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Akathist Hymn to Saint Martyrius, Abbot of Trinity-Zelenets

Kontakion 1

O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee for Thy Heavenly saints which help us in our earthly endeavors. Among them is the holy priest-monk and abbot, Saint Martyrius of Trinity-Zelenets Monastery, who did worship and serve Thee with a steadfast spirit. It is therefore fitting that we hasten to him and say:

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Ikos 1

Saint Martyrius, when thou wast only ten-years old, thy beloved parents, Cosmas and Stephanida, did depart this life. Hence, thou wast enfolded by a widowed priest of the Church of the Annunciation, and he becometh thy father in Christ. It is meet that we likewise treasure thy care for us:

Have mercy, thou who didst love God from thy earliest memories.

Have mercy, for Christ calleth children unto prayer and holiness.

Have mercy, thou who wast pleased to worship God with a priest.

Have mercy, for Christ heareth the voices of the widowed and orphaned.

Have mercy, thou who didst thrive on the teachings of the Holy Church.

Have mercy, for thy purity of heart did attract thee to the Divine Liturgy.

Have mercy, thou who wast eager to uphold the Ten Commandments.

Have mercy, for thy clarity of mind did draw thee to the Holy Bible.

Have mercy, thou who didst gladly accept a priest as thy father and guide.

Have mercy, for the ways of God are mysterious.

Have mercy, thou who wast a welcome blessing unto this holy man.

Have mercy, for the grace of God is sufficient.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 2

Thy spiritual father, being a man of prayer, did enter the Trinity-Sergius Monastery. This holy place was founded by Saint Sergius of Radonezh who is known as the Abbot of Russia, and many of the cathedral frescoes were painted by Saint Andrei Rublev. Let all the faithful therefore say: Alleluia.

Ikos 2

Saint Martyrius, thou didst later join thy spiritual father, now the priest-monk Bogolep, in the monastery and thou didst continue as his son and disciple. Thou didst work and pray, serve in the altar, and devote thy life

unto Christ our God. We therefore honour thee with heartfelt praises:

Have mercy, wise youth who did keep to the path of prayer.

Have mercy, prudent son who did dwell with the holy elder.

Have mercy, hardy descendant of centuries of monks and hermits.

Have mercy, worthy inheritor of the legacy of Father Sergius.

Have mercy, keen follower who was trained by saints unknown.

Have mercy, ready cross-bearer who was proven by inevitable trials.

Have mercy, faithful witness of the truths and traditions of Orthodoxy.

Have mercy, angelic participant in the prayers of the community.

Have mercy, gracious laborer who did assist the weaker brethren.

Have mercy, amiable monk who did overlook common foibles.

Have mercy, firm believer in the value of intercession for others.

Have mercy, righteous soldier in the war against demonic forces.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 3

Saint Martyrius, thou wast approved of the Virgin Mary who did see thy unceasing toil and piety. One day, thou didst fall asleep in the bell tower at noontime, and thou didst behold the Tikhvin icon of the Mother of God in a pillar of fire, and thou didst reverently say: Alleluia.

Ikos 3

It was thy holy instinct to venerate the icon which was now before thee, though it was hot to the touch but not burning in itself. Thou didst kiss the icon and say a prayer. Then, thou didst awake and thy forehead was hot from the Heavenly encounter. In awe of thy blessedness, we bring praises:

Have mercy, partaker of holiness even in thy sleep.

Have mercy, for thou didst always stand before God.

Have mercy, keeper of thy vows even when alone.

Have mercy, for thou wast vigilant in prayer and virtue.

Have mercy, undaunted by evil and warmed by the Theotokos.

Have mercy, for thou wast abundant in good works.

Have mercy, undefeated by passions and pleasing to the Holy Trinity.

Have mercy, for thou didst place thy life on the cross.

Have mercy, faithful in all obediences great or small.

Have mercy, for thou wast singular in thy pursuit.

Have mercy, mindful in every activity difficult or simple.

Have mercy, for thou didst do everything for Christ.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 4

One of the monks of the monastery, named Abramius, was stricken with an illness which seemed untreatable. Saint Martyrius, thou didst suggest to thy suffering brother that he

pray before the Tikhvin icon of the Mother of God and that he faithfully say: Alleluia.

Ikos 4

The monk Abramius did pray and was healed of his misery. Thereafter, Saint Martyrius, thou wast firmly devoted to the Virgin Mary and didst gain great confidence in her intercessions before Christ. We also desire wholeness of being, and thus we offer these praises:

Have mercy, follower of Christ and devoted to His mother.

Have mercy, thou who dost commiserate with afflicted people.

Have mercy, respecter of icons and receiver of wonders.

Have mercy, thou who dost lead everyone to holy transformation.

Have mercy, believer in the Gospel and worker for the Kingdom.

Have mercy, thou who dost see the image of God in the brethren.

Have mercy, temple of wisdom and torch of goodwill.

Have mercy, thou who dost give without holding anything back.

Have mercy, singer of hymns and slayer of demons.

Have mercy, thou who dost prepare a path for all followers.

Have mercy, greeter of strangers and encourager of souls.

Have mercy, thou who dost feed the multitudes by thy holy example.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 5

Saint Martyrius, thou didst yearn to live in prayer and silence in the forest, and thou

didst pray to the Virgin Mary to shew the way. Thereupon, thou didst find a wilderness area, outside the city of Velikije Luki where thou wast born, and thou didst vanquish the demons there and say: Alleluia.

Ikos 5

Thou didst write a letter to Father Bogolep, asking for his blessing upon thy solitude. But thy spiritual father did prefer that thou return to the monastery and continue to live among the brethren which did need thy goodwill. Thou didst obey, and we likewise continue our praises:

Have mercy, for we look to the Mother of God for direction.

Have mercy, for we wish to be acceptable in her sight.

Have mercy, for we pray to the Virgin Mary for mediation.

Have mercy, for we hope to be worthy of her kindness.

Have mercy, for our happiness is to please the Father Almighty.

Have mercy, for our purpose is to work out our salvation.

Have mercy, for our joyfulness is to abide in Jesus Christ.

Have mercy, for our resolve is to walk on the path of prayer.

Have mercy, for we turn to thee, wise brother, in our neediness.

Have mercy, for we see thou art a true friend of the Orthodox.

Have mercy, for we knock on thy door, gentle monk, in expectation.

Have mercy, for we know thou helpst those who love the Church.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 6

Before returning to the monastery, thou didst go to the city of Smolensk to pray before the Smolensk Mother of God icon, also known as “She Who Leadeth the Way.” For, although thine obedience was utmost, thy desire for a deeper life of prayer was true and pure, and thou didst say: Alleluia.

Ikos 6

While there, thou didst venerate the relics of Saint Abramius and Saint Ephraim. These saints, elder and disciple when they did walk the earth, did appear to thee in a dream. They did reveal that one day thou wouldst sanctify the forest with prayer, and to await the Virgin Mary’s guidance:

Have mercy, thou who didst depend on the Life-Giving Trinity.

Have mercy, thou who wast devoted unto the Mother of God.

Have mercy, thou who didst embrace the piety of Saint Sergius.

Have mercy, thou who wast zealous for Saints Abramius and Ephraim.

Have mercy, thou who didst obey thy spiritual father in all things.

Have mercy, thou who wast trusting of the Virgin Mary at all times.

Have mercy, thou who didst love the monastery and seek the wilderness.

Have mercy, thou who wast of one accord with the whole Church.

Have mercy, thou who didst pray unceasingly in thy heart.

Have mercy, thou who wast like unto the saints in thy dream.

Have mercy, thou who didst worship God from thy youth.

Have mercy, thou who wast loyal unto thy holy beginnings.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 7

Saint Martyrius, thy friend and monk Abramius, who was ever-thankful to the Virgin Mary for his miraculous healing, did inform thee of a hidden place where he did see a brilliant cross made of stars. Thou wast inspired to visit this place and establish thy life of solitude, saying: Alleluia.

Ikos 7

Father Bogolep gaveth his blessing on this venture. Thou didst bid farewell and proceed to the island of Zelenets, a place of trees and swamps. Thou didst bring two icons: one of the Holy Trinity, and one of the Tikhvin Mother of God. Wherefore we offer thee our sincere praises:

Have mercy, hoping for fulfillment and asking for strength.

Have mercy, yearning for prayer and longing for simplicity.

Have mercy, leaving the monastery and pursuing silence.

Have mercy, carrying the cross and acquiring peace.

Have mercy, continuing tradition and rejecting bitterness.

Have mercy, finding riches and discarding resentment.

Have mercy, cherishing the light and conquering the gloom.

Have mercy, redeeming the time and renouncing the world.

Have mercy, caring for people and interceding for salvation.

Have mercy, looking for potential and praying for victory.

Have mercy, entering the forest and bringing the icons.

Have mercy, seeing the light and hearing the truth.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 8

Life was hard in the wilderness, for thou didst suffer excessive heat and cold, want of food and supplies, and attacks of the devil who did attempt to destroy thy faith in the Holy Trinity and thy love for the Virgin Mary. However, the devil's envy did only increase thy desire to say: Alleluia.

Ikos 8

The Mother of God did reward thy faithfulness, and did appear to thee in a dream. Her icon was upon the sea, floating peacefully, and the Archangel Gabriel did beckon thee to venerate the icon. This thou didst do, in humility and joy, and thou wast fortified in thy labor:

Have mercy, for the island of Zelenets did resist fruitfulness.

Have mercy, for many of us live in places not conducive to prayer.

Have mercy, for the wilderness did lack basic necessities.

Have mercy, for many of us struggle to survive in this world.

Have mercy, for the evil one did war against thy body and soul.

Have mercy, for many of us have been sorely tried.

Have mercy, for the Life-Giving Trinity did not forsake thee.

Have mercy, for many of us need spiritual encouragement.

Have mercy, for the Virgin Mary did not refuse thee.

Have mercy, for many of us hasten to her holy icons for help.

Have mercy, for the Archangel Gabriel did call out to thee.

Have mercy, for many of us cherish the Feast of the Annunciation.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 9

Saint Martyrius, as time went by, pilgrims did journey to Zelenets to seek thy counsel, and some did remain as monks. In response, thou didst build a church and name it for the Holy Trinity. Then, thou didst contribute thy two icons, the Holy Trinity and the Tikhvin Mother of God, saying: Alleluia.

Ikos 9

In the manner of Saint Abramius and his disciple Saint Ephraim, thou wast blessed with thy holy disciple Saint Gurias. Yea, Saint Martyrius and Saint Gurias did labor for God, and Saint Gurias was granted a vision of a radiant cross above the new church as a sign of God's acceptance:

Have mercy, all-merciful in thy relationships.

Have mercy, all-compassionate with monks and pilgrims.

Have mercy, most generous in thy counsel.

Have mercy, most helpful with problems and troubles.

Have mercy, great saint in the monastic tradition of Orthodoxy.

Have mercy, holy conqueror of the enemies of the Church.

Have mercy, glad founder of a haven of redemption.

Have mercy, cheerful gatherer of people who want to pray.

Have mercy, true believer in the teachings of the fathers.

Have mercy, right worshipper among the wondrous icons.

Have mercy, self-sacrificial for the sake of the multitudes.

Have mercy, self-denying for the salvation of the next generation.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 10

The Trinity-Zelenets Monastery was a blessed place. Thy reputation did spread, Saint Martyrius, for thou didst heal people of their afflictions. Wealthy people from the cities did send thee money, and thou didst build a second church dedicated to the Annunciation, and all did say: Alleluia.

Ikos 10

Thou wast ordained a priest by the Archbishop of Novgorod, and thou becamest the abbot of Trinity-Zelenets. Yet, thou didst remain humble in thy demeanor and steadfast in thy holy purpose. Thou wast a spiritual father to many people over many years, and so we offer our true praises:

Have mercy, thou who didst come and see.

Have mercy, grace-filled priest.

Have mercy, thou who didst seek and find.

Have mercy, spirit-filled abbot.

Have mercy, thou who didst watch and pray.

Have mercy, Godly-minded monk.

Have mercy, thou who didst sow and harvest.

Have mercy, kindly-hearted soul.

Have mercy, thou who didst lose and gain.

Have mercy, wonder-working servant.

Have mercy, thou who didst believe and follow.

Have mercy, miracle-working disciple.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 11

Saint Martyrius, thou didst work thy greatest miracle when thou didst raise a boy from the dead. A wealthy man, Simeon Bekbulatovich of Tver, had a son named John, after Saint John Chrysostom. The boy did depart this life, but in faith thou didst not fear but didst tell everyone to say: Alleluia.

Ikos 11

Thou didst take thy two icons, one of the Holy Trinity and the other of the Tikhvin Mother of God, and thou didst tenderly place them upon the dead boy's chest. Then, the boy did rise from his bed as though he had only been sleeping. For this cause, we rejoice and bring praises:

Have mercy, for the Holy Trinity is Life-Giving.

Have mercy, for thou didst accordingly uphold life.

Have mercy, for the Mother of God is protecting.

Have mercy, for thou art also a wall against destruction.

Have mercy, for Jesus Christ is sacrificial.

Have mercy, for thou didst likewise take up thy cross.

Have mercy, for the Archangel Gabriel did announce glad tidings.

Have mercy, for thou art indeed a bringer of joy.

Have mercy, for Saint John Chrysostom did preach golden words.

Have mercy, for thou didst similarly speak of holy things.

Have mercy, for Saints Abramius and Ephraim did live humbly.

Have mercy, for thou art certainly lowly of heart.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 12

Saint Martyrius, thou didst live into old age. Yea, thou didst build thine own casket and dig thy grave in anticipation of thy last hour on earth. Soon, thou wouldst join with thy predecessors and all the saints in Heaven. Trusting in God, as always throughout thy life, thou didst say: Alleluia.

Ikos 12

Thou didst give thy final blessing to the monks of Trinity-Zelenets, and didst remind them also to trust in the Holy Trinity and the Mother of God. Saint Martyrius, thou didst receive Holy Communion and didst say, "Peace to all the Orthodox." And we gratefully respond with praises:

Have mercy, thou who didst give everything to thy spiritual children.

Have mercy, watching over us from thy Heavenly abode.

Have mercy, thou who didst love everyone who sought thy guidance.

Have mercy, interceding for us from thy mansion in Heaven.

Have mercy, thou who didst build churches to the glory of God.

Have mercy, worshipping eternally with all the saints.

Have mercy, thou who didst depart this life with a good conscience.

Have mercy, singing hymns forever in glorious company.

Have mercy, thou who didst bear much fruit.

Have mercy, attaining oneness with the Divine.

Have mercy, thou who didst serve the followers of Christ.

Have mercy, encouraging the sheep which remain on earth.

Have mercy, Saint Martyrius, for thou lovest the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary, and thou bringest peace to our souls.

Kontakion 13

Saint Martyrius, although thou didst depart this earth, thou art active in the lives of the faithful which ask for thine assistance in their sufferings and daily struggles. May all those which turn to thee truly find peace of soul and healing of all afflictions. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(Repeat Kontakion 13 three times.)

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