Saint Jonas
Metropolitan of Kiev

June 15

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

Allegro

Cast-ing thy-self wholly up-on the Lord from thy youth, in prayers and labours and fasting thou wast an image of virtue. Hence, having beheld thy good vol-

tion, God established thee as a hier-arch and shep-herd
of His Church. Wherefore, even after thy repose, thy body was kept whole and incorrupt, O holy Hierarch Jonas. Pray Christ God that our souls be saved.

There is nothing upon earth holier, higher, grander, more solemn, more life-giving than the Liturgy. The temple, at this particular time, becomes an earthly heaven; those who officiate represent Christ Himself, the angels, the cherubim, seraphim and apostles.

-St. John of Kronstadt