

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of November 25-30, 2024

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 – 28th Week

MONDAY – *Use the Readings of November 25*

28TH TUESDAY - 2Timothy 3:16-4:4; Luke 19:45-48

28TH WEDNESDAY - 2Timothy 4:9-22; Luke 20:1-8

THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY: Ephesians 5:8-20 & Luke 17:12-19

28TH FRIDAY - Titus 1:15-2:10; Luke 20:19-26

SATURDAY – *Use the Readings of November 30*

MONDAY, 11/25 – SAINT CATHERINE & SAINT MERCURY & CLOSING OF THE PRESENTATION – 3rd Class

Troparion of November 21

Troparion Of Catherine (Tone 5)

Let us sing of the illustrious bride of Christ, holy Catherine, the Protectress of Sinai, who is our refuge and our help. With the sword of the Spirit, she brilliantly silenced the sophistry of the impious; as a crowned martyr, she forever entreats great mercy for us all.

Troparion of the Martyr Mercury (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy Martyr Mercury 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.

Repeat the Troparion of November 21

Apostichon Psalm: 44:15 & 16 *Used at Vespers and Matins at the end of Psalm 150*

V: She is led to the King with her maiden companions.

V: They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the Temple of the King.

Glory be to the Father... Now and always and forever...

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 4)

Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God, and the announcement of the salvation of men. In the Temple of God, the Virgin is seen openly foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry to her in a loud voice: Hail! O fulfillment of the Creator’s Plan.

Kontakion of the Feast (Tone 4)

The most pure Temple of our holy Savior, the most precious and bright Bridal Chamber, the Virgin sacred Treasury of the Glory of God, openly appears today in the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the most Holy Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: This is the Heavenly Tabernacle.

Vespers Readings: Isaiah 43:9-12, Wisdom 3:1-9, Wisdom 5:15-6:3

Orthros Gospel: Mark 5:24-34

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 **Gospel:** Mark 5:24-34

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.

TUESDAY, 11/26 – SAINT ALYPIUS, STYLITE & SAINT NICON, MONASTIC

Troparion Of Alypius (Tone 1)

O holy Alypius, you have become a perfect example of patience, for you have emulated two great Patriarchs: Job in his tribulations and Joseph in his trials; and even while in the flesh, you resembled the angels of heaven. O our Father Alypius, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

Troparion Of Nikon (Tone 3)

Sparta rejoices because it holds your holy remains, a source of healing and encouragement to those who have recourse to you. Wherefore, O holy Nikon, intercede with Christ God that He may grant us his great mercy!

Weekday Theotokion for Tuesday (Tone 3)

O Mother of God, powerful protectress of the world, you are our shelter and our strength. Through your intercession protect your servants against all dangers, O you the only Blessed One.

WEDNESDAY, 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.

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, 11/28 – 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.

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, 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.

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SATURDAY, 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



