

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of April 1-6

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 – THOMAS WEEK

THOMAS MONDAY, Acts 3:19-26 ; John 2:1-11

THOMAS TUESDAY, Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21

THOMAS WEDNESDAY, Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24

THOMAS THURSDAY, Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30

THOMAS FRIDAY, Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:3

THOMAS SATURDAY, Acts 5:21-32; John 5:14-27

Paschal Season Vespers Or Evening Prayer, Sunday Evening-Friday

Evening: *We start with the Paschal Troparion sung three times then Psalm 103. At the end we sing the Paschal Troparion once instead of, “Through the prayers...”*

Paschal Season Orthros Or Morning Prayer, Monday Morning-

Saturday Morning: *We start with the Paschal Troparion sung three times then the 6 Psalms. Before Psalm 50 we say the Paschal Hymn of Saint John of Damascus. After the 9th Ode the Katavasia of Pascha, “Shine, shine...” We use the Apostichon Psalm of Saint Thomas, and at the end we sing the Paschal Troparion once instead of, “Through the prayers...”*

Other Prayers During The Paschal Season, Sunday-Saturday: *All other prayers begin with “Christ is risen...” sung three times, the prayers end with it being sung once.*

Paschal Troparion (Tone 5) *Used for all prayers and services during the Paschal Season.*

Christ is risen from the dead, and by his death He has trampled upon death, and has given life to those who are in the tombs.

Troparion Of Thomas (Tone 7) *Used all week for the Liturgy of the Hours*

While the Tomb was sealed, You shone forth from it, O Christ our Life, and while the doors remained closed, You stood among your disciples, O Resurrection of all, and through them You restored a new spirit in us, according to your great mercy.

Paschal Hymn Of Saint John Of Damascus (Tone 6) *Said daily before Psalm 50 at Orthros during the Paschal Season*

Now that we have seen the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We bow in worship before your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify your Resurrection, for You are our God, and we have no other, we magnify your name. All you faithful come: let us adore the holy Resurrection of Christ, for behold through the Cross joy has come to the World! Let us always bless the Lord, let us sing his Resurrection, for by enduring for us the pain of the Cross, He has crushed death by his death.

9th Ode, Katavasia Of Pascha (Tone 1) *Said daily after the 9th Ode of Orthros during the Paschal Season.*

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shown upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion, and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exalt in the Resurrection of your Son.

Apostichon Psalm of Thomas: Psalm 147:12-13 *Used at Orthros during Thomas Week*

1. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.
2. For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your children within you.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

MONDAY, 4/8 – SAINT HERODION & HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
– 5th Class *Pentecostarion Troparion of Thomas*

TUESDAY, 4/9 – SAINT EUPSICHIOS OF CAESAREA - 5th Class
Pentecostarion Troparion of Thomas

WEDNESDAY, 4/10 – SAINT TERENCE & HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS – 5th Class *Pentecostarion Troparion of Thomas*

THURSDAY, 4/11 – SAINT ANTIPAS OF PERGAMUM, MARTYR – 5th Class *Pentecostarion Troparion of Thomas*

FRIDAY, 4/12 – SAINT BASIL OF BARI

Troparion Of Basil (Tone 4)

O Father and Hierarch Basil, the holiness of your life has set you before your flock as a rule of faith, an example of meekness and a teacher of self-restraint. Wherefore, you acquired greatness through humility and spiritual wealth through poverty. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Troparion of Thomas

SATURDAY, 4/13 – SAINT MARTIN POPE OF ROME *Closing of Saint Thomas Week.*

Troparion of Thomas 3 times at Vespers and Orthros. Apostichon Psalm of Thomas at Vespers and at the end of Psalm 150 in Orthros. Great Doxology and the Troparion of Thomas

