

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

*Week of September 25-30*

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](http://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

19<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY - Philippians 1:1-7; Luke 6:24-30

19<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY - Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 6:37-45

19<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY - Philippians 1:12-20a; Luke 6:46-7:1

19<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY - Philippians 1:20b-27a; Luke 7:17-30

FRIDAY – *Use the Readings of October 6*

19<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY - 1Corinthians 15:58-16:3; Luke 5:27-32

**MONDAY, 10/2 – MARTYRS CYPRIAN AND JUSTINA**

### Troparion of the Bishop and Martyr Cyprian (*Tone 4*)

Sharer in the Apostles’ way of life and successor on their thrones, inspired by God, you found ascetical effort as the means to contemplation. And so, dispensing rightly the word of truth, you fought for the faith unto the shedding of your blood, O hieromartyr Cyprian. Intercede with Christ God, for the salvation of 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, 10/3 – SAINT DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE**

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

O holy hieromartyr Dionysius, master of unction, measured in all things, clothed with a straight conscience as befits a priest: you drew 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.

### 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, 10/4– SAINT HIEROTHEUS OF ATHENS**

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

O holy hieromartyr Hierotheus, master of unction, measured in all things, clothed with a straight conscience as befits a priest: you drew 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.

### 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, 10/5 – SAINT CHARITINA THE MARTYR**

### Troparion of Charitina (*Tone 4*)

O Jesus, your Lamb Charitina cries out to You with great love: O my Bridegroom, I long for you in great pain, I am crucified with You, and in baptism I am buried with You. I suffer for your sake in order to reign with You, I die for You in order to live in You. Accept me as an immaculate victim, since I am immolated for your love. Through her intercession, O Merciful One, 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, 10/6 – SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE – 4<sup>th</sup> Class**

### Troparion of St. Thomas the Apostle, (*3<sup>rd</sup> Tone*)

O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins.

**Resurrection Theotokion (Tone 3)**

We praise you O Virgin Theotokos, Mediatrix of our Salvation, for your Son our God, who suffered on the Cross in the flesh which was taken from you, redeemed us from corruption, for He is the Lover of Mankind.

**Kontakion Of Saint Thomas (Tone 4)**

Thomas, disciple of Christ and his faithful servant, filled with divine grace, cried out in the sincerity of his love, "You are my Lord and my God!"

**Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18 *Used at Vespers and Matins after 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...

**Vespers Readings:** I John 1:1-7; James 1:1-12; Jude 1-7, 17-25

**Orthros Gospel:** John 21:14-25

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:9-15 **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**SATURDAY, 10/7 – SAINTS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS, MARTYRS****Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)**

O Lord our God, your holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus 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.

**Resurrection Theotokion (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.

