

## **Akathist in honour of the Saint whose Name Christians receive in Baptism**

(Translated from the Church Slavonic by Alexander Roman and can be used in honour of  
the Saint whose name we bear by simply inserting it at the “N.”)

### Kontakion 1

O Holy Saint (Name), chosen by the King of Power, the Lord Jesus and given to me as my guide and wondrous Miracle-Worker! I glorify you who has been glorified by the Lord of glory and offer you a hymn of thanksgiving, that by your prayers I may be preserved free of all the nets of the enemy and may obtain the salvation of my soul, as I sing to you:

Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me before God, rejoice Saint N, my guardian, pray unto God for me!

### Ikos 1

The Archangels and Angels lovingly observed your life, that was equal to that of the angels, O Saint N! You strove to please the Lord, maintaining in purity your soul, and mortifying your flesh by fasting, prayer and suffering. Seeing your God-pleasing life, with humility I sing to you:

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, who has not abandoned me who am here below on earth!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, who has not forgotten me!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, who frees my heart from the passions!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, make my heart beautiful with good deeds!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, give me the grace to see God!

Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, grant me the grace to glorify Christ eternally!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, correct my life by your intercession!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, by your prayers, confirm me in the doing of all good!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, by your prayer for me before God, make straight my path!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, direct my steps toward the Kingdom of God!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me before God, rejoice Saint N, my guardian, pray unto God for me!

### Kontakion 2

Seeing the plentiful river of miracles that spring forth from your relics and holy name, I am filled with thanksgiving and joy, and offer praise to God who has so glorified you, and sing to Him: Alleluia!

## Ikos 2

Saint N, implore a mind pure from the passions for me with God, so that having ascended from what is earthly to what is Heavenly, I can hymn the Holy Trinity and pray to you thus:

Rejoice Saint N my guardian, bring me to the true God!  
Rejoice Saint N. my guardian, present me to the Lord of the Heavenly Powers!  
Rejoice Saint N. my guardian, grant me to know the all-Glorious Trinity!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, lead me on the path to the Throne of the Master!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, grant me the knowledge of the true Heaven!

Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, enlighten me with the true vision of God!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, reveal to me the Three-Sunned Divine Origin!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, grant me to behold the Pantocrator!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, quench the fire of my passions!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, bring my prayers before the Throne of the Master!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me before God, rejoice, Saint N my guardian, pray unto God for me!

## Kontakion 3

By the strength of the Grace of God, you received the power to heal infirmities and to cast out demons, Saint N, and after your repose, God Who is All-Mighty glorified you by many miracles, so that all, seeing this, whole-heartedly approach to receive healing by you of all physical ailments as well as spiritual, singing ever to God: Alleluia!

## Ikos 3

Always keeping the Lord before your eyes, Saint N, you worked well for Him and all that you did, you did to the glory of Jesus Christ, serving Him and standing today before the Holy Trinity, pray for me who, with hope, sings to you:

Rejoice Saint N, my guardian, bring wisdom to me a sinner!  
Rejoice Saint N, my guardian, correct me who am dull!  
Rejoice Saint N, my guardian, cleanse me from sin!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, guide me to all good works!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, save me from the toll-houses of the princes of the air!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, drive from me at that time the demonic enemies!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, in that day, cover me over with your prayer!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, at that moment, pray for me to the Holy Trinity!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, destroy the storm of my passions!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, put out their fire!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 4

The storm of the sea of life surrounds the ship of my spiritual and worldly troubles, while the fear and terror of death falls upon me, and where am I to find the quiet harbour of salvation? After God, only on you do I place my hope, Saint N, as you have obtained from the All-Wise God the guardianship of the ship of my life, and I sing to God in thanksgiving: Alleluia!

#### Ikos 4

Seeing you, Saint N, my strong protector, the evil spirits dare not come near my soul, in order to destroy it. Today I humbly beseech you, do not leave me as a result of my intemperance, but always protect me against the nets and pitfalls of the evil one, as I sing to you humbly:

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, open my eyes!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, heal my soul's blindness!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthen my soul!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, fulfill my soul in God!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, rescue me from sinful Hades!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, bring me into the heavenly mansions!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, bring happiness to my heart!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, sanctify my body!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, protect me against suffering eternal!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, let me not see the fire of Hades!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 5

O Saint N, you are like a Divinely-flowing star in the heavenly firmament, dispersing the cloud of unknowing with the rays of your life and by your struggles guiding many to the way of truth, showing us all your good example, teach us to sing well-pleasingly to God: Alleluia!

## Ikos 5

The Angelic Choirs beheld your great struggles throughout your life, O Saint N, and seeing them, glorified God the Lover of Mankind, Who gave you such power over the enemies, and I therefore venerate you with sincere love and call to you:

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, confirm my life in God!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, make me comely with the Holy Spirit!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, renew my darkened mind!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, make my mind ascend above the earth's bosom!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, allow me to taste the fruits of obedience!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, destroy my sins!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, indicate to me the Tree of Life in Paradise!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, fill me with the sweetness of Paradise!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, bring me into the Garden of Eden!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, lead me not into the eternal fire!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

## Kontakion 6

I confess the holiness of your life, Saint N, may we be saved by your prayers from all manner of sufferings, troubles and worries, whether rich or poor, old or young, we honour your God-pleasing life, singing to God: Alleluia!

## Ikos 6

Having spread throughout the Orthodox world the light of your great good-works, Saint N, I thank God the Father for them and to you, my constant intercessor, I sing:

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, protect my soul from sin!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, cover me by your prayers against the demons' arrows!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, cleanse me of sin!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, save me from the storm of passions!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, guard me against sin!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthen me in the time of trouble!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, lead me up before the Throne of the Most High!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, remember me there!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, do not abandon me on the bed of death!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthen me by your prayer!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 7

You are everyone's benefactor before the Lord, O Saint N. And so I run to the mantle of your protection, seeking salvation, as I have you as my helper in all my sorrows, troubles and temptations, honouring your bring most bright memory, singing to God with thanksgiving: Alleluia!

#### Ikos 7

The Lord, the Lover of Mankind has shown a new mercy to His servant, having deigned to glorify you, O Saint N, flowing many miracles from you. Rejoicing in this, the Will of God, I sing to you with thanksgiving:

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, grant what is lacking in my spiritual weakness!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, remember my spiritual insensitivity!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, grant me spiritual strength!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, chase from me the powers of darkness!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, indicate to me the choirs of the Saints!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, lead me before their faces!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, indicate to me the way to the Heavenly Mansions!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, dispel from me the fog of the demons!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, protect me in life's pitfalls!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthen me in the way of salvation!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 8

The great miracle of your life is made manifest to those who venerate your all-honoured memory, Saint N, as great grace from God is given to them for the little prayer they offer, and to Him who receives it, we sing: Alleluia!

#### Ikos 8

You served the Lord with your entire soul and pleased Him well with your entire life, and was glorified by many miracles, O Saint N, for the sake of the Saviour of our souls, and you were revealed as a miracle-worker; commemorating your God-pleasing life, I sing to you in this manner:

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, teaching me to pray to God!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthening me in every good work!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, keep my soul free of the passions!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, beautify my prayer with loving tenderness!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, guard me against the warring enemies!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, crown me with victory over them!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, break my pride!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, do not leave it whole within me!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthen my soul with your prayer!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, plant the seeds of goodness in it!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 9

Saving me from all manner of troubles, worries and attacks, Saint N., by your warm prayers to God, assist me to obtain salvation in this earthly life filled with great struggles, so that I might join you in the habitation of the Righteous in singing to God: Alleluia!

#### Ikos 9

Human wisdom cannot comprehend the miracle-working Grace of God that has been poured out upon you, Saint N; but overcome by love for you, I dare to ask for your help in this manner:

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, confirm me in the womb of the Church of Christ!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, feed me in her pastures!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, grant me to reside in the New Jerusalem!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, grant me repose in this City!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, in the day of my falling asleep, do not abandon me!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, at that time, protect me by your prayers!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, strengthen me at the Final Judgement!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, there pray to the Master of all for me!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, save me by your prayers from eternal torments!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, pray for me to the Holy Trinity!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 10

Desiring to save your soul, you did not indulge your flesh, Saint N. but with fasting, vigils, prayers, and unceasing labour you humbled your flesh, having served God well on earth, today you stand in the heavens before the Master's Throne, and there you sing to Him: Alleluia!

## Ikos 10

You are a firm wall and unconquerable support to all who approach you with faith, O Saint N. Therefore, protect me by your prayers against the seen and unseen enemies, as I invoke you:

Rejoice, Saint N., my guardian, by your prayers lead me into the heavenly mansions!  
Rejoice, Saint N. my guardian, there grant me repose unto the ages of ages!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, there indicate to me the Choir of the Prophets!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, there show me the divisions of the Martyrs!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, lead me there to the armies of the Venerable Fathers!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, guide me there to the multitudes of the hermits!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, present me there before the gatherings of the Hierarchs!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, send me there to the Choirs of all Women Saints!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, make me rejoice there with the many Confessors!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, make me happy there with the Monastic Brotherhoods!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

## Kontakion 11

I offer you a song of praise, O Saint N, pray to the Lord that I may be saved from all sorrows and trouble, and, most of all, appear to me at the time of my end, so that I die not without repentance, but that I be found worthy to live eternally in the heavenly residences, there to join with you in singing to God: Alleluia!

## Ikos 11

You have appeared as an enlightened preacher of the True Light, Saint N, enlightening the hearts of the faithful and guiding all to Divine Wisdom, teaching also me to sing brightly and joyfully to you:

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, create in me a clean heart!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, renew a right spirit within me!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, grant me the prayer of repentance!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, grant me the tears of repentance in prayer!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, create peace in my soul!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, send me a broken spirit before God!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, put an end to all my sinful passions!

Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, grant me courage of heart against my enemies!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, transform me into a merciful Christian!  
Rejoice, Saint N my guardian, enlighten me with the Light of the Evangelical Laws!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 12

The Grace given to you by God overflows and I celebrate your bright memory, Saint N., and with heart-felt prayer to you I come to your all-powerful prayer to the Lord, as to a mighty rampart, by which I am fortified. For this I praise you and sing to God with all my heart: Alleluia!

#### Ikos 12

Singing of your glorious repose, in which you were magnified, O good soldier of Christ, I pray to you Saint N to be my helper in all manner of troubles and sufferings and to hear me, as I sing to you in heartfelt plea:

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, make me worthy of the heavenly mansions!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, save me from hades!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, bring me into the new Jerusalem!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, save me from Tartarus!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pray to the Most Holy Theotokos for me!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, protect me from the prince of demons!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, give me to drink of the nectar of the love of the Lord!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, drive from me the heat of my sins!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, open to me the doors of the orchard of Paradise!  
Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, lead me not to the gates of hades!

Rejoice, Saint N, my guardian, pouring forth prayer for me to God, rejoice Saint N, pray unto God for me!

#### Kontakion 13

O Most Blessed and God-Bearing Saint N, receive this my hymn of praise and save me from all evil by your heart-felt intercession before the Lord, that I may sing to God: Alleluia! (This Kontakion is repeated three times. Then Ikos I and Kontakion I are read).

#### Prayer

O Blessed Servant of Christ, Saint N, the guardian of my soul and body, to you do I take myself and pray: save my soul from the cloud of my sins. Do not abandon me in this laborious life and at the time of my death. If not for you who prays for me before the

Throne of the Master with your intercession, my soul would have been lost forever. The heaviness of my sins weighs down my soul to the earth, my guardian, but may your prayer raise it up to the heavenly mansions. I pray to you, Saint N my guardian, have mercy on me, your servant (N) and at the time of death stand by me and do not desert my soul that is without any good works. Be to me, today, a helper and intercessor in all that is good, so that I may enter the Kingdom of God by your holy prayers, and, at the dread Judgement Seat, may be saved from the Left, and be received into the land of the Right, where I will enter into heaven with you where I will be able, with all the Righteous, to glorify and hymn eternally the Most Blessed Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen!