

The 31st Day of October

Hieromartyr John (Kochúrov) of Chicago and Tsarskoye Seló

Evening Service

At “Lord I call...,” 4 stikhera, in Tone 4:

Rejoice, O holy father John, /
Missionary and evangelizer of America! /
Thou didst leave thy native land to minister to Christ’s people in the New World /
Like Abraham, thou wast a stranger in a strange and foreign land, /
And like the patriarch, thou didst never lose thy faith in God /
Thou didst zealously instruct thy flock in the Orthodox Faith, /
Guiding them through a land of strange beliefs as through the land of Canaan; /
And firmly established them in the True Faith, ///
As a true follower of the apostles and intercessor for our souls.

Rejoice, O holy father John of Chicago, /
Thou didst embody the apostolic virtues, /
Thou didst come to the New World to minister to Christ’s people /
With patience, tolerance and love, /
Thou didst build a strong foundation for the Orthodox Church /
Acting in humility and in obedience to the will of God, ///
Through thy prayers, preserve the Church and save our souls.

Rejoice, O holy father John, martyr of Tsarskoye Seló, /
Returning to Russia, thou didst find the land beset by godless powers /
But with a zealous love thou didst minister to Christ’s people /
In the midst of a terrible war, ///
Thou didst pray for peace and the salvation of all.

Rejoice, O holy John, true disciple of the Lord, /
The light of thy virtues blinded those consumed by the darkness of this world, /
And filled with hatred, they put thee to a gruesome death /
While thou wast still at prayer /
Thus granting thee the victory they had denied, ///
O pious and holy Hieromartyr, pray that our souls may be saved.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Rejoice, O city of Chicago /
Dance for joy, O Tsarskoye Seló /
For you both have shared in the blessed presence of our holy father John, /
The faithful and righteous priest of Christ, /
The zealous teacher and defender of the Truth, /

31 OCTOBER: HIEROMARTYR JOHN (KOCHUROV)

The true shepherd and pastor of the flock of Christ, /
Who with the holy Patriarch Tikhon and the hieromartyr Alexander /
Illumined the whole of North America with the rays of the Orthodox Faith /
And struggled to death in defense of the Faith in Russia; ///
With them he ever prays for the peace of the world and the salvation of our souls.

Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 6:

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 Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection Service.

The Troparion for the Martyr, in Tone 4:

Thou wast revealed to all a true shepherd /
O holy hieromartyr John. /
For thou didst nurture thy flock in the Orthodox Faith /
Guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation /
And defending the Faith even to the shedding of thy blood. /
Therefore, we thy spiritual children thankfully cry to thee: /
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength, /
Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown, /
Glory to Him Who through thee grants mercy to all.

Morning Service

The canon for the Martyr...

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The Kontakion for the Martyr, in Tone 3:

Now the holy hieromartyr is glorified, /
For he took up his cross and followed Christ; /
In so doing, he showed us model of true discipleship. /
Therefore, let us all cry aloud to him: ///
Rejoice, O father John, the glory of priests.