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Prayer

O good pastor, our fervent intercessor and instructor, holy hierarch Tikhon! Hearken now to the groans and sighs which issue forth from the depths of our hearts, and accept the earnest entreaty we make unto thee; for we know that as a loving father thou abidest ever with us in spirit, watching over us, thy sinful children, and praying to the Lord in our behalf. Wherefore, O favorite of God, as thou hast boldness before the Master Jesus Christ and His all-pure Mother, be thou for us a mediator and advocate, for, now as ever, we stand sorely in need of thine intercession. As thou wast a peer of the apostles, bringing enlightenment to those benighted by heresy and schism, so lead us into the uncreated light of the grace of God, that we may pass from glory to glory, and may find rest with thee and all the saints in the mansions of

heaven; and as thou wast a fearless confessor of the truth of the holy Orthodox Faith, so teach us to stand immovable on the rock of faith, unshaken by the surging tides and currents of worldly understandings and temptations; and as thou didst prevail until the end in thine awesome contest against the prince of this world and his evil minions, so do thou aid us, thy sinful and unworthy children, in our daily struggles, that by thy supplications we may escape the malice of the enemy of our salvation and may set at nought the schemes and wiles of those who, having succumbed to his influence, prefer worldly glory, riches and position to humility and all the Christian virtues and a steadfast confession of Christ our true God, Who with the unoriginate Father and His all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, is worshiped and glorified forever. Amen.