

November 26: St. Innocent of Irkutsk (on Sunday)

Vespers

*After the Introductory Psalm, chant the 1st Kathisma, "Blessed is the Man..."
At "Lord I have cried", 4 of the Resurrection, then 6 stichera of the Saint:*

(6) *Reader:* In the **6th Tone**, If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for - give - ness.

This musical system consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some longer note values. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let us praise a man glorious in his be-ing, our father, the holy hierarch In - no-cent;

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for the Lord hath wrought much glory in the incorruption of his holy bod - y,

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placing it as a candle upon a can-dle-stand, and enlightening the flock of Irkutsk

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with the rays of his mir - a - cles, that the memory of the righteous one may not

de - part there - from, but that His name may live unto generations of

gen - er - a - tions; that the nations may declare his wis - dom, be - hold - ing the

ho - ly Church, proclaiming his praise continually in hymns and spi - ri - tual songs.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Repeat 1st Sticheron: "Let us praise a man wondrous in his being..."

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - - - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Let us praise the new apostle of Christ, /
 who cometh to the land of barbarous heathens with the Gospel, /
 who maketh fragrant the uttermost ends of Russia with faith, /
 who doth flourish like a lily in the east of the Siberian realm, /
 who rained with words of heavenly wisdom //
 upon pagans who had not been watered with streams of grace.

(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - - qui - ties.

When the dark kingdom of the Chinese, /
 beclouded with the pride of the ancient serpent, /
 could not contain the light of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, /
 and did not wish to receive the right glorious Russian hierarch, /
 then, among the pagans ruled by the Russian scepter, /
 the holy Christian Faith began to grow and increase //
 through the mouth of the holy and great hierarch Innocent, who prayeth for our souls.

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Thy name was as fragrant myrrh, O fāther, /
 poured forth upōn thy flock, /
 which was illumined with the rays of thy comeliness, /
 and upon people who reverently honor thy holy mēmemory, /
 and upon all Christian cīties and lands /
 which glorify the God of Israel, Who is wondrous in His saints. //
 Him do thou entreat, that our sōuls be saved.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

Upon thee, O fāther, /
 was established the truth of the Lord /
 which was foretold by the prophet David, who proclaimed of old: /
 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, /
 and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied; /
 and he shall be like the tree which is planted by the streams of the waters. /
 Wherefore, we beseech thee, /
 O most wondrous hierarch: //
 Overshadow this city and all Orthodox Christians with thine intercessions.

Reader: Glory... in the **8th Tone**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - - - rit.

O ho - ly hierarch, father In - no - cent, thy life was in ac - cord - ance with thy name,

for thou didst shine brightly with innocence all the days of thy life. And

dwelling upon the earth as a pilgrim and so - journ - er, thou didst receive within thyself

the ho - ly Tri - ni - ty and didst prepare within thy heart a habitation for the Father,

the Son, and the Ho-ly Spi - rit. Wherefore, even in the grave did thy holy body

flour - ish, and not one of thy divinely preserved bones was bro - ken.

Therefore, venerating with faith thy pre-cious rel - ics, which have been

glorified by an abundance of heal - ings, we beseech thee, O fav - o - rite of God,

zealous pastor, a-dorn-ment of hi - er-archs: Render us pleasing unto the Holy

Tri - ni - ty, Whom on earth thou didst glorify in holiness and right - eous - ness,

and be - fore Whom thou now dost stand, ever interceding for the peace

of thy flock and the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Both now... The Dogmatic Theotokion in the tone of the week.

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