

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of July 29-August 3

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 – 11th Week

11TH MONDAY - 2Corinthians 2:3c-15; Matthew 23:13-22

11TH TUESDAY - 2Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Matthew 23:23-28

11TH WEDNESDAY - 2Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39

THURSDAY – *Use the Readings of August 1*

11TH FRIDAY - 2Corinthians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51

11TH SATURDAY - 1Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 19:3-12

MONDAY, 7/29 – SAINT CALLINICOS, MARTYR & SAINT THEODOTA, MARTYR

Troparion of the Martyr Callinicos (Tone 4)

Your Martyr Callinicos, O Lord, received 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.

Troparion of Theodota (Tone 4)

O Jesus, your Lamb Theodota 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!

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, 7/30 – SAINTS SILAS & SYLVIAN, APOSTLES

Troparion of the Apostles (Tone 3)

O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He may grant us the remission of our sins.

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, 7/31 – SAINT EUDOCIMUS, MONASTIC

Troparion Of Eudocimus (Tone 4)

Holy Eudocimus, God who called you out of this world and led you to the eternal mansions will keep your body incorrupt. You lived a life of wisdom and honor, keeping your body clean. Intercede trustingly with Christ that He may save us all.

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world, and preserve your Community by the power of your Cross.

Tuesday Evening and Wednesday Morning Tone 1:

O Pure One, we have obtained your protection. Through your intercession, we have been kept from harm and surrounded at all times with the grace of your Son’s Cross. Wherefore we exalt you with great devotion.

THURSDAY, August 1 – PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS & the 7 HOLY MACCABEES – 4th Class *Dormition Fast and Paraclesis*

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 98 *Used at Vespers, and after Psalm 150 at Orthros*

1. Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his footstool; He the Lord is holy.
2. The Lord is King from of old, and He has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

Troparia: *Martyrs and the Holy Cross*

Troparion of the Maccabees (Tone 1)

We beseech You, O Lord, and through the sufferings these saints endured for your sake, we implore you to heal all our infirmities.

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

“O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross.”

Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Tone 4)

O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

Kontakion Of The Maccabees (Tone 2)

O Maccabees perfect in wisdom, you are like the seven pillars of God’s wisdom, the seven candelabra of heaven. O great ones, first of the martyrs, together with all the martyrs intercede with God that He may save those who honor you.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:14-19 **Gospel:** Matthew 10:16-22

FRIDAY, 8/2 – FINDING OF THE RELICS OF SAINT STEPHEN

Dormition Fast and Paraclesis

Troparion Of Stephen (Tone 4)

Because of all you have endured for Christ our God, you have been given a royal crown, O first and holy martyr Stephen! You have put your persecutors to shame and seen your Savior enthroned at the right hand of the Father. Do not cease to intercede for the salvation of 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.

SATURDAY, 8/3 – SAINT ISAAC & HIS COMPANIONS, MONASTICS

Dormition Fast

Troparion of the Saints (Tone 4)

O God of our Fathers who always deals with us according to your everlasting compassion, do not withdraw your mercy from us, but through the prayers of our Fathers guide our lives along the ways of peace.

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.

