

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October

✦ Commemoration of the Glorification of our Father among the Saints Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to Siberia and America.

### Great Evening Service

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Antiphon.

At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stikhera, in Tone 2:

With what songs of praise /  
Shall we praise Innocent our teacher wise in God? /  
The first Archpastor to rule our land /  
Who taught us by his words and deeds the way which we must go /  
To attain to the glorious Kingdom of Christ our God ///  
From whom we have great mercy.

With what crowns of praise /  
Shall we adorn the wise apostle of Alaska and Siberia? /  
Who came to enlighten people with the radiant Gospel of salvation /  
And firmly planted there the Orthodox faith ///  
Bringing from Christ our God great mercy.

Like the holy apostles of long ago /  
O holy father Innocent /  
Thou didst accept the Lord's command /  
To go and baptize the nations in His Name; /  
Thou didst leave thy homeland to proclaim the truth /  
To an island people living in the darkness of ignorance. ///  
With them, lead us on the path which leads to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like the betrothed of the Theotokos /  
Thou didst labor in humility, /  
And through thee, like through great Constantine of old,  
Churches blossomed throughout the land /  
Planted for the feeding of the flock ///  
Which thou hast gathered leading them into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like the brothers from Thessalonica /  
Who brought illumination to the land of thy fathers /  
Thou didst labor diligently to bring this inheritance /  
To the untaught peoples placed in thy care /

That singing in worship to the One True God /  
In the words of many tongues, they be led by the Word ///  
Into the Kingdom of Heaven.

**W**ith what pious hymns of virtue /  
Shall we exalt our holy father Innocent? /  
Who by his words brought an end to heathen worship in Alaska and Siberia, /  
And like the holy apostle Paul in days of old /  
Bound in chains of obedience to the will of God /  
Brought comfort to believers in the ancient capital ///  
Which through his prayers receives from Christ our God great mercy.

**H**ow can we worthily praise the holy hierarch Innocent, /  
Who raised his voice amidst the unbelievers and brought multitudes to God, /  
Turning sinners away from iniquity and bringing joy to the angels? /  
For his is truly worthy to hear the Words spoken by God ///  
Receiving his heavenly crown from Christ our God and great mercy.

**W**ith what spiritual songs shall we honor our holy hierarch Innocent, /  
The enrichment of Irkutsk, the nourishment of all Siberia, /  
The enlightenment of the Aleuts and all Alaska, /  
The adornment of the Russian and American lands, /  
The new wonderworker and unmercenary physician? ///  
Him hath Christ our God glorified, for He hath great mercy.

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**C**ome all ye faithful here gathered together, /  
And let us worthily sing hymns of praise /  
To our great and holy Innocent /  
For he is counted great among the hierarchs /  
And stands glorious among all the saints /  
And is wondrous in his miracles! /  
Come, and let us joyfully cry out to him:  
Rejoice, O belovèd of God, for thy soul is in His hands; /  
Rejoice, for thou art illumined by the heavenly light; /  
Rejoice, O divine preacher, for thy words instruct and enlighten the uninstructed nations; /  
Rejoice, O blessèd one, pure in heart, clearly beholding God with thine eyes; /  
Rejoice, O holy one, with all the saints well-pleasing to God; /  
Rejoice, good and faithful servant who has entered into the joy of the Lord; ///  
Pray to Him for those who honor thy holy memory.

**Now and ever... Dogmatic Theotokion, in the Same Tone:**

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin? /  
Who will not sing of thy most pure child-bearing? /  
The Only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, /  
But from thee He was ineffably incarnate; /  
God by nature, yet man for our sake; /  
Not two persons, but one in two natures. /  
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessèd Lady ///  
To have mercy on our souls.

*[Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection Service]*

**The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.**

**Three Readings:**

**The Reading from Proverbs** (Composite 2, from Chapters 10 and 8):

<sup>10:7</sup> **T**he memory of the just is blessed, *and* <sup>6</sup>the blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the righteous. <sup>13</sup>Blessed is the man that hath found wisdom, and the man that knoweth discernment. <sup>14</sup>For it is better to traffick in her than in treasures of gold and silver. <sup>15</sup>She is more precious than precious stones; and nothing that is precious is equal to her worth. <sup>16</sup>For length of days and years of life are in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and glory; out of her mouth proceedeth righteousness, and on her tongue she carrieth law and mercy.

<sup>8:32</sup>Now therefore hearken unto me, O my son, *for I will speak of solemn things*. Blessèd are they that keep my ways; <sup>35</sup>For mine outgoings are the outgoings of life, and *in them* is prepared the favor of the Lord. <sup>4</sup>“*Therefore, O men, do I exhort you,*

and I lift up my voice unto the sons of men. <sup>12</sup> *For I, Wisdom, have dwelt with counsel and have called upon ... understanding.* <sup>14</sup>Counsel is mine and safety; prudence is mine, strength also is mine. <sup>17</sup>I love them that love me, and those that seek me shall find *grace*.

<sup>8:5</sup>O ye simple, understand subtlety, and ye that are untaught, take heart. <sup>6</sup>Hearken unto me, for I will speak of solemn things and bring forth that which is right out of my lips. <sup>7</sup>For my throat shall speak truth, and false lips are an abomination in my sight. <sup>8</sup>All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; there is nothing *contrary* or perverse in them. <sup>9</sup>They are all plain to them that understand and upright to them that find knowledge. *I shall instruct you in truth, so that your hope will be in the Lord and you shall be filled with the Spirit.*

**The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon** (Composite 3, from Chapters 4 and 5):

<sup>4:7</sup>The righteous *man, though he die early* yet shall he be in rest. <sup>16</sup>Thus the righteous that is dead shall condemn the ungodly which are living, <sup>17</sup>for they shall see the end of the wise, and shall not understand what God in His counsel hath decreed for him, <sup>19</sup>For He shall rend them, and cast them down headlong, that they shall be speechless; and He shall shake them from the foundations, and they shall be utterly laid waste and be in sorrow, and their memorial shall perish. <sup>20</sup>And when they cast up the account of their sins they shall come with fear, and their own iniquities shall convict *them to their face*.

<sup>5:1-7</sup> Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labors. <sup>2</sup>When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be

amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. <sup>3</sup>And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, “This was he, whom we held at one time in derision, and a proverb of reproach; <sup>4</sup>we fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honor: <sup>5</sup>how he is numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints! <sup>6</sup>Therefore have we erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness hath not shined unto us, and the sun of righteousness rose not upon us. <sup>7</sup>We wearied ourselves in the way of wickedness and destruction: yea, we have gone through deserts, where there lay no way; but ... the way of the Lord, we have not known.

**The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon** (Composite 4, a paraphrase of Proverbs 10; Wisdom of Solomon 6-9)

[Thus saith the Lord Almighty: The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom; the lips of the righteous drop grace. The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom, but righteousness delivereth them from death. If a righteous man dies, hope doth not die, for the son of the righteous is born to life, and in his own good things he acquireth the fruit of righteousness. There is always light for the righteous and they obtain grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise is a good sister-in-law, and in their hearts resteth wisdom. The Lord loveth the hearts of the holy, and acceptable to Him are all the undefiled in the way.

The wisdom of the Lord illumineth the faces of the wise. For she takes hold of those desiring her by making herself first known to them. She is easily seen by those who love her. He who rises early to seek her shall have no difficulty, and those keeping vigil for the sake of her shall quickly be without sorrows. For she goeth about seeking those worthy of her, and graciously revealeth herself in the pathways. Against wisdom evil doth not prevail. Therefore I was a lover of her beauty; I loved her and sought her out from my youth. I desired to make her my bride, and even the Master of All loved

her. For she is an initiate in the knowledge of God, and a discoverer of His works. Her labors are virtues, for she teacheth temperance and prudence, justice and courage; no things in life are more necessary for men than these. And if anyone desireth much knowledge, she knoweth the things of old, and beholdeth things to come; she understandeth turns of speech and the solution of riddles; she has foreknowledge of signs and wonders and the outcome of times and seasons. She is a mediator of good things for all, for immortality is in her, and glory in the company of her words.]

Therefore, <sup>8:21</sup>I prayed unto the Lord and besought Him and with my whole heart I said, <sup>9:1</sup>“O God of my fathers, and Lord of

mercy, Who hast made all things with Thy word <sup>2</sup>and ordained man through Thy wisdom, that he should have dominion over the creatures which Thou hast made <sup>3</sup>and order the world according to equity and righteousness and execute judgment with an upright heart, <sup>4</sup>give me wisdom. <sup>5</sup>For I Thy servant and son of Thine handmaid ... <sup>10</sup>O send her out of Thy holy heavens and from the throne of Thy glory, that being present she may labor with me that I may know what is pleasing unto Thee. *And she shall guide me in understanding, and preserve me in her glory. For the thoughts of mortals are miserable and their intentions likely to fail.*

**At the Litya, the stikhera of the Temple, and these of the Saint, in 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 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..., in Tone 6:**

As we the faithful gather, /  
To celebrate thy holy memory, /  
O father Innocent, /  
We rejoice that through thy ceaseless labors /  
The truth of the Gospel was firmly planted in our land. /  
Pray that we thine unworthy servants may remain strong in the Orthodox Faith ///  
And spread its truth to all people.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Same Tone:**

**We** bless thee, O Virgin Theotokos, /  
And glorify thee worthily: /  
The vine which blossomed the sacred fruit ///  
From Whom we have great mercy.

**At the Apostikha, these stikhera, in Tone 5: Special melody "Rejoice...."**

**Rejoice**, O hierarch and great favorite of Christ, /  
Worthy minster of the divine mysteries of God, /  
Pure and honorable vessel of the Holy Spirit, /  
Bearing God continually in thine heart, /  
And pouring grace ceaselessly from thy lips, /  
O good pastor and most-wise teacher, /  
Chosen preceptor and masterful helmsman of the Church /  
Wonderful mentor and trusted guide /  
O holy hierarch, father Innocent ///  
Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

**Verse:** My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**Rejoice**, O blessèd hierarch Innocent, /  
Adornment of the archpastoral throne, /  
The praise of bishops and the delight of the faithful, /  
Defender of the oppressed and physician of the sick, /  
The joy of those in sorrow and the helper of the helpless /  
Generous spring of healing for all who come to thee, ///  
From which we all partake of Christ's great mercy.

**Verse:** Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

**Rejoice**, O assembly of the Orthodox, /  
Who celebrate today the memory of our holy hierarch Innocent, /  
The apostle to both Siberia and Alaska, /  
Who dispersed the darkness of idolatry and brought the light of faith to the nations, /  
Our firm defense and invincible fortress, /  
Ceaselessly pray to God on our behalf ///  
That He may grant us great mercy.

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

In mortal danger from a storm at sea, /  
Thou didst look upon the Northstar of the Church of Christ, /  
And through the prayers of our holy father Herman of Alaska /  
Found grace and deliverance. ///  
Together with him intercede for our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Same Tone:**

Christ the Maker, Redeemer, and Lord proceeded from thy womb, /  
O All-pure Virgin, /  
And putting on my nature, set man free from the ancestral curse, /  
So we sing to thee without ceasing, O All-pure Virgin, as Mother of God /  
With the salutation of the angel: /  
Rejoice, O Sovereign Lady, ///  
Protection, refuge and salvation of our souls.

**After the blessing of the loaves, the Troparion for the Saint, in Tone 4:**

O holy father Innocent , /  
In obedience to the will of God, /  
Thou didst accept dangers and tribulations /  
To bring many peoples the knowledge of truth; /  
Thou didst show us the path /  
And now by thy prayers ///  
Help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Morning Service**

**At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion for the Saint, twice; Glory..., now and ever..., as appointed.**

**The Kathisma (Sedalen) hymns.** *(not translated as of 8/2013)*

**Polyeley and Magnification:**

We magnify thee, O holy father Innocent, the enlightener of the Aleuts through thy wise teachings, and through thy ceaseless toils, Apostle to America.

*Selected Psalm verses:*

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

**My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.**

*(Ps. 48:4)*

**After the Polyelely, the Sedalen, in Tone 4:**

**F**rom thy youth thou didst fashioned thyself /  
Into a vessel of the Holy Spirit /  
Through the practice of the virtues, O father Innocent /  
And from Him, thou didst fill thyself with wisdom /  
With which thou didst teach the people to believe in Christ. /  
Beseech Him now to save the souls ///  
Of all who lovingly honor thy memory.

**1st Antiphon of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone (The Song of Ascents), “From my youth....”**

**Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:**

**M**y mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

*Verse:* **H**ear this all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

**L**et every breath praise the Lord!..

**Gospel:** (35-ctr) John 10:1-9.

**After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel Stikheron, to the Saint, Tone 6:**

**O** sower of the good seed of faith /  
And enlightener of the peoples across the North /  
We exalt thee, O holy father Innocent /  
As the wise apostle of our land, /  
A beacon of godliness and true piety /  
A model of humility and self-denial /  
An example of missionary zeal and charity /  
O chief architect of the Orthodox Church in America /  
Pray for the flock thou hast gathered throughout the world ///  
Who in faith and love celebrate thy memory.

**The Canon to Hierarch St. Innocent, Tone 8,**  
**with the acrostic:** *“The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord.”*

*incomplete as of 8/2013*

**After Ode 6, the Kontakion for the Saint, in Tone 2:**

**A** true celebration of the providence and grace of God /  
Is thy life, O holy father Innocent, apostle to our land; /  
For in hardships and dangers, toiling for the Gospel's sake /  
Thou wast preserved unharmed and often-delivered. /  
While from obscurity thou wast highly exalted as an example to the faithful everywhere ///  
That the Lord truly guides a man in the way he should go.

**Ikos:** Thou wast a great sower of the spiritual virtues, O hierarch and teacher, enlightened the peoples of Siberia and Alaska. Thou didst lead a multitude of nations from ignorance and idolatry to faith in Christ, teaching them by thine example, how to live lives pleasing to God. Therefore, we glorify thee, O holy hierarch Innocent, as a herald of the good tidings of Christ.

**Exapostilarion (for the Saint): Special melody "In the flesh..."**

In the flesh thou hast fallen asleep, O hierarch Innocent, yet thou dost live in spirit in the never-waning Kingdom co-reigning with Christ, ceaselessly praying to Him for those who call upon thee with faith and love.

**At the Praises, 4 stikhera, in Tone 4:**

**"How wonderful,"** the Psalmist declares, /  
"Is the coming of the messengers" /  
Who carry the good news of salvation throughout the world /  
In obedience to the Lord's command that His disciples forget themselves and bear His cross, /  
Thou didst forsake the comforts of thy native land to journey in danger to distant shores /  
And enlighten the peoples there in the Name of the Holy Trinity, /  
To bring light and life to those dead in darkness. /  
Thereby thou didst earn thyself a good reward from the Master /  
Who promised that those who leave all and follow Him will receive eternal life ///  
In the age to come.

**Grace** as a flood from heaven covered our land /  
When thou didst appear in answer to a truly apostolic call /  
To a country whose people thou didst make thine own. /  
Enduring great dangers in wilds and on the seas, /  
Hunger and thirst, work and toil, /  
Like the great apostles to the Gentiles /  
Thou didst labor for the sake of the Son of the Living God. ///  
Therefore, we rightly honor thee through whom Light has dawned on us.

**L**ike John, the beloved apostle of Christ , /  
Whose name thou didst bear from thy ther's womb, /  
Until thy birth to the monastic life, /  
Thy voice thundered across the wilderness proclaiming to untaught peoples /  
That the Word Who was in the beginning came in the flesh to save mankind /  
And will surely come again in judgment. ///  
Christ, the Son of the Living God sent thee to our land that Light may dawn on it.

**A**s a faithful servant of the Master, /  
Thou didst labor in all humility. /  
Thou didst wander from place to place like the apostles, /  
A spectacle to the world. /  
Thy hunger for righteousness fed thy flock. /  
Thy thirst for the Kingdome led a siege on it. /  
In all things thou didst endure and bless, teaching the Churches everywhere, /  
Bringing Good News to the New World. /  
Therefore, we exalt thee as our father in Christ. ///  
Pray that we may follow the example thou didst leave for us.

**Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**O** holy Apostle of the Northern Lands, /  
And venerable hierarch of our Mother Church, /  
Pray that thy flocks across three continents may in peace and tranquility ///  
Glorify the Lord Who in His love saved the world from the darkness of idolatry.

**Now and ever... Theotokion, in the Same tone:**

**O** Theotokos, thou art the true vine /  
That has put forth the Fruit of Life. /  
We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the apostles and Saint Innocent ///  
That mercy may be granted to our souls.

**The Great Doxology and the Dismissal.**

**Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes, 6 Troparia: from Ode 3 and Ode 6 of the Canon to the Saint.**

**The Troparion for the Saint, in Tone 4:**

**O** holy father Innocent , /  
In obedience to the will of God, /

Thou didst accept dangers and tribulations /  
To bring many peoples the knowledge of truth; /  
Thou didst show us the path /  
And now by thy prayers ///  
Help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

**The Kontakion for the Saint, in Tone 2:**

**A** true celebration of the providence and grace of God /  
Is thy life, O holy father Innocent, apostle to our land; /  
For in hardships and dangers, toiling for the Gospel's sake /  
Thou wast preserved unharmed and often-delivered. /  
While from obscurity thou wast highly exalted as an example to the faithful everywhere ///  
That the Lord truly guides a man in the way he should go.

**The Prokeimenon, Tone 1:** My mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *Verse:* Hear this all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

**The Epistle:** (318) Hebrews 7:26- 8:2.

**The Alleluia, Tone 2:** The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment. *Verse:* The Law of God is in his heart and his steps shall not falter.

**The Gospel:** (36) John 10:9-16

**Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

**Prayer:** O good pastor and most wise teacher, the image of piety and godliness to all who strive to attain unto a holy life, O our holy hierarch, father Innocent! We run to thee like children to their father and pray, remembering thy love for all people: Be thou an invincible shield protecting the Orthodox Church and our homelands; adorn our hierarchs with the beauty of sanctification and wisdom; grant our pastors to zealously serve their flocks; that our monastics be confirmed in pious deeds and strengthened in their obedience; pray that all the Orthodox faithful preserve the Holy Orthodox Faith undefiled; and entreat peace for the whole world through thine intercessions. O all-glorious luminary of the Russian lands and enlightener of Siberia and America, shelter us all under the shadow of thy blessing from on-high, and grant comfort to those who are in sorrow; give healing and deliverance to those suffering from physical and spiritual infirmities; beseech for all of us charity, humility, whole-mindedness, patience and love, that we may spend the rest of the days of our lives in faith and repentance, and that we may in the world to come give eternal praise to the Lord God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Who glorified thee, the Trinity One in Essence and Undivided, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.