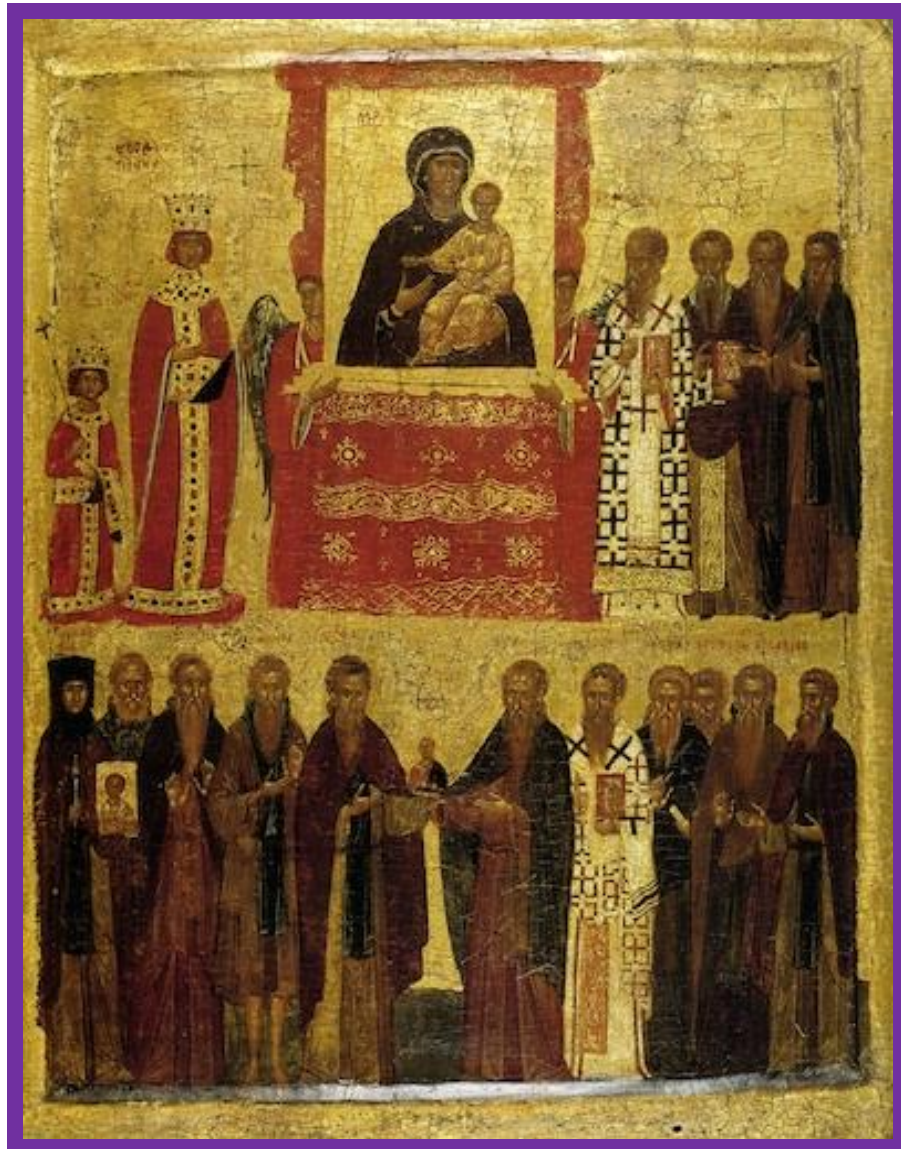


Commemoration of the Restoration of the Holy Icons



**On the Sunday of the
Triumph of Orthodoxy**

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Instructions for Clergy & Altar Servers in Blue.

Instructions for Choir & Faithful in Red.

Commemoration of the Restoration of the Holy Icons

Celebrated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of Lent

Icon Procession

After the People chant, "Blessed is the name of the Lord..." the Procession begins to form.

The Procession is conducted in the following order:

The Altar Servers in front of Procession carrying:
Processional Crosses, Standards, Fans and Candles.

Clergy and Faithful (including choir) carrying icons.

The Deacons cense the Bishops and Priests who are carrying icons.

The Procession commences with the chanting of the following Troparion until we pause at the North Side of the Church:

Troparion of the Triumph of Orthodoxy ***Tone 2***

People:

O Gracious Lord, we venerate Your immaculate Icon, /
as we ask You to forgive our sins. /

O Christ our God, You were well-pleased to voluntarily
ascend the Cross in the flesh, /
so that You may release us from enslavement by the
Enemy./

Therefore, we cry to You thankfully: //

O our Savior, You filled all things with joy when You came
to save the world.

We pause the Procession, at the North Side of the Church, and petitions are intoned for the Living.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for our great lord and father, His Holiness, Patriarch N.; for our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan N., First Hierarchy of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop or Bishop N., whose diocese it is) and all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for all the brethren and for all Orthodox Christians.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: For You are a merciful God and the Lover of mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

As the Procession continues, we chant the Thrice-Holy Hymn:

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

We pause the Procession at the West Side of the Church, and petitions are intoned for those who have reposed in the Faith.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed memory and eternal repose of Your departed servants: emperors, patriarchs, hierarchs, priests, priestmonks, deacons, monks, nuns, and all departed faithful and Orthodox Christians here and everywhere who have been laid to rest: our fathers, forefathers, parents, brothers, sisters, spouses, children, relatives and friends.

People: Memory Eternal. (x 3)

Priest: For You are the resurrection, and the life, and the repose of Your departed servants, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Father who is without beginning, and Your all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

As the Procession continues, we chant the Thrice-Holy Hymn.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

We pause the Procession at the South Side of the Church, and petitions are intoned for the community.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of the sins of the servants of God, the brethren of this holy temple (or: this holy monastery).

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who chant, and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Priest: For You are a merciful God, and the Lover of Mankind, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy

Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

As the Procession continues, we chant the Thrice-Holy Hymn.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

We pause the Procession at the East Side of the Church, and petitions are intoned for the world.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Again we pray for the God-protected Russian land and for its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray that this city (or town), and this holy Mission (or monastery), and every city and country may be preserved from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, and civil war; that our good and man-loving God may be gracious and favorable to us, that He may turn away all wrath stirred up against us, and

deliver us from His righteous threatening which hangs over us, and have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord God may hear the voice of the supplication of us sinners and have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Bishop: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off at sea; and be merciful, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us; for You are a merciful God who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest intones the Synodicon of the 7th Ecumenical Council:

Priest: As the Prophets beheld,
As the Apostles taught,
As the Church received,
As the Teachers dogmatized,
As the Universe agreed,
As Grace illumined,
As the Truth revealed,
As falsehood passed away,

As Wisdom presented,
As Christ awarded,

Thus we declare,
Thus we assert,
Thus we proclaim Christ our true God and
honor His saints,

In words,
In writings,
In thoughts,
In sacrifices,
In churches,
In holy icons.

On the one hand, worshipping and
reverencing Christ as God and Lord.
And on the other hand, honoring and
venerating His Saints as true servants of the
same Lord.

This is the Faith of the Apostles.
This is the Faith of the Fathers.
This is the Faith of the Orthodox.
This is the Faith which has established the
Universe.

Therefore, with brotherly love, we praise
these preachers of piety, for the glory and
honor of their own pious struggles for the
Faith, and we say: Eternal be the memory of

the champions of Orthodoxy, pious Emperors, most-holy Patriarchs, Hierarchs, Teachers, Martyrs, and Confessors.

People: Memory Eternal. (x 3)

Priest: Let us entreat God, that we may be instructed and strengthened by the trials and struggles of these Saints, which they endured for the faith, even to death, and by their teachings, entreating them that we may imitate their godly life to the end. May we be made worthy of obtaining our requests through the mercy and grace of the Great and First Archpriest, Christ our God, through the intercessions of our glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, of the holy Angels, and of all the Saints.

People: Amen.

The Great Prokeimenon
Tone 7

Psalm 76: 14, 15, 16, 11, 12

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Deacon: Wisdom! The Great Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders.

People: Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders.

Deacon: You made known Your power among the peoples; You redeemed Your people with Your arm.

People: Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders.

Deacon: I said, "Now I am beginning to see; this change is by the right hand of the Most High."

People: Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders.

Deacon: I remembered the Lord's works, for I will remember Your wonders of old.

People: Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders.

Deacon: Who is so great a God as our God?

People: You are the God who does wonders.

Conclusion of the Liturgy.

This is an acceptable abbreviated version for parish use.

The full version is done at Cathedrals and Monasteries.

The anathemata are proclaimed only at a Hierarchical Service.

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