



### **St. Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles – July 15**

**Tropar, tone 4:** Like a merchant seeking a fine pearl, O Vladimir you sat enthroned in the mother of cities, the God-redeemed Kyiv. By sending envoys to Royal City in search of the true faith, you discovered Christ the priceless gem, who chose you as a second Paul. The scales of spiritual blindness fell from your eyes in the holy bath of baptism. Now your people have come to celebrate your falling asleep. Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**Kondak, tone 3:** O glorious Vladimir, you were like the great apostle Paul. Late in life you gave up devotion to the idols as youthful foolishness. In maturity you graced yourself with the royal mantle of baptism. Now, joyously standing before Christ the saviour, pray for the salvation of our souls.