

Supplicatory Canon to the Holy Hieromartyr Leonid Ivanovich Feoderov (March 7/20)

Troparion (Tone 4): Holy Hieromartyr Leonid,* you lent yourself to the apostles' way of life and succeeded them on their throne.* Inspired by God, you found the way to contemplation through practice and prayer;* wherefore you became a perfect teacher of truth,* fighting for the faith unto the shedding of your blood.* O hieromartyr Leonid, Intercede with Christ our God* that He may save our souls.

The Canon in Tone 6:

Ode I

Irmos: Come, O people, let us sing an ode unto Christ our God, for He has divided the sea and led the people out of the Egyptian bondage, for He is glorified.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Enlightened with Christ the Unending Light, O glorious hierarch Leonid, enlighten my darkened soul with your intercessions that I may hymn you, O most blessed father.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Having shone forth as an untarnished and pure heart to those in the royal city, O father, you have enlightened all with your most salutary preaching. Enlighten us also through your intercession.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

By your fasting you have put down the assault of passions, and by endless ascetic labors and podvigs you were raised to the height of impassivity. Help us to allay our passions through your prayers.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: We hymn you as the true Theotokos, as we know God was incarnate of you without seed or knowing a man.

Ode III

Irmos: Graft us firmly onto You, O Lord, like a wise Gardener, O You that have slain sin on the Tree, and plant Your fear in the hearts of us that hymn You.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

As an all-perfect living sacrifice you have brought yourself directly to Christ through your blameless martyrdom, having even before your death already the body and mind of a martyr through your ascetic feats. Intercede for us your sinful servants on earth.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Your sacred life, divine words and deeds lifted your heart and mind to the true contemplation of God, O holy Hieromartyr. Your life was an endless ascent to God, and for this we honor you.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Having directed your words in accordance with the Divine Wisdom of the Savior, you were a worthy and invincible defender of the faith. Remember always us, your faithful children.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: You have woven a vestment of incorruption for us, O Theotokos. For by giving birth to Immortality itself, you have cast off the mortality of our sinful nature, O Virgin undefiled.

Sedalen, Tone 3 : O Hieromartyr Leonid, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, with your great wisdom and pastoral boldness you have put to shame wicked tyrants, and having been carried across the abyss of temptations you have reached the Divine Refuge. O holy father, supplicate Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: Everyone desires recourse to a haven of salvation, and there is no other such recourse that can shelter our souls but you, O Theotokos.

Stavro-theotokion: Having acquired the staff of might in the Cross of your Son, we cast aside the plots and surges of our enemies, and unceasingly magnify you with love.

Ode IV

Irmos: I have hearkened unto Your Holy Wisdom and glorify Your incomprehensible might, O Lover of mankind.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

O light bearer of Tobolsk, as a divine burnt offering and a pure sacrifice you were brought up to the Savior of all, O most wise hierarch. Hear our odes of praise offered from your spiritual flock.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Instructing your flock with the light of the knowledge of God, you have driven away the darkness of atheism. Pray for your flock to shed the darkness of unbelief.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

With the streams of your sweat and tears, O father, as a holy hierarch you watered the dry depths of godlessness. Through your powerful intercession drive away our spiritual dryness.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O most pure one, enlighten my soul darkened by sins and passions, since you gave birth to the Hypostatic Light.

Ode V

Irmos: O Enlightener and Creator of ages! O Lord, lead us in the light of Your commandments, for we know no other God than You.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

O blessed Hieromartyr, the sweetest Lord Jesus Christ has granted you through His Divine Wisdom riches, glory, and eternal life for having loved Him exceedingly. Do not hesitate to intercede for your destitute servants who wander the deserts of life.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

The snares of heresy you have driven away with the lance of faith, and having united your flock with the bonds of love and faith, you protect and preserve it unharmed.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

O Enlightener of Solovki, having denied yourself through your many ascetic labors, you have satisfied your soul with the food of incessant prayer and humility that raises one up to God.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: We all have acquired in you O pure one, protection, sure hope, might and shelter, a wall and a bridge that leads all into the Kingdom of heaven.

Ode VI

Irmos: Hopelessly lost in the dark abyss of sin, I call unto Your unfathomable abyss of mercy: Bring me up, O God, from corruption.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Having been both the sacrifice and priest, you sacrificed yourself unto God for the sake of unity of the faith, and preserved undefiled the accomplishments of your holy ministry to Him. Plead to God for your defiled servants on earth, who like the Prodigal have cast aside our gifts.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

You were slain unto the whole world, but remain alive unto God. After proclaiming God's Word in the royal city, O Hieromartyr, you went to Christ, being bestowed with incorruptible life in His royal mansions. Intercede for us who are perishing from sins and transgressions.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Having now gone over from earth into the never-ending glory, do you, O holy one, by the cleansing and anointing of your supplications, heal my soul accursed through the passions.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: Having conceived Christ who takes away the sins of the whole world, cease not, O most pure and all-spotless one, to supplicate for the remission of sins of your servants.

Kontakion (Tone 4): Having lived piously among hierarchs and having gone through the path of martyrdom,* you, O God-wise Leonid, have extinguished the sacrifices of idols and were a protector of your flock.* Wherefore, in honoring you, in our hearts we cry out:* Always deliver us from dangers through your intercessions,* O Holy Leonid, our father.

Ikos: Having come faithfully with love in memory of our holy father who endured sufferings unto death as a martyr, let us praise him with spiritual odes that we may obtain the enjoyment of his grace. For he delivers souls from passions and dangers as a martyr and as a faithful hierarch and a champion of those that heartily implore him. Wherefore let us cry out unto him: ever deliver us from dangers through your powerful intercessions, O Hieromartyr Leonid.

(The Akathist Hymn to Hieromartyr Leonid may be sung at this point).

Ode VII

Irmos : While a golden image was being worshipped in the plain of Dura, the three holy youths did not take heed of the godless command. When thrown into the midst of the fire, they were bedewed and sang: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

You have appeared as a cup of wisdom, full of every virtue, and by the preaching of your sublime life gathered and tended your flock well. O God-wise one, you call out together with us your sheep: Blessed is the God of our fathers.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

O enlightener of Russia, apostle of unity, you have reached the heavenly Throne. O father, you stand at the heavenly tabernacle with angels and rejoice together with them. Wherefore honoring you, O most blessed Hieromartyr, we call out boldly: Blessed is the God of our fathers.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

After a life of travail you now exult endlessly where the angelic choirs, the ranks of the righteous, the martyrs and the wise Apostles continually sing: Blessed is the God of our fathers.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: You alone, O most pure Virgin, have become known as the Mother while not knowing wedlock. Wherefore calling to you, we say: Blessed are you that gave birth in the flesh to God.

Ode VIII

Irmos: The mighty God that descended into the fiery furnace and changed the flame into dew for the Hebrew children, Him let us hymn as the Lord and exalt unto all the ages.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Having piously performed the service of the Mysteries of Christ, like a lamb you were offered up unto Him as an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice perfected with your blood, O most blessed one. Continue to make holy offerings of intercession for your flock.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Having adorned your hierarchical vestments with your virtues, O most wise one, you appeared as a keeper of chastity, abstinence, teacher of prayer, and a true instructor in repentance and the ascetic life. Have mercy on us who supplicate you for your powerful intercession.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Let us always bring fruits worthy of repentance, since the barren fig tree of my life is continually threatened with being cut off. O my soul, flee your sinful life and receive Christ, the abundant fruit of virtue.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O great Champion, do not despise the voices of your servants. Snatch us all away from every danger and cruel menace, O holy Virgin, for your motherly supplication moves God to mercy.

Ode IX

Irmos: The Word of God came down to renew Adam who had fallen into corruption through eating of the forbidden fruit. Through the unspeakable Wisdom of God He became ineffably incarnate for our sake from the holy Virgin. Let us the faithful magnify Him in odes.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

O father, you arrested the arrows of the enemy with the fire of ascetic labors, and have burnt up the fleshly passions with the coals of purity. You have been gloriously accounted worthy of the heavenly Paradise, and having found favor with the Master, intercede for your servants.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

Your light-bearing memory, O father, illumines the souls of those who reverently celebrate it, and makes them manifest partakers of the divine light, O you who are worthy of admiration; for this we magnify you in odes, O God-wise one.

Refrain: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

You wear the eternal crown, O holy Hieromartyr, having received from the right hand of God the reward of your victory. You finished your earthly race in Viatka and have been filled with divine light. We the faithful offer unto Christ your prayers as a fervent intercessor.

Refrain: † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: We the faithful with one mind and voice magnify you, O Theotokos, Virgin and Mother of the Word, for you have shone forth for us the Ever-existing Life of God and the Sun of righteousness.

First Prayer to our Holy Hieromartyr Leonid

O holy Hieromartyr Leonid, the Lord had chosen you to be the shepherd and teacher of your people. You conducted your priestly service caring for the souls entrusted to you with an unwavering love of the Most Holy Trinity. Testing you as gold in the fire, the Lord allowed you to suffer bitter afflictions like those of Job, the Apostles, and the holy martyrs. After a tireless life of monastic endeavors and offering the Holy Mysteries, you, the Apostle of Unity, were granted exile, persecution, destitution, and finally a martyr's death. Having endured all in humility, as a true servant of Christ you now find pleasure at the throne of the King of all, together with the holy martyrs such as your namesake Leontius the Great Martyr, George, Stephen, Demetrius, Catherine, Anastasia, and all the holy martyrs; your companions the new martyrs of Rus'; the holy ascetics who shine through every age including your monastic inspirations St. Theodore the Studite, the holy Seraphim of Sarov, Sergius of Radonzeh and all the holy ascetics; the holy hierarchs and all the saints. But since you have great courage and unwavering faith in the sweetest Lord Jesus Christ and suffered for His sake, plead with Him that he may forgive the countless sins and transgressions we have committed, knowingly and unknowingly, in thought, deed, and word. With knees bent in supplication within our hearts, pray to the Lord our God that he deliver us from our many afflictions, that He bless and protect your homeland of Russia and all of the world where we, your spiritual descendants, now dwell in sorrow. May the good God who loves mankind grant our petitions through your powerful intercession, and may He grant us pilgrims on earth your prayer of unity, the same as our Lord, "that all may be one". Through your powerful prayers plead that we finish our lives in peace and attain the heavenly kingdom, where together with you and all holy martyrs and confessors of

Rus' we will glorify the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Second Prayer (composed by the Holy Hieromartyr Leonid himself):

Merciful Lord Jesus, Our Savior, hear the prayers and petitions of Your unworthy sinful servants who humbly call upon You and make us all to be one in Your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Flood our souls with Your unquenchable light. Put an end to religious disagreements, and grant that we your disciples and beloved children may all worship You with a single heart and voice. Fulfill quickly, O grace-giving Lord, Your promise that there shall be one flock and one Divine Shepherd of Your Church; and may we be made worthy to glorify Your Holy Name now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Addenda: *Suggested Propers for a Molieben to Hieromartyr Leonid

Refrain for the Molieben after Psalm 50: O Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!
Prokimen for the Molieben in the 4th Tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints with the Stichos: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has rendered unto me?
Gospel Reading at the Molieben for a Hieromartyr: Luke, Sec.67 (ch.12:32-40)

[* These are suggested for use with a general Molieben format commonly found in the Slavic tradition such as "The Order of the General Molieben" from Holy Trinity Monastery (Jordanville) or similar.]



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Holy Hieromartyr Leonid, pray to God for us!

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Ad usum privatum (for private prayer use) pending ecclesiastical approbation
Glory to God for all things!*