

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

*Week of January 19-24, 2026*

The following prayers and Scripture Readings are meant to accompany the daily prayers of the family, which is called the “Domestic Church.” It is recommended that the *Horologion* (available from: melkite.org) be used in part, or the small green *A Book of Hours* published by Bishop Nicholas. If these are not available; in the evening say Psalm 141 (140) *Lord to You I call...*; and in the morning say Psalms 148-150. To these add the troparia of the day, (and the Scripture Readings, if desired), and your petitions to God.

### Readings of the Week – 33<sup>rd</sup> Week after Pentecost and 16<sup>th</sup> after the Cross

MONDAY - 1 Peter 2:21b-3:9; Mark 12:13-17a

TUESDAY - 1 Peter 3:10-22; Mark 12:18-27

WEDNESDAY – 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mark 12:28-37

THURSDAY - 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mark 12:38-44

FRIDAY - 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mark 13:1-8

SATURDAY - 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Luke 18:2-8a

### MONDAY, 1/19 – SAINT MACARIOS, MONASTIC & SAINT ARSENIOS

#### Troparion of Makarios (Tone 1)

You made the wilderness your dwelling place, O our Father Makarios, the Bearer of God; you became an angel in the flesh and a wonderworker. Through fast, vigils, and prayers, you obtained from God special graces to heal the sick and sanctify the souls of those who come to you with trust. Glory to the One who gave you strength! Glory to the One who crowned you! Glory to the One who, through your intercession, grants healing to all!

#### Troparion of Arsenios (Tone 4)

O Father and Pontiff Arsenios, the holiness of your life was set before your flock as a rule of faith, an example of meekness and a teaching of temperance; wherefore you acquired greatness through humility and spiritual wealth through poverty. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

#### Sunday Evening and Monday Morning (Tone 4)

To the one who was reared in the Temple, close to the Holy of Holies and who was full of faith, wisdom and perfect virginity, Gabriel, the Captain and Leader, offered respects and greetings from heaven when he said: “Hail, O Blessed One! Hail, O Glorified One! The Lord is with you.”

### TUESDAY, 1/20 – SAINT EUTHYMIUS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

#### Troparion (Tone 4)

Joy to you, barren wilderness! Rejoice, your sterile desert that never have known the travail of birth, for the man of desires has multiplied your children. He has planted them in devotion and piety and made them grow in detachment for the sake of perfect virtue. Through his supplications, Christ God, give peace to our lives!

#### Theotokion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

The Mystery which was hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels, has been revealed through you O Theotokos to those on earth, for God took flesh in a union without commixture and willingly took up the cross by which He elevated the First Man, and saved our souls from death.

#### Kontakion (Tone 8)

The wilderness rejoiced at your birth, holy Father Euthymius: remembering you, it harvests great rejoicing because of your many miracles. Pour out some of those wonders upon our souls and cleanse us of our sins, that we may sing, “Alleluia!”

#### Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 115 *Used at Vespers and Matins at the end of Psalm 150*

1. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
2. Happy the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in all his commands.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

**Vespers Readings:** Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 5:15-6:3; Wisdom 4:7-15

**Orthros Gospel:** Matthew 11:17-30

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel:** Luke 6:17-23

### WEDNESDAY, 1/21 – SAINT MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR & SAINT NEOPHYTE

#### Troparion of Maximos (Tone 8)

Guide of orthodoxy, mirror of piety and exemplary behavior, bright star of the universe and adornment of pontiffs, you enlightened us all by your teaching. O wise Maximos, inspired by God and lyre of the Holy Spirit, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

#### Troparion of Neophyte the Martyr (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy Martyr Neophyte has deserved the crown of immortality on account of his good fight. Armed with your strength, he has

vanquished his persecutors and crushed Satan's dreadful might. Through his supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

#### **Weekday Theotokion for Wednesday and Friday (Tone 4)**

O Virgin all-immaculate, Mother of Christ God, a sword pierced your all-holy soul when you saw your Son and God willfully crucified. Wherefore, O Blessed One never cease to pray to Him that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

#### **THURSDAY, 1/22 – SAINT TIMOTHY, APOSTLE & SAINT ANASTASIUS THE PERSIAN, MARTYR**

##### **Troparion Of Timothy (Tone 4)**

O holy Apostle Timothy, master of unction, measured in all your deeds, clothed with a right conscience as befits a priest, you have drawn ineffable truths from the Vessel of Election; you have kept the faith and completed a course equal to his. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

##### **Troparion of the Martyr Anastasius (Tone 4)**

O Lord our God, your holy Martyr Anastasius has deserved the crown of immortality on account of his good fight. Armed with your strength, he has vanquished his persecutors and crushed Satan's dreadful might. Through his supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

#### **Wednesday Evening and Thursday Morning (Tone 4)**

O Virgin Mother of God, we acknowledge that the Word of the Father, Christ our God, was incarnate of you, the only pure one, the only blessed one. Wherefore we sing to you a hymn of praise and we exalt you.

#### **FRIDAY, 1/23 – SAINT CLEMENT OF ANCYRA, MARTYR**

##### **Troparion Of Clement (Tone 4)**

Clement most holy, you are for the faithful a vineyard of holiness, a rod of valiance, a flower of purity and a fruit of great delight that God has granted. Since you struggled together with the martyrs and rose to the dignity of a bishop, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

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#### **SATURDAY, 1/24 – SAINT XENIA THE ROMAN**

##### **Troparion of Xenia (Tone 8)**

In you, O Mother Xenia, was restored the likeness of God, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away, and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

##### **Theotokion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)**

O Good One You were born of the Virgin, and suffered crucifixion for us. You destroyed death by your death, and as God You made manifest the resurrection. Turn not away from those You have made by your hand. O Merciful One accept as our intercessor the Mother of God, who gave birth to You. O our Savior, save a desperate people.

