

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of January 13-18, 2025

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 – Menaion Readings

Monday – 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday – Hebrews 10:32-35; Luke 12:32-41

Wednesday – Galatians 5:22-6:2; Luke 12:32-40

Thursday – *Readings of January 16*

Friday – *Readings of January 17*

Saturday – *Readings of January 18*

OCTAVE OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST *January 6-14*

Troparion of Theophany (Tone 1) Used January 6-14

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed. For the Father’s voice bore witness to You by calling You his Beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of Dove, confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God who have appeared to us, and enlightened the world, glory to You.

Kontakion of Theophany (Tone 3) Used January 6-14

Today You have appeared O Lord to the universe, and your light O Christ our God has been impressed upon us, who sing to You with full knowledge, You came and appeared O Inaccessible Light.

Apostichon Of The Feast: Psalm 113:3 & 5 (Tone 2) Used January 6-14 at Vespers and Matins

v. The sea fled at the sight; the Jordan turned back on its course.

v. Why was it, O sea that you fled? That you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

MONDAY, 1/13 – 8TH DAY OF THE FEAST, SAINTS ERMYLUS & STRATONIKOS, MARTYRS & THE MARTYRS OF SINAI

Use the Proper Parts of Theophany and the Troparia of the Saints and the Readings of the Day.

Troparion of the 2 Martyrs (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy Martyrs Ermylus and Stratonikos 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.

Troparion of the Martyrs of Sinai (Tone 4)

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

TUESDAY, 1/14 – CLOSING DAY OF THEOPHANY

Everything as on the Feast except there are no Readings at Vespers, no Gospel at Orthros, and read the Epistle and Gospel of the Time.

WEDNESDAY, 1/15 – SAINT PAUL, HERMIT & SAINT JOHN CALOBITE

Troparion Of John (Tone 4)

Since your early youth, you have longed with fervor for the things of the Lord: leaving the world and its pleasures, you became an example of monastic life. John most blessed, you built your hut at the door of your parent’s house and overcame the devil’s guiles. Wherefore Christ Himself glorified you as you deserve.

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, 1/16 – THE CHAINS OF SAINT PETER – 4th Class

Troparion Of Peter (Tone 4)

Without leaving Rome, you have come to us, you who preside over the apostles by the power of the venerable chains you bore. While honoring them with faith, we beseech you that, through your intercession, God may grant us great mercy.

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 a union without commixture and willingly took up the cross by which He elevated the First Man, and saved our souls from death.

Kontakion Of Peter (Tone 2)

Christ the Rock, who with splendid glory glorified Peter, the Rock of Faith, the first among the apostles, now calls us all to celebrate the miracles performed through the honorable chains of Peter, that He may grant us the forgiveness of sins.

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18 *Use 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...

Epistle: Acts 12: 1-11 **Gospel:** John 21: 14-25

FRIDAY, 1/17 – ANTHONY THE GREAT – Third Class

Troparion Of Anthony (Tone 4)

Father Anthony, you equaled Elias in his zeal and followed John the Baptist in his holy way of life: you peopled the wilderness and established the world on the firm foundations of your prayers. Intercede with Christ God that He may save 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 a union without commixture and willingly took up the cross by which He elevated the First Man, and saved our souls from death.

Kontakion Of Anthony (Tone 2)

Anthony most venerable, you rejected the troubles of this world and spent your life in peace by imitating John the Baptist. With him, we exalt your name, for you are a perfect example of conduct.

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 115 *Used at Vespers, and at the end of Psalm 150 in Orthros*

1. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

2. Happy the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in all his commands.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

Vespers Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 5:15-6:3; Wisdom 4:7-15

Orthros Gospel: Matthew 11:17-30

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21 **Gospel:** Luke 6:17-23

SATURDAY, 1/18 – SAINTS CYRIL & ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA – 3rd Class

Troparion of the Saints (Tone 4)

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

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 a union without commixture and willingly took up the cross by which He elevated the First Man, and saved our souls from death.

Kontakion Of The Saints (Tone 4)

O Hierarchs renowned for your piety and devotion, heroic contenders for the Church of Christ, protect all those who sing to Him, “O Merciful One, save the faithful who honor You, O Lord!”

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 48 *Used at Vespers and Matins*

1. My mouth speaks wisdom and my heart exults with understanding.
2. Your priests shall be clothed with holiness; your faithful shall ring out their joy.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

Vespers Readings: Deuteronomy 1:8-11 & 15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21; Wisdom 3:1-9

Orthros Gospel: John 10:1-9

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:14-19