

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of November 27-December 2

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

27TH MONDAY - 1Timothy 5:1-10; Luke 19:37-44

27TH TUESDAY - 1Timothy 5:11-21; Luke 19:45-48

27TH WEDNESDAY - 1Timothy 5:22-6:11a; Luke 20:1-8

THURSDAY – *Use the Readings of November 30*

27TH FRIDAY - 2Timothy 1:1-2 & 8-18; Luke 20:19-26

27TH SATURDAY - Galatians 5:22-6:2; Luke 12:32-40

Pre-Christmas Kontakion (Tone 3) *Used daily from November 26 – December 24*

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice therefore, O Universe when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new Child, being God from all eternity.

MONDAY, 11/27 – SAINT JAMES THE PERSIAN, MARTYR

Troparion of the Martyr James (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy Martyr James 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.

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, 11/28 – SAINTS STEPHEN THE LATTER & IRENAKOS, MARTYRS

Troparion Of Stephen (Tone 4)

O blessed Stephen, your training in ascetical life on the mountain and the power of the Cross made you capable of routing your spiritual enemies. By your courage in battle and your strong faith, you defeated Copronym. For both these reasons, God has crowned you with immortal life, O Martyr among the Saints, Stephen worth of all praise!

Troparion of the Martyr Irenarchus (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy Martyr Irenarchus 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 Tuesday (Tone 4)

Let us poor sinners hasten with fervor to the Mother of God; let us humbly kneel before her and say from the depth of our hearts: “O Lady, be kind to us and help us. Hasten, for we are perishing under a multitude of sins. Do not turn away your servants empty-handed, for you are their only hope and protection.

WEDNESDAY, 11/29 – SAINT PARAMON & PHILUMENES, MARTYRS

Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenes have deserved the crown of immortality on account of their good fight. Armed with your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors and crushed Satan’s dreadful might. Through their 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, 11/30 – SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE – 3rd Class

Troparion of Saint Andrew (Tone 4)

Andrew, first-called of the Apostles, and brother of Peter, their leader: intercede with the Master of All that He may grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

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 union without commixture, and willingly took up the cross by which He elevated the first man, and saved our souls from death.

Kontakion of Saint Andrew (Tone 2)

Let us praise for his courage Andrew the Theologian, first Apostle of the Savior and brother of Peter, for just as he drew his brother to Christ, he is crying out to us: “Come, for we have found the One the world desires!”

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18 *Used at Vespers and Matins at the end of Psalm 150*

1. Their voice has gone forth over the whole world and their words to the limits of the universe.
2. The heavens declare the glory of God and firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

Vesper Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-9, 1 Peter 1: 13-19, 1 Peter 2:11-24

Orthros Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-15 **Gospel:** John 1:44-52

FRIDAY, December 1 – SAINT NAHUM, PROPHET

Troparion of the Prophet Nahum (Tone 2)

We celebrate today the memory of your Prophet Nahum, and we implore You, O Lord, to save our souls through his intercession.

Weekday Theotokion for Friday (Tone 2)

O Virgin and all-glorious Theotokos, we sing to you a hymn of praise, for Hades has been destroyed by your Son’s cross. Death has been put to death, and we the dead have been made to rise and become worthy of life. We have obtained paradise, the original bliss! Wherefore we glorify you by giving thanks to Christ our God, for He alone is almighty and all-merciful.

SATURDAY, 12/2 – SAINT HABAKKUK, PROPHET

Troparion of the Prophet Habakkuk (Tone 2)

We celebrate today the memory of your Prophet Habakkuk, and we implore You, O Lord, to save our souls through his intercession.

2nd Tone Resurrection Theotokion

All your mysteries, O Theotokos, are beyond understanding and most glorious. Sealed by purity and preserved by virginity, you have indeed been acknowledged as the Mother of the True God. Intercede with Him to save our souls.

