

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

*Week of April 22-27*

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 – 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF PASCHA

MONDAY - Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69

TUESDAY – *Use the Readings of April 23*

WEDNESDAY – *Use the Readings of Mid-Pentecost*

THURSDAY – *Use the Readings of April 25*

FRIDAY - Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30

SATURDAY - Acts 12:1-11; 8:31-42a

### 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.*

### -Paschal Hymn Of Saint John Of Damascus (Tone 6)

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.

*After the 9<sup>th</sup> Ode the Katavasia of Pascha, “Shine, shine...”*

### -9<sup>TH</sup> Ode, Katavasia Of Pascha (Tone 1)

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.

*We use the Apostichon Psalm of the Myrrh-Bearers,*

### -Apostichon Psalm of the day

*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.

### MONDAY, 4/22 – SAINT THEODORE OF ANASTASIOPOLIS

#### Troparion Of Theodore (Tone 4)

You were known for your great holiness since your tender age, and proved yourself full of virtues; you enlightened the world with miracles and put legions of demons to flight. O Bishop Theodore, intercede with Christ God that he may save our souls! *Then Theotokion of Tone 4.*

### TUESDAY, 4/23 - SAINT GEORGE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

#### Troparion Of George (Tone 4)

Since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, and a physician of the sick, and a protector of the kings, O great among the martyrs and victorious George, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls. *Then Theotokion of Tone 4.*

#### Kontakion Of George (Tone 4)

Having been cultivated well by God, you became a venerable cultivator of the faith, harvesting he sheaves of your virtues. You shed tears as you scattered the seed, but you rejoiced as you reaped. Having fought the good fight unto the shedding of your blood, you received Christ as your reward. Through your prayers, O holy George, obtain the forgiveness of sins for all.

**Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 91** *Used at Vespers and Matins at the end of Psalm 150*

1. The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
2. God has displayed wonders in the saints who dwell in his land: all his good pleasure is upon them.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

**Vespers' Readings:** Isaiah 43:9-12; Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 5:15-6:3

**Orthros Gospel:** Luke 21:12-19

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5; **Gospel:** John 15:17-27; 16:1

**4/24 Wednesday Of Mid-Pentecost**

**Troparion of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8)** *Sung 3 times at Vespers and Orthros*

At the middle point of this festive season, give my thirsty soul to drink from the waters of true worship, for You called out to all men: Whoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. O Christ God, Fountain of Life, glory to You.

**Kontakion Of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 4)**

O Christ God, Creator and Master of all, at the middle point of the season of the Mosaic festivities, you called out to all men and said: "All of you come, and draw the waters of immortality!" Wherefore, we bow down in worship before You and cry out with faith: "Grant us your mercy, for You are the Fountain of our life!"

**Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 73 (Tone 1)** *Used at Vespers and Orthros*

1. Remember your flock which you owned from the start, which You redeemed as the staff of your inheritance.
2. Yet God is our King throughout all the ages: He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

**Great Vespers Readings:** Micah 4:2; 6:2; 5:3; 2) Isaiah 55: 1-13; 3) Proverbs 9:1-1

**Epistle:** Acts 14:6-17 **Gospel:** John 7:14-30

**THURSDAY, 4/25 – SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST – 4<sup>th</sup> Class**

**Troparion of the Holy Apostle Mark (Tone 3)**

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins. *Then Troparion of Mid-Pentecost.*

**KONDAKION OF MARK (Tone 2)**

You were granted from on high the grace to solve the philosophers' problems, to triumph by preaching the divine Gospel to the Gentiles, and to lead them to your Master, O Apostle Mark, worthy of all praise.

**Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18** *Used at Vespers, and after Psalm 150 in Orthros*

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...

**Troparia: Saint and Mid-Pentecost**

**Vespers Readings:** James 1:1-12; James 1:13-27; James 2:1-13

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 5:6-14 **Gospel:** Luke 10:16-21

**FRIDAY, 4/26 – SAINT BASIL OF AMASIA, MARTYR**

**Troparion of Basil (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 Basil. Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls. *Then Troparion of Mid-Pentecost.*

**SATURDAY, 4/27 – SAINT SIMEON, BISHOP-MARTYR**

**Troparion Of Simeon (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 Simeon. Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls. *Then Troparion of Mid-Pentecost.*