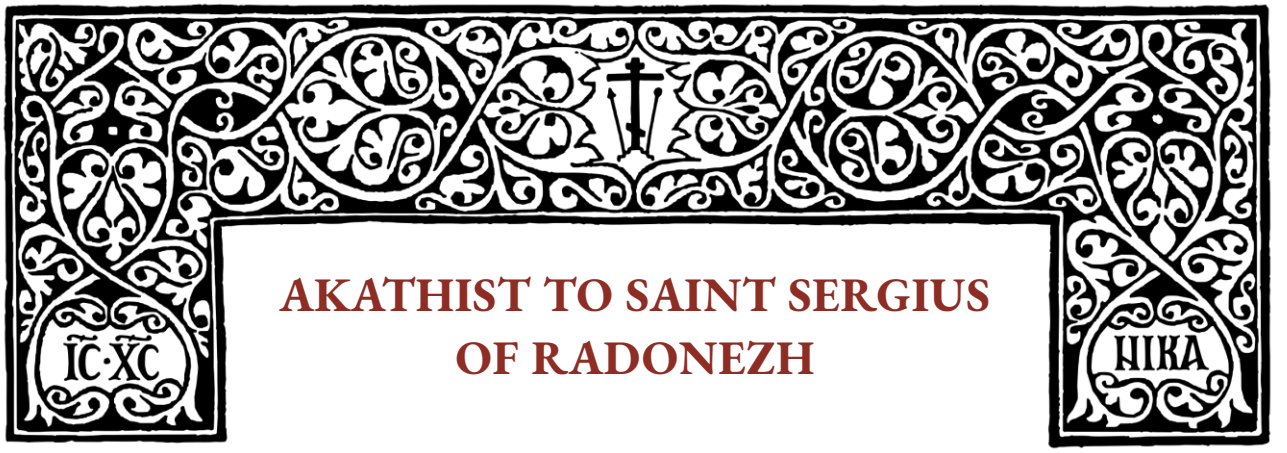


AKATHIST TO SAINT SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

Kontakion 1

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Rejoice, called from your mother's womb to the service of the Heavenly King as a faithful warrior;
Rejoice, justified by the grace of God.
Rejoice, glorified not only by Russia, but also by the entire universe;
Rejoice, for you surprised your parents with your threefold cry in the womb and surprised everyone who heard it.
Rejoice, who [immediately] after your birth showed a monastic fasting life;
Rejoice, who showed wonderful continence from your mother's breast.
Rejoice, you who have never tasted [mother's] milk on Wednesday and Friday;
Rejoice, good and chosen fruit of good parents.
Rejoice, you who give joy to those who mourn and mercy to those who with faith ask you;
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Kontakion 2

Seeing, by the grace of God, the quick help of those who come with faith to your relics, and the constant creation of glorious miracles, all of Russia and other countries are amazed. And we all, rejoicing that we have such a merciful helper, glorifying Him who glorified you, and praising you, the good and faithful servant of the Lord, cry out to Him: Alleluia.

Ikos 2

Jesus Christ, who even in your mother's womb gave you the understanding to glorify the Holy Trinity, and confirmed you in strong faith, undoubting hope, true love for Him, vouchsafed you to build a glorious temple and a wonderful monastery in the name of the Holy Trinity, and to gather many monks into it. Therefore, the faithful have learned to chant to you like this:

Rejoice, glorious bearer and venerator of the Most Holy Trinity;
Rejoice, guiding the good flock you have gathered to salvation.
Rejoice, glorious example to the shepherds and the flock;
Rejoice, measure of faith and image of spiritual meekness.
Rejoice, a pure and undefiled dwelling of Holiness;
Rejoice, even during your lifetime you were honored to see the Most Holy Theotokos with the two apostles.
Rejoice, thou who was honored during the celebration of the Liturgy with angelic concelebration;
Rejoice, standing at the Liturgy in grace, as if all on fire.
Rejoice, having received communion with this divine fire that entered the chalice;
Rejoice, worthy of angelic converse.
Rejoice, full of all goodness;
Rejoice, zealous guardian of mental and physical purity.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 3

With the power given to you from above, he proclaimed the future, contemplating it as the present, and predicted victory for the Grand Duke Dmitry [Donskoy] over the numerous proud Hagarians, who wanted to devastate Russia with fire and sword, and from his monastic brethren he gave two monks to help the army, and calling on God with your holy prayer, created victory over the Hagarians. Glorifying you for this, and asking for the same help for the Orthodox army over your opponents, we cry out to God: Alleluia.

Ikos 3

Reflecting on your threefold proclamation from your mother's womb in the temple, your parents and [all] people realized that something glorious and wonderful had happened: and after learning about your joyful birth, they rejoiced, bringing you joy, exclaiming:

Rejoice, little child, filled with kindness and good hope;
Rejoice, child, filled with all the grace of God.
Rejoice, who shows us how to fast, which is wondrous for an infant;
Rejoice, for by this you bring surprise and joy to many.
Rejoice, for the grace of the Lord has always been with you;
Rejoice, having loved God with all your heart and mind since your youth.
Rejoice, thou who has put to death all carnal lusts for God;
Rejoice, you who have conquered the manifold snares of the evil one by the power of God.
Rejoice, you who have saved many people from the sinful path;
Rejoice, for through you [we] are filled with spiritual sweetness.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 4

The storms of life in this world, always agitated by internal and external sufferings, you, Rev. Father Sergius, have escaped; thou came to a peaceful heavenly haven, to places abundant and cool, where streams of inexpressible sweetness [flow], where food is the imperishable glory of God, where there is singing and voices of those celebrating. There you rest and bliss, singing to God with all the angelic powers: Alleluia.

Ikos 4

Reverend Father Sergius, those near and far have heard about your angelic life, about the stream of grace-filled miracles that continuously flows; about how through your prayer the lepers are cleansed, the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, and those who come with faith receive healing from many diseases, and, having been rid of these, cry out to you like this:

Rejoice, the myrrh vessel, who gives healing to all diseases;
Rejoice, oh wonderful and merciful healer.
Rejoice, treasury of great mercy and compassion for those who mourn;
Rejoice, you who have took upon yourself the most zealous care of the people.
Rejoice, ready to lay down your life for the people;
Rejoice, gladness and consolation for those who come running to you.
Rejoice, you who revived the dead through your glorious prayer;

Rejoice, you who have supplied the shortage of food in the monastery.
Rejoice, you who asked God for a spring in a dry place;
Rejoice, for that water, through your prayer, heals illnesses and works miracles.
Rejoice, who, by God's power, poured out as abyss of miracles;
Rejoice, giver of desired benefits for those who come to you.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 5

You appeared as a God-moved bright star, Rev. Father Sergius, adorning the church sky, and all those wandering in the sea of passions of this world with the grace given to you from the Sun of Truth, Jesus Christ, illuminating; the darkness of sadness and the darkness of all sorts of ailments and sorrows you drive away. You instruct everyone who comes to you with faith on the path of salvation, leading to the eternal Heavenly Fatherland - [all] singing to God: Alleluia.

Ikos 5

Oh Reverend Father Sergius, seeing that everything in this world is vain and subject to corruption, you strived with all your soul to please the Eternal God, and, truly, you did not labor in vain: having exchanged the corruptible for the incorruptible, you were thereby honored to stand at the terrible Throne of the Lord in eternal glory. Therefore, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, for where Christ is present, there you also abide;
Rejoice, [for] there you, as if in a mirror, contemplate in God everything dear to Him.
Rejoice, for contemplating in Him those begging you for help, through your prayer you are asking for that which is good for them;
Rejoice, quick helper to the Orthodox who call on you in any struggle.
Rejoice, you who gave victory over opponents to your Russian country through your prayer;
Rejoice, quick comforter of the sorrowing.
Rejoice, free healer of mental and physical infirmities;
Rejoice, you who performed many miracles by the grace of the Holy Spirit.
Rejoice, you who give walking to the lame and sight to the blind;
Rejoice, oh grapevine that nourishes us and makes us glad.
Rejoice, branch from Christ, the true vine, producing much fruit to help the Orthodox;
Rejoice, good and faithful servant, and good worker of the vineyard of Christ.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 6

The Russian state remembers and proclaims your labors and hardships, you Godly Sergius, as you accepted vigil and strict fasting for the salvation of your soul, for the sake of which the Lord glorified you with His Divine glory. Thus, you appeared in the Church, like in a Garden of Eden, having the Lord Himself as the Tree of Life, from which all who have tasted everything that is perishable in this world despise and joyfully enter the beautiful garden above, where you, standing before Him, cry out: Alleluia.

Ikos 6

The light of your perfect virtues has shone upon the Church and our Russian country, Rev. Father Sergius, and, thanking the Heavenly Father, who has given you such grace of His greatness, to you, our ardent petitioner, we joyfully sing thus:

Rejoice, you who show us the life of angels;
Rejoice, tamer of sinful passions.
Rejoice, image of true humility;
Rejoice, torch of perfect patience.
Rejoice, great teacher of salvation;
Rejoice, you who lead sinners to repentance.
Rejoice, glorious fulfiller of the commandments of Christ;
Rejoice, healing of weak souls.
Rejoice, you who teach us to give alms;
Rejoice, you who commands us to give food and clothing to the deprived.
Rejoice, oh hermit, who hated worldly honor and wealth;
Rejoice, a fasting man, who served God from his youth.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 7

Wanting to make yourself the chosen home of the Holy Spirit, you set out to walk the narrow and sorrowful path, taking the Cross of Christ on your shoulders, on which path, by the grace of God, from your youth, having fulfilled the commandments of the Lord immaculately, you have achieved the reward prepared for you in your heavenly joyful stay, and there you sing gratefully to God: Alleluia.

Ikos 7

The Creator and Lord of all, the godly Sergius, showed anew His grace through you: even if you died on earth in flesh, but in soul in the higher abode you are always alive, performing

many glorious miracles in the world for the sake of living people, and with your ardent intercession you help those who call on you so:

Rejoice, virgin in soul and body;
Rejoice, wonderful teacher of monks.
Rejoice, joy of our souls;
Rejoice, you who quickly hear the [prayers] of the poor.
Rejoice, good helper to those who mourn;
Rejoice, zealous guardian of purity.
Rejoice, hope of those who do not hope;
Rejoice, consolation to all Russia.
Rejoice, tree of Jesus' paradise, flowing with miracles;
Rejoice, lily of heavenly growth.
Rejoice, world of Christ's fragrance;
Rejoice, for you bring joy.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 8

A strange and wondrous miracle, God-wise Sergius, is revealed to those who come to you: for with the grace of God given to you through faith you immediately heal those who ask from all manifold bodily and mental sorrows, deliver them from troubles, save them from misfortunes, and fulfill every beneficial request of everyone and cry out to God: Alleluia.

Ikos 8

You, Reverend Father Sergius, abide in the highest, but you do not abandon the earthly things either: you reign forever with Christ the Eternal King, and you remember us, unworthy sinners, before Him, praying for our salvation. Therefore, we earnestly appeal to you like this:

Rejoice, you who left everything you had and loved the poverty of Christ;
Rejoice, you who have come to inexhaustible wealth.
Rejoice, having submitted to the Holy Spirit with all humility;
Rejoice, you who have become an invincible warrior of Christ.
Rejoice, you who have torn apart the enemy's networks with the wings of God-thinking;
Rejoice, exalted by humility, soaring up under the eternal arches.
Rejoice, sanctified from within by grace;
Rejoice, you who have destroyed the soul-harming darkness of passions.
Rejoice, you who spent your life in daily and nightly exploits;

Rejoice, eternally resting in the everlasting light of the Kingdom of God.
Rejoice, thou who was vouchsafed there to partake of the invisible food;
Rejoice, you who have been worthy of this bliss from God forever.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 9

All the hosts of angels were surprised at the great gift given to you from above, for you showed immaterial life on earth, and lived in the flesh as if you were incorporeal. Therefore, having received from the Lord [the gift of] creating many miracles, your pure and God-loving soul is counted, by His mercy, among the Heavenly powers, and in Heaven you now sing to the omnipotent God: Alleluia.

Ikos 9

Eloquent rhetoricians cannot worthily glorify you, worthy of all glory, glorious Reverend Father Sergius, for you [not only] showed many supernatural glorious miracles during your lifetime, but even after death, by the grace of God, you do not cease to perform them. We, filled with love, dare to sing to you like this:

Rejoice, earthly angel and heavenly man;
Rejoice, thou who lived spiritually in the flesh, and heavenly on earth.
Rejoice, who dwelled in humanity like an angel, in the world like not belonging to the world;
Rejoice, having always contemplated the Lord with your spiritual gaze.
Rejoice, before the face of God, as the Lord's servant having walked;
Rejoice, you who walked before Him, like a son before the Father, like a disciple before the Teacher.
Rejoice, like a warrior before the Commander, ready to carry out the order;
Rejoice, good mentor and steward of your monastic flock.
Rejoice, you who ascended from strength to strength, until the God of gods appeared to you in Zion;
Rejoice, thou who loved the One Lord and looked upon Him unceasingly.
Rejoice, you who have sought Him all your life and have placed your whole hope in Him;
Rejoice, you who did not want to see anything but Jesus Christ in heaven and on earth.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 10

Desiring to save your soul, at a young age you renounced your will, and as a sign of cutting it off, you cut the hair off of your head, and was a monk who submitted himself to the will of God and to the rulers appointed by Him, to whose commands you were as obedient as to the Lord Himself, never contradicting, but responding with deeds to the word of command. You gratefully accepted all kinds of adversity, like a faithful servant, from the Lord, to Whom now, standing in heaven, you sing: Alleluia.

Ikos 10

You are the support of all people who resort to your intercession, Reverend God-wise Sergius. And for us, who come to you for your merciful intercession in all kinds of needs from the King of Heaven, be a strong wall and an impregnable fence, protecting and defending us from all troubles and misfortunes, for which we cry to you like this:

Rejoice, warrior of the Heavenly King, not bound by worldly affairs in order to be pleasing to Him;
Rejoice, you who did not wish to serve two masters, God and the world, but only the One God.
Rejoice, having armed yourself from your youth against your body, this world and the devil;
Rejoice, having mortified your flesh by fasting, bowing, standing in prayer and vigil.
Rejoice, you who put it [flesh] to death before its passions revived;
Rejoice, you who made the palate dead to eating sweets.
Rejoice, you who have made the tongue dead to bad words, slander and lies;
Rejoice, who made the ears dead to hearing everything harmful to the soul.
Rejoice, you who made your hands dead to theft and all evil deeds;
Rejoice, you who made the belly dead to gluttony and drunkenness.
Rejoice, who through your labors made the loins dead to uncleanness;
Rejoice, who made the feet dead to walking in the ways of sinners and in the counsel of the wicked.
Rejoice, Sergius, quick helper and glorious wonderworker!

Kontakion 11

Glorifying you, oh Reverend Father, all Orthodox Christians sing a song of thanksgiving to the giver of blessings, Jesus Christ, for He has given you the power to perform many miracles: to open the eyes of the blind, to cleanse the lepers, to heal the sick, to free the possessed from the devil's vexation; a power so great that even those not yet brought to you,

even on the road, the demons left and did not return again, fearing the power of God in your face, glorifying it forever in heaven, you cry out to God: Alleluia.

Ikos 11

As a luminous luminary, shining in the Russian state and throughout the entire universe with the enlightening grace of the unfading Sun, Jesus Christ, we see you, God-wise Father: you are filled with great joy, with incorporeal powers on high standing before the Throne of the Most Holy Trinity, and immersed in the radiance of the Divine rays of the Trisolar Light, you illuminate the faithful who call upon you like this:

Rejoice, you who have ascended the highest mountain of divine virtues;
Rejoice, for from there you ascended the mountain of heaven without hindrance.
Rejoice, for from the earthly abode you have entered into the heavenly abode;
Rejoice, for, ascending into it with your soul, you left us your holy help.
Rejoice, for your relics heal all sorrows and illnesses;
Rejoice, for the demons tremble at your relics.
Rejoice, for your relics are a consolation to everyone in adversity;
Rejoice, you who have ascended with your soul to the Highest Zion, to the King of Heaven.
Rejoice, for as you stand there, you earnestly pray to Him for everyone;
Rejoice, for you propitiate His goodness for all who honor your memory.
Rejoice, as [you] bring victory to our country over our enemies through your prayer;
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Kontakion 12

Knowing about the grace given to you by God, we diligently ask you, our ever-merciful father: now pour out your fervent prayer for us, sinners, to the Lord, so that, having forgiven all our sins, He will grant us victories over our enemies, like to Emperor Constantine over Maxentius, like to David over Goliath; may he strengthen the Russian state, may he preserve his Holy Church from strife and schisms unshakable, may he bestow an abundance of all fruits of the earth, and may he save and have mercy on all Orthodox Christians; expecting to receive this from Him, through your prayers, we cry to Him: Alleluia.

Ikos 12

Glorifying the wondrous Heavenly King in His saints, who glorified you, His faithful servant Sergius, we glorify your merciful help to us in all our needs and sorrows, for in you

our God, glorified in the Trinity, was wondrously glorified by many glorious miracles; thus marveling, we cry to you like this:

Rejoice, our glorious Russian intercessor, Father Sergius;
Rejoice, man perfect in virtues.
Rejoice, wondrous imitator of the perfection of our Heavenly Father;
Rejoice, most kind and mild teacher of monks.
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Rejoice, who many times anticipated people's petitions in your intercession.
Rejoice, a protective covering created by God, with which many are covered;
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Kontakion 13

O glorious wonderworker and our quick and wondrous intercessor in all troubles and sorrows, God-wise Father Sergius! Accept our present [prayer] offering and, through your godly intercession, beg the Lord of strength to give strength from above to our Orthodox army against our enemies, and to all of us, who have been cleansed by His grace, an escape from Gehenna and an acquisition of good future in Heaven, calling to Him: Alleluia.

(Repeat the above Kontakion 13, **3 times***)*
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