2nd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of Russia

Stichera on the Praises

On the Praises, 4 stichera of the Resurrection; and 4 of the saints:

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**Stichos:** In the same tone: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

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Thou didst send Thy Spirit, O Lord, / 
to the wise soul of Prince Vladimir, / 
that he might know Thee, the one God in Trinity. / 
Wherefore, having enlightened Thy chosen people, entrusted to him by Thee. / 
Thou broughtest them into Thy Church with faith, chanting: // 
O our Deliverer, glory be to Thee!
Let every breath praise the Lord.

Assembling together, let us bless the beacons of the land of Russia, / the all-praised martyrs, the holy hierarchs, / our enlighteners and the foundation of our faith, / the venerable dwellers in the wilderness / and instructors in piety, / crying out to them: / O ye venerable, ye martyrs, ye righteous, and all ye saints of Russia, // entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy!
Stichos: The righteous cried,

And the Lord heard them.

O venerable fathers, / the spiritual blossoms of the Russian land, / our boast and confirmation, / and ye were a right calm haven for all; / for having acquired you as an inexhaustible treasure, / our land doth boast in you. / and now, even though your bodily tongues have fallen silent, / yet do miracles bear witness / that the Lord hath glorified you. //

Him do ye entreat, that He grant our souls great mercy.
Having listened to the voice of the Gospel, / 
and become enflamed with apostolic zeal, / 
ye made haste to teach the unbelieving heathen, / 
O divinely blessed Kuksha, Leontius, Stephen and Gurius, / 
equals of the apostles, / 
and thou, O right-wondrous Innocent, / 
apostle of the great land of Siberia / 
and initiator of the enlightenment of the new lands beyond the sea. / 
Wherefore, as is meet, / 
with all the others who have labored in spreading the Gospel of Christ, // 
ye are called blessed.

Glory, the Gospel Sticheron. Both now, "Most blessed art Thou..."