Akathist Hymn

Chant 1

Rejoice, O you through whom joy will shine forth; Rejoice, O you through whom the curse will disappear! Rejoice, O Restoration of the Fallen Adam; Rejoice, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve! Rejoice, O Peak above the reach of human thought; Rejoice, O Depth even beyond the sight of angels! Rejoice, O you who have become a kingly Throne; Rejoice, O you who carry
him who carries all! Rejoice, O Star who manifests the Sun;

Rejoice, O womb of the Divine Incarnation! Rejoice, O you through whom creation is renewed; Rejoice, O you through whom the Creator becomes a Babe!

Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid-forever pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid-forever pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rejoice, O Hidden Sense of the Inefable Plan; Rejoice, O Belief in Silence That Must Be! Rejoice, O Forecast of the Marvels of Christ;

Rejoice, O Fountainhead of Truths Concerning Him! Hail, Celestial Ladder by whom God came down; Rejoice, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!

Rejoice, O Wonder ever–thrilling to the angels; Rejoice, O Wound ever–hurting
to the demons! Rejoice, O you who gave birth to light ineffably;

Rejoice, O you who told no one how it was done! Rejoice, O you who surpass the wisdom of the wise; Rejoice, O you who enlighten faithful minds!

Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Rejoice, O Tendril whose Bud shall not wilt; Rejoice, O Soil whose Fruit shall not perish! Rejoice, O Tender of mankind’s loving Tender; Rejoice, O Gardener of the Gardener of Life! Rejoice, O Earth who yielded abundant mercies; Rejoice, O Table Full–Laden With Appeasement! Rejoice, for you have greened anew the pastures of delight; Rejoice, for you have prepared a
Rejoice, O Mother of Lamb and Shepherd; Rejoice, O Fold of Rational Sheep!

Rejoice, O Protection Against Unseen Foes; Rejoice, O Key to the Doors of Paradise!

Paradise! Rejoice, for the heavenly rejoice with the earthly;

Rejoice, for the earthly meet the heavenly in song! Rejoice, the Unsilenced Voice of Apostles; Rejoice, the Undaunted Might of Martyrs!
Rejoice, O Steadfast Foundation of Faith; Rejoice, O Shining Emblem of Grace!

Rejoice, O you through whom death was despoiled; Rejoice, O you through whom we were clothed with glory!

Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid-en ev-er-pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid-en ev-er-pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rejoice, O Mother of the Star Without Setting; Rejoice, O Radiance of the Mystical Day!

Rejoice, O you who quenched the flame of error;

Rejoice, O Light of those who search the Trinity!

Rejoice, O you who unthroned the ene my of men; Rejoice, O you who showed forth Christ the Lord, the

Lover of us all! Rejoice, O you who cleansed us from the stain of pagan
Rejoice, O you who saved us from the mire of evil deeds!

Rejoice, O you who made cease the cult of fire; Rejoice, O you who dispelled the flames of passion! Rejoice, O you who guide the faithful toward wisdom;

Rejoice, O Delight of All the Nations!

Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid—en ev—er—pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid—en ev—er—pure!
Kontakion refrain

Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

Chant 6

Re joice, O Resur rec tion of Man kind; Re joice, O Downfall of the De mons!

Re joice, O you who crushed the er ror of de ceit; Re joice, O you who ex posed the fraud of i dols! Re joice, O Sea who drowned the sym bol ic Phar aoh;

Re joice, O Rock who quenched those who thirst for life! Re joice, O Pillar of Fire who guided
those in darkness; Rejoice, O Shelter of the World, wider than the clouds!

Rejoice, O Food who took the place of Manna; Rejoice, O Servant of Holy

De light! Rejoice, O Land of the Promised Good; Rejoice, O you who flow with milk

and honey!

Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid-ever pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid-ever pure!
Kontakion refrain

Rejoice, O Blossom of Incorruption; Rejoice, O Crown of Self-Mastery!

Rejoice, O you who shone forth as a Sign of Resurrection;

Rejoice, O you who displayed the life of angels!

Rejoice, Fruitful Tree from whom believers feed;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Chant 7
Rejoice, Shady Glen where many are sheltered! Rejoice, O you who have borne the
Guide of the Lost; Rejoice, O Source of Life to the Captives' Release!

Rejoice, O you who unsettled even the just judge; Rejoice, Indulgence of many who
have fallen! Rejoice, O Stole for those who lack freedom to speak;

Rejoice, O Tenderness who exceeds all desire!
Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Chant 8

Rejoice, O Space of the Spaceless God; Rejoice, O Gate of the Sublime Mystery!

Rejoice, O Message unsure to those without faith; Rejoice, O Glory most certain

to those who believe! Rejoice, O Sacred Chariot of the One Above the Cherubim;
Rejoice, Perfect Dwelling of the One Above the Seraphim!

Rejoice, O you who reconciled opposites; Rejoice, O you who combined maidenhood with motherhood!

Rejoice, O you through whom transgression was erased;

Rejoice, O you through whom paradise was opened! Rejoice, O Key to the Kingdom of Christ;

Rejoice, O Hope for the Ages of Bliss!
Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid- en ev- er-pure!

Kontakion refrain

Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

Chant 9

Rejoice, O Container of God's Wis- dom; Rejoice, O Treasury of His Prov- i- dence!

Rejoice, O Reproof of Fool ish Phil- os - o - phers; Rejoice, O Confusion of Speech-less Wise Men! Rejoice, for you perplexed the in- quis - i - tive minds;

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Rejoice, for you dried up the inventors of myths! Rejoice, for you ripped the Athenians' meshes; Rejoice, for you filled the Fishermen's nets!

Rejoice, O Retriever from the Abyss of Ignorance; Rejoice, O Lamplight of Knowledge to Many! Rejoice, O Ship for Those Who Seek Salvation; Rejoice, O Harbor for the Sailors of Life!
Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Chant 10

Rejoice, O Pillar of Virginity; Rejoice, O Gateway of Salvation!

Rejoice, O Principle of the New Creation; Rejoice, O Dispenser of God's

Bounties! Rejoice, for you restored those born in shame;
Re-joice, for you gave sense to those who had lost it! Re-joice, O you who stopped
the corrup-tor of minds; Re-joice, O you who bore the sower of Chas-ti-ty!

Re-joice, Holy Chamber of Virgin-al Wed-lock; Re-joice, O you who join the
faith-ful with God! Re-joice, O gracious Foster-mother of Vir-gins;

Re-joice, O Brides-maid of Holy Souls!
Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure!

Rejoice, O Beam of the Mystic Sun;
Rejoice, O Radiance of the Light Without Setting!
Rejoice, Lightning Flash that brightens the souls;
Rejoice, Thunder-clap that strikes down the foes!
Rejoice, for you have raised the many lighted Star;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rejoice, for you have opened the many cours ed Stream! Rejoice, O you who traced the

Living Model of the Pool; Rejoice, O you who erased the stain of sin!

Rejoice, Flowing Water that cleans es the con science; Rejoice, Holy Vessel

o ver-flow ing with joy! Rejoice, O Fragrance of the Sweet ness of Christ;

Rejoice, O Life of the Mysti cal Ban quet!
Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid—ever pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid—ever pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Chant 12

Rejoice, O Tabernacle of God the Word; Rejoice, holy One, more holy than the Saints!

Rejoice, O Ark that the Spirit has gilded; Rejoice, Inexhaustible Treasure of Life!

Rejoice, Precious Crown of Rightful Authori—ties;
Rejoice, Sacred Glory of Reverent Priests! Rejoice, Unshakable Tower of the Church; Rejoice, Unbreachable Wall of the Kingdom!

Rejoice, O you through whom the trophies are raised; Rejoice, O you through whom the enemies are routed! Rejoice, O Healing of My Body; Rejoice, O Salvation of My Soul!
Chant refrain

Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure! Rejoice, O Bride and Maid ever pure!

Kontakion refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Gabriel was rapt in a maze ment as he beheld your virginity

and the splendor of your purity, O Mother of God,

and he cried out to you: By what name shall I call you?
I am bewildered, I am lost! I shall greet you as I was commanded to do:

Rejoice, O Woman Full of Grace!