

Akathist to St. Glicherie the New Confessor of Romania*

Whose memory we celebrate on June 15/28



Kontakion 1

Defender of the true faith, with your life and teachings you have adorned the church of Christ, O most blessed Hierarch Glicherie. For this, with faith and piety, we praise thee in honor of thy efforts, saying:

Rejoice, O most blessed Hierarch Glicherie, confessor of Orthodoxy!

Ikos 1

O Holy Hierarch Glicherie, who from infancy were chosen by God to shepherd His rational sheep in the pasture of the true faith, you have fearlessly preached to thy pastors the pure Orthodoxy and returned to faith the lost, for whom we praise thee saying:

Rejoice, you who hast kept the righteous faith from infancy;

Rejoice, for you have labored much for Orthodoxy.

Rejoice, you who at baptism received the name of St. George;

Rejoice, you who have followed his life.

Rejoice, you who have shown yourself to be a martyr for the right faith;

Rejoice, you have endured to death for the sake of Orthodoxy.

Rejoice, you who have been condemned to death for the right faith;

Rejoice, for you have been saved from death with a divine miracle.

Rejoice, for through your prayers others have escaped death;

Rejoice, for you have accomplished God's work in the Church.

Rejoice, for you have watered the faithful with the water of the true faith;

Rejoice, for you have defended the sheep of thy flock from the wicked papist faith.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 2

You have shone forth as a ray of light from faithful parents, O Holy Hierarch Glicherie, and with thy divine words you adorned the Church of Christ God, and now in the victorious Church in heaven, you unceasingly sing to God: Alleluia!

Ikos 2

From Holy Baptism you have received zeal for the right faith, O Holy Hierarch Glicherie, and at the right time God has raised you up to cleanse His Church from the weeds of the wicked papist faith. For this we praise thee saying:

Rejoice, you who has sprung forth from pious parents;

Rejoice, you who have adorned thyself with the right faith.

Rejoice, you whose ancestors have suffered for the faith;

Rejoice, for you have filled their absence.

Rejoice, for you have suffered for the faith of your ancestors;

Rejoice, you who have shamed the innovations of the papists.

Rejoice, for through patience and suffering you have demonstrated true faith;

Rejoice, you who have left Suceava for Iasi.

Rejoice, for you have entered the Cetățuia Monastery;

Rejoice, for you have learned the monastic life there.

Rejoice, you who have enlightened your mind with divine thoughts;

Rejoice, for you have bathed in the fire of divine love.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 3

After you learned the perfect monastic life, you were raised to the rank of deacon and priest, O Holy Hierarch Glicherie, serving for a year at the Holy Sanctuary of St. Paraschiva and giving yourself completely to God, singing: Hallelujah!

Ikos 3

Wanting a better life, you settled at the Holy Monastery of Neamt where you showed yourself to everyone an example in the holy life. You were ordained a serving priest and showed yourself to be faithful in everything, O Holy Hierarch Glicherie. For this we reverently praise you saying:

Rejoice, you who taught the holy life to everyone in the Cetățuia Monastery;

Rejoice, you who served as a priest in the Metropolitan Church of Moldova.

Rejoice, you who faithfully served at Saint Paraschiva;

Rejoice, you who have taught everyone the fear of God.

Rejoice, for you have shown yourself an example of a holy life to all;

Rejoice, you who bore Christ in your heart.

Rejoice, you have prayed to God with humility and faith;

Rejoice, for by word and deed you have confessed Christ.

Rejoice, for you have guided many to the right faith;

Rejoice, you who have lived all your life in fasting and prayer.

Rejoice, you who in temptations and sufferings didst shine like a diamond;

Rejoice, pearl of faith, undefeated by enemies.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 4

Due to the malice that the New Calendarists often set upon the good faithful Orthodox Christians, all the true sons of our Church rejoiced beyond measure at your election as their shepherd, O Holy Hierarch Glicherie, and seeing in you a strong defender of the ancestral law, they sung to God: Alleluia!

Ikos 4

Shining like a luminary of Orthodoxy, you were called by the Savior Christ to the rank of the priesthood, which you served with dignity, sacrificing yourself for the right faith; Then The Lord Jesus raised you to the episcopal seat, being consecrated by Metropolitan Galaction. For this, enjoying the economy of God, we praise you by singing:

Rejoice, you who have fulfilled with holiness the priesthood to which you have been called;

Rejoice, you who by serving the Lord with fear, you have been called to a higher rank.

Rejoice, for the Lord has clothed you with the hierarchical honor;

Rejoice, you who have shown yourself to be a worthy Bishop of Christ.

Rejoice, you who have proved yourself as a Metropolitan worthy of all Orthodox Christians;

Rejoice, for you have been adorned with all the hierarchical virtues.

Rejoice, for to thee has been entrusted the pastorate of the metropolis of the faithful

Rejoice, for with the people's help you founded the Slătioara Monastery.

Rejoice, for you have taught your sons the fear of God;

Rejoice, for you have shamed all enemies through fasting and prayer.

Rejoice, you who stood diligently for the help of all;

Rejoice, you who have always had mercy on the poor.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 5

The news of your life of great holiness, O holy Hierarch Glicherie, has reached far beyond the borders of our country, and all of who heard of it praised God singing: Alleluia!

Ikos 5

You sat on the seat of the Metropolis of all the faithful from all over Romania like a very bright torch in the candlestick of the Church of Christ, enlightening everyone with the righteous teachings of the ancestral faith. For this we also humbly praise you saying:

Rejoice, for Christ has ordained you to the seat of the Metropolis in Slătioara;

Rejoice, O lightning flash that has illumined our country.

Rejoice, for you have been chosen to be the shepherd of the flock of Christ;

Rejoice, you who hast kept the talking sheep from the hands of the papists.

Rejoice, that you have overcome the temptations of the new calendarists;

Rejoice, you who didst not fear the threats of the enemies.

Rejoice, for you have armed yourself with the weapon of truth;

Rejoice, for you have bravely faced the lying popes.

Rejoice, for with Father David you have overcome the enemies;

Rejoice, for as St. Mark of Ephesus you have been bound.

Rejoice, for you have been bound by chains for the sake of the truth;

Rejoice, for by this you have followed the Holy Apostles.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 6

Preaching with great zeal and boldness the word of the true God, O Hierarch Glicherie, you protected your faithful from the machinations of evil persecutors, strengthening them all to bravely endure for Christ who will grant victory. That's why we all sing: Hallelujah!

Ikos 6

Being ordained a bishop according to the order of the Holy Canons at Moara Domneasă in Bucharest and returning to Moldova to the Slătioara Monastery, you were received with great joy by the priests and the righteous faithful people comforting them all in the right faith; for this, honoring you, we say to you:

Rejoice, the one full of divine zeal, who returned to your own;

Rejoice, O blessed hierarch of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rejoice, for you have been eagerly awaited by spiritual sons;

Rejoice, for you as a bishop have blessed all your sons.

Rejoice, for you have come from prison and exile to Slătioara;

Rejoice, for Father David hath received you once again with great joy.

Rejoice, for God has strengthened you in all things;

Rejoice, you have guided all to the right faith.

Rejoice, for you have faced those who have gone astray with great courage;

Rejoice, you who have not been deceived by baits and gifts.

Rejoice, for they did not frighten you with fear;

Rejoice, you have endured slander and dishonesty.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 7

Before your ordination as a bishop, on the day of Saint Gregory of Neochesarea and out of fear of the new papists, you were abducted at night from Răchitoasa in exile and brought to Bucharest, O Hierarch Glicherie, and after being consecrated bishop you took the cross of Christ singing to him faith: Hallelujah!

Ikos 7

Christ our Savior, hearkening to your holy prayers, brought you out of prison and exile, O blessed Hierarch Glicherie, for the benefit of your Church, as you were tried by all the difficulties of the great confessors of the truth; for this we too praising you, exclaim:

Rejoice, you who have been cast into prison for the truth;

Rejoice, you who prayed there as in the monastery with all your soul.

Rejoice, that Christ has heard your prayer, and you have not been ashamed;

Rejoice, that by His will you have been set free from prison.

Rejoice, you who have strengthened all believers in the faith;

Rejoice, you who have rebuilt all the demolished churches.

Rejoice, you have thanked Christ God;

Rejoice, that your zeal for Orthodoxy has been rewarded by God.

Rejoice, for with a heavenly crown he crowned you;

Rejoice, you who didst resemble the confessors of old.

Rejoice, you who was numbered with them;

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 8

O Hierarch Glicherie, you have shown yourself a defender of the oppressed and firm champion against the New Calendarists who ruined the tradition of the supreme orders of the Holy Fathers, guiding your flock with the brilliance of your wonderful efforts through the wild wilderness of the passions, towards the land of the heavenly promise of Christ to whom together let us sing to him: Hallelujah!

Ikos 8

Those who loved lies and papist innovations sought various causes and unjust accusations against you, so that you would again be arrested and expelled from the midst of your flock. But you, like a true shepherd, stayed until death and laid down your soul for your sheep, O Hierarch Glicherie. For this we also the humbly praise you saying:

Rejoice, you who are the true high priest of Christ;

Rejoice, you are of great use to all believers.

Rejoice, you who have proved yourself in trouble like a diamond;

Rejoice, you have shown the cunning of the papists.

Rejoice, for you have been cruelly tortured by them;

Rejoice, you who didst count their wickedness in nothing.

Rejoice, for after all sorts of troubles and beatings you emerged brighter;

Rejoice, that in Piatra Neamț you were beaten to death.

Rejoice, that after being beaten in Bucharest you were thrown into prison;

Rejoice, that the wife of the Minister of the Interior has fed and watered you.

Rejoice, for you have endured all for the ancestral faith;

Rejoice, you who have been persecuted by the mighty of time.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 9

With great care you watched over your spiritual flock in times of storm, O Most Reverend Hierarch Glicherie, and you encouraged them all not to deviate from the right faith, but to bring praises to Christ God, shouting: Hallelujah!

Ikos 9

Like a sapling grown from the stem of our race, O blessed Glicherie, for your faith and to guard the faithful in the right faith, you were thrown into prison suffering many beatings, making yourself worthy of the unfading crown of the confessors; for this we also cry out to you with love:

Rejoice, O Hierarch Glicherie, that you have served the truth;

Rejoice, for you have suffered much for the people and the true faith.

Rejoice, for you have labored much for the traditions of the saints;

Rejoice, you who hast overcome thy adversaries with manhood.

Rejoice, you who hast been skillful in the midst of sufferings;

Rejoice, you who have overcome the lying brethren with wisdom.

Rejoice, for the leadership of the Holy Mountain has blessed you;

Rejoice, that the Patriarch of Jerusalem has strengthened you.

Rejoice, you who have confined the faithful people with the fear of God;

Rejoice, that you have been an invincible pillar of our nation.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 10

Your wonderful good deeds, O Hierarch Glicherie, were not measured by the length of time, but by your heart burning for the true faith. For your long shepherding of Christ's flock made your heart stronger; for this you have deserved to be together with the saints and to sing to God: Alleluia!

Ikos 10

Like an impenetrable strong wall you showed yourself in front of the enemies of the ancestral faith, O Hierarch Glicherie, that through all kinds of torments they sought to weaken you in your faith and force you to confess the lie. But you remained like a pillar of fire, illuminating far away and making yourself a living example to your shepherds. For this we reverently praise you, exclaiming:

Rejoice, the one whom the gendarmes hit you with the butts of their weapons;

Rejoice, for with boots you were trampled and crushed;

Rejoice, that you were passed through the barbed wire fence.

Rejoice, that until death you bore the traces of the wounds;

Rejoice, for through Christ's sufferings you have been well pleased.

Rejoice, that from your blood the soil of the country was watered;

Rejoice, that you have sealed the truth with your life.

Rejoice, that in true faith you remained steadfast;

Rejoice, that you endured unbearable pain.

Rejoice, for the example of the holy martyrs you endured;

Rejoice, that the Land of Moldova gave you as a gift to God.

Rejoice, invincible pillar of the ancestral Church;

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kointakion 11

Many times you were arrested, to hard years in prison you were condemned, and to death you were sentenced, O holy Hierarch Glicherie; but you, enduring like those of old who confessed the truth, remained unshaken in your faith and to God, bringing praise and singing reverently: Hallelujah!

Ikos 11

For sixty years you have pastored the church of Christ as a priest, bishop, and metropolitan, taking great care of the sheep of your spiritual flock. For this, we appropriately praise you and say:

Rejoice, tireless Shepherd of the spiritual flock;

Rejoice, that you have guarded the traditions of the Holy Fathers with martyric zeal.

Rejoice, you who hast not forsaken thy sons in torment;

Rejoice, you have taught all the right faith.

Rejoice, you who have diligently followed the parables of the saints;

Rejoice, that you have rebuilt the demolished churches.

Rejoice, you who founded the Slătioara Monastery;

Rejoice, you have adorned other monasteries with spiritual life.

Rejoice, you who didst teach thy priests the profound humility;

Rejoice, you who have truly followed the great pious.

Rejoice, that in the Holy Mountain you have been useful to many;

Rejoice, for you have also worshiped the Lord's grave with zeal.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 12

The unbelieving papists tore down all the holy churches built by you, but through your faith you raised them again and served with dignity in them; and now, being in the heavens and watching over your church, more glorious places have risen to the glory of all orthodoxy. For this, with faith, we all sing to God, who arranges everything for good. Hallelujah!

Ikos 12

At the time when the storm arose over the Church, God chose you, O holy Hierarch Glicherie, as a saving ship of the Romanian nation, for the preservation of the right faith. And after your departure to the heavenly realms, God gave us your holy relics as a precious treasure that rests in the Slătioara Monastery; for this we say to you:

Rejoice, fearless defender of the flock of Christ;

Rejoice, you who hast shown thyself a true pious shepherd to thy children.

Rejoice, you who have honored the service entrusted to you;

Rejoice, you have not deviated from Holy Orthodoxy.

Rejoice, that before falling asleep the angels ministered unto thee in the Holy Liturgy;

Rejoice, that now with the saints in heaven you have consolation.

Rejoice, for you have kept the good faith to the end;

Rejoice, for with the Holy Apostles you fought the good fight.

Rejoice, for you have taken the crown of victory and righteousness from Christ;

Rejoice, for the high example of life you have left for all.

Rejoice, fervent confessor of the ancestral faith;

Rejoice, that even now from heaven you take care of us.

Rejoice, O Blessed Hierarch Glicherie!

Kontakion 13

O blessed Hierarch Glicherie, who worthily served Christ and through your efforts and passions in this life you deserved a place at the right hand of the Heavenly Father, receive now our humble prayers and beseech the good God to grant: strength to His Church and peace to our country; good growth for all; and to us believers forgiveness of sins and great mercy, so that we can sing to God with you: Hallelujah! (**Thrice**)

Then we repeat Ikos 1 followed by Kontakion 1



A Prayer to the Holy Hierarch Glicherie

O Holy Hierarch Glicherie, you who have truly lived with great humility the life of a monk and bearer of heavenly gifts; who have put the righteous faith above all things temporary; and have endured torment and condemnation to death for the defense of our ancestral law and for the people. You have strengthened the righteous one you have taught and the holy law. We are all obliged to honor you, you who were raised in the land of Moldavia and with the holy faith of Orthodoxy were adorned, and now you enjoy the glory of the martyrs and confessors of Christ. Receive our prayer and intercede for us before the Good and Most Merciful God who is praised in the Trinity. Protect with your prayers everyone who honors you as an unshakable pillar of the true faith. Pray to the Lord that the unity and love of faith may be strengthened among the brethren; that the grace of peace may be poured out in the hearts of all; that the flock of the righteous may be saved from all evil; that in one thought and voice we may glorify the Giver of gifts, Our Savior. Watch and pray for us, that being delivered by your intercessions from the snares of the wicked, we fight the good fight of salvation in all the moments of our lives, remaining steadfast in the right faith of our estates and ancestors. Pray to the Lord to send His speedy help to all righteous believers who run to your support and help, to listen to all requests for salvation and help in the present and future life. And grant that all who shall venerate your holy relics in faith may receive your help in response to the request that each of us makes, obtaining what is beneficial and good for us, so that we glorify the Most Holy God, the Triune One worshiped in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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