Feast day of Calliopus and Akylina the Martyrs; Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow & Enlightener of North America



The Church today venerates the memory of Calliopus and Akylina the Martyrs, along with the Righteous Father Savvas the New, of Kalymnos, and finally, Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America.

Apolytikion of Martyrs Calliopius and Akylina

Fourth Tone

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Kontakion of Martyrs Calliopius and Akylina

Third Tone

When thy mother looked on thee made fair with wounds as a Martyr and conformed unto the Lord through holy contests and suff'rings, she was filled with ardent longing to win such glory and became with thee a Martyr in her volition. Now with her do thou entreat Christ, O Calliopius, that we find mercy and grace.

Apolytikion of Tikhon, Pat. of Moscow

Plagal of the First Tone

To the new world sent forth as a shepherd of the flock, thou wast called back to the old, to take up the Cross as a staff and from wolves and faithless shepherds to defend the Church; and after thee, the sheep of Christ knew no shepherd to be true who kept not thy good confession, wherein, O Tikhon, preserve us unharmed throughout our earthly pilgrimage.

Kontakion of Tikhon, Pat. of Moscow

Fourth Tone

The most holy Patriarch, ven'rable Tikhon, the Confessor of the Faith, hath gained from Christ the crown of life; for he did labour with godly zeal and strove till death in defence of the Church of Christ.

