Saint Jonas
Metropolitan of Kiev

June 15

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

Ast - ing thy - self whol - ly up - on the Lord from thy youth,
in prayers and la - bour and fast - ing thou wast an im - age of vir -
tue. Hence, hav - ing be - held thy good vo - li - - tion, God es-
tab - lished thee as a hier - arch and shep - herd of His Church. Where - fore,
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