will protect His Holy Church from faithlessness and schism, from false teaching and willfulness, that we may sing to God Who has dealt bountifully with us: **Alleluia.**

TWELFTH IKOS

We praise your glorification, O Venerable One, we bless you, O most powerful intercessor and protector of our Church, and with love we sing to you:

**Rejoice, protector of all who honor you;  
Rejoice, speedy intercessor and helper to all;  
Rejoice, founder of Orthodoxy in our land;  
Rejoice, confirmation of those who come to the Orthodox Faith;  
Rejoice, most glorious protector of the Church in America;  
Rejoice, her first saint and her wondrous Father;  
Rejoice, our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska,  
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THIRTEENTH KONTAKION

O Most glorious favorite of God, Our Venerable Father Herman, accept this humble prayer we offer up in praise to you. Standing now before the Throne of the Almighty Lord, ceaselessly pray for us. In joy we sing to God: **Alleluia.**

*(Three times; followed by first Ikos and first Kontakion.)*

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Cease not to pray for your children, who cry fervently to you:  
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Deacon: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy**

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: **To Thee, O Lord.**

Priest: For blessed is Thy name, and glorified is Thy kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us attend. Wisdom! Let us attend.

The Prokeimenon in the 4th tone:  
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints..

Choir: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.**

Deacon: What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?

Choir: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.**

Deacon: Precious in the sight of the Lord

Choir: **is the death of His Saints.**

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: For holy art Thou, O our God, who restest in the saints, and unto Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen.**

Deacon: Let every breath praise the Lord!

Choir: **Let every breath praise the Lord!**

Deacon: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Choir: **Let every breath praise the Lord!**

Deacon: Let every breath

Choir: **Praise the Lord!**

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Wisdom, arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: **And to your spirit.**

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Choir: **Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!**

Deacon: Let us attend!

(Matthew 7: 7-11)

The Lord said: “Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

Choir: **Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!**

Clergy: O Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, pray unto God for us!

Choir: **O Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, pray unto God for us!**

Clergy: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Choir: **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

**It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever blessed, and most pure and the Mother of our God; More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos we magnify thee.**

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan HERMAN, and His Grace our Bishop NIKOLAI, for priests,

deacons, and all other clergy and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servant(s) of God NN , and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Furthermore we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that the voice of our petition and prayer be heard; have mercy upon Thy servant(s) NN, in Thy grace and goodness, and fulfill all their supplications, and pardon them their transgressions both voluntary and involuntary; that their petitions and alms be acceptable before the throne of Thy Majesty, and protect them from all visible and invisible enemies, from all attacks, misfortune and sorrow, and save them from illness, and grant them health and length of days: we pray Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Look down, O Master Lover of mankind with Thy merciful eye upon Thy servant (s) NN and hearken to our prayers offered in faith, for Thou thyself hast said: What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them, and again: Ask, and it shall be given you, therefore, though unworthy, but trusting upon Thy mercy, we ask: grant Thy grace, to Thy servant (s) NN, and fulfill all (his, her, their) good desires, preserve (him, her, them) in peace and tranquility; in health and length of days all (his, her, their) life, we pray Thee, hearken quickly and graciously have mercy.

**(Additional petitions are given at the end for special occasions.)**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Deacon: Furthermore we pray for all the people here present, awaiting from Thee great and bountiful mercies, for all the brethren and for all Christians.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and to those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God Who lovest mankind, and unto Thee we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

Deacon: Let us pray to our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska!

Choir: **O Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, pray unto God for us!**

Priest: O most wondrous, favorite of God, our venerable Father Herman, as a good laborer you did your great spiritual work in a harsh climate in this land. In your service to God, you were faithful in the little things. And, as the Lord said: "You have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much." {Matt XXV, 24) Now, when this word has been fulfilled in you, the Lord has set you over our whole Church, as her heavenly protector. We call to you in fervent prayer: Entreat the Lord to keep our Holy Church steadfast in Orthodoxy and to reveal her to be an adornment of our land. May He protect her from all the dark powers of the enemy and drive out all adversaries. May He grant us purity of faith and beauty of soul.

Pray He will grant us all the spirit of peace and love, the spirit of humility and meekness and drive out the sin of pride. Save us from self praise. Be our guard against false teachings. Give healing to the sick; to the sorrowful be a comfort. To those who hunger for spiritual truth, give the heavenly food; that we may attain our true desire, and receive the reward of faithful servants at the final Judgment. With all the saints we will praise with song: the Life creating Trinity, the Ineffable Father, the True and Only-Begotten Son, the Comforter, Holy Spirit, for ever.

Choir: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER TO THE VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA**

*This Prayer is said before his holy relics or before his holy icon on the day of his glorification August 9/July 27.*

O Venerable Father Herman, we praise and glorify our God and Creator. All the earth, and everything within it, acknowledges Him as Creator and Eternal father. Heaven and earth, angels and men, together, praise and glorify Him: the most glorious company of the Apostles, the praiseworthy fellowship of the prophets, the great and noble gathering of the Martyrs, and the whole community of the saints, all praise Him. On this day, the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church gives thanks to God for you, O Venerable Elder of Spruce Island. We your heirs and children gather at your holy reliquary and gaze with awe at your sacred relics in the knowledge that your soul joins together with the Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, Saints and the Heavenly Hosts before the throne of the Most Merciful God in praise of the Holy Trinity. O Venerable Hermit of Spruce Island, instructor in the faith of the Holy Trinity, our spiritual father and intercessor before the throne of Almighty God, pray for peace within the Church and dispel all disunity, faithlessness and discord. Come to the aid of our spiritual leaders that they may always be true and effective instruments of the Holy Spirit, enable them to proclaim the truth of the Gospel with power, give them the wisdom to enlighten the unenlightened and the spirit to inspire all to love the knowledge of God; fortify them with the perseverance to defend the Church, even unto death, from all enemies both within and without and at all times. May the

hearts of your spiritual children be filled with that faith and love of the Holy Church which you manifested in your holy life; pray Him to deliver us from the temptations which cause us to fall; renew in us a child-like faith in our Heavenly Father; teach us to place our trust in God, and in Him alone; satisfy our thirst for the true knowledge of God; show us how to serve God faithfully; transfigure our life that it may truly reflect the image and likeness of God within us. O Holy Father and Patron of the Church in America: be a physician to the weak in faith; be a support to the fallen; be a defender to the defenseless; be a bulwark of strength to the weary in spirit; be a guide to the travelers by sea, by land and by air; be our heavenly intercessor. O Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, together with all the saints and the heavenly hosts, pray to God that on each of us He will bestow wisdom for our mind, strength for our will, light for our spirit, enabling us to attain to the true peace of life which is from God alone. We praise with joyous and grateful hearts, the Life-Creating Trinity: Father Almighty, Only-Begotten Son, Comforter, Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen.**

Deacon: Wisdom!

Priest: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

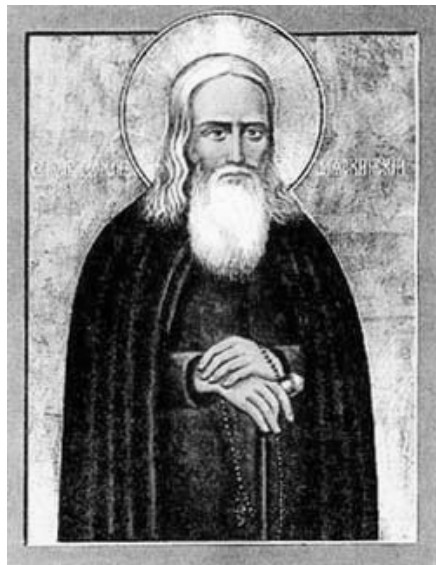
Choir: **More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word, true Theotokos we magnify thee!**

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!

Choir: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father (Master) Bless.**

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most Pure Mother, the Birth-giver of God, through the prayers of our father among the saints, Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America, the Confessor, John of Shanghai and San Francisco, the Wonderworker, Nikolai of South Canaan, Bishop of Zhicha, Raphael Bishop of Brooklyn, the holy Hieromartyrs, Juvenal of Iliamna, Alexander and John, Peter the Aleut, Martyr of San Francisco, the Venerable Herman of Alaska and all America, the Wonderworker, the holy and Righteous Forebears of God Joachim and Ann, the holy and Righteous Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis, and Yakov, enlightener of the native peoples of Alaska, and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is a Good God and lovest Mankind.

Choir: **His Beatitude the Most Blessed HERMAN, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada; His Grace the Right Reverend NIKOLAI, Bishop of Sitka, Anchorage, and Alaska; the President and government of this country; the brethren of this Holy Temple and all Orthodox Christians; O Lord preserve for many years.**



**(If it be a service for the sick, the 3 following petitions may be read.)**

Priest: Healer of souls and bodies, with broken and repentant hearts we fall down before Thee. Heal every sickness and evil passion afflicting Thy servant(s)\_\_\_\_. Forgive (him, her, them) every transgression, whether voluntary or involuntary, and in the goodness of Thy heart quickly raise (him, her, them) from (his, her, their) bed(s) of illness, we beg Thee, Lord hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: O Merciful Lord, Who desires not the death of the sinner, but that he should turn from his wickedness and live, take pity on Thy servant(s) \_\_\_\_\_. Heal (his, her, their) sickness, take away the pain, forgive (his, her, their) sins, for we are conceived in sin, and our hearts incline to evil even from birth. As Thou didst deliver the daughter of Jairus from the jaws of death, stretch forth Thy strong right hand and raise (him, her, them) from this bed of pain and restore (him, her, them) quickly to health, we beg Thee, Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: O Lord, by the touch of Thy hand Peter's mother-in-law was healed of her fever. By the tender mercy of Thy compassionate heart heal today the illness of Thy servant(s)\_\_\_\_, for (his, her, their) affliction is great, (he, she, they) has (have) no hope except in Thee, O fountain of healings, we beg Thee, Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

**(If it be a service for those about to travel, the following petitions may be read.)**

Priest: O Lord Who gloriously delivered Joseph from his brothers' jealousy, and led him to Egypt, where he prospered in all things

through Thy blessing, bless also Thy servant(s)\_\_\_\_, as (he, she, they) begin (his, her, their) travels, and make (his, her, their) journey to be peaceful and profitable, we beg Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: O Lord, Who didst send Thy angel to travel with Isaac and Tobias, who enabled them to complete their journey in peace; send Thine angel of peace to Thy servant(s) who pray(s) to Thee, that he may guide (him, her, them) in all good deeds, and deliver (him, her, them) from all enemies both visible and invisible, and enable (him, her, them) to return in safety, peace and prosperity, for the glory of Thy name, we beg Thee, hear us and have mercy .

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: O Lord, who didst accompany Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, and didst make them to return to Jerusalem with their hearts burning with the joy of Thy resurrection, send Thy grace and divine blessing to accompany Thy servant(s) and guide (him, her, them) in every good work, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Preserve (him, her, them) in health, and bring (him, her, them) back to us again in due time, we beg Thee, our merciful protector, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

**(If the persons are to travel by Sea the following petitions may be read.)**

Priest: O Lord, Who dost rebuke the winds and the sea and by a single word didst calm the waves and give peace to Thine apostles when they were storm-tossed in the ship; we receive also the prayers of Thy servant(s) who come(s) to Thee in faith. Bless (his, her, their) voyage; grant (him, her, them) a calm, peaceful, and untroubled journey, we beg Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: O Saviour, Who didst walk upon the water as if it were dry land, and didst save Peter from drowning By Thine Almighty right hand, deliver Thy servant(s) who pray(s) to Thee in faith, and preserve (his, her, their) journey from tempests and stormy winds. Bless (his, her, their) voyage and restore (him, her, them) to (his, her, their) home(s) in peace, we beg Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

Priest: Send Thine angel, O merciful Lord, to accompany (him, her, them) on (his, her, their) way, and to guard (his, her) soul and body (their souls and bodies). Preserve and shelter (him, her, them) from all enemies, both visible and invisible. Deliver (him, her, them) by Thy might from all tribulation and danger, from sickness and accidents. In due time restore (him, her, them) to (his, her, their) home(s) in safety, to the glory of Thy Holy Name, we beg Thee, all powerful Master, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy. (3x)**