

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of July 8-13

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 – 8th Week

8TH MONDAY - 1 Corinthians 9:13-18; Matthew 16:1-6

8TH TUESDAY - 1 Corinthians 10:5-12; Matthew 16:6-12

8TH WEDNESDAY - 1 Corinthians 10:12-22; Matthew 16:20-24

8TH THURSDAY - 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:8; Matthew 16:24-28

8TH FRIDAY - 1 Corinthians 11:8-23a; Matthew 17:10-18

SATURDAY – *Use the Readings of July 13*

MONDAY, 7/8 – SAINT PROCOPIUS, MARTYR

Troparion of the Martyr (Tone 4)

Your Martyr Procopius, 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.

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, 7/9 – SAINT PANCRATIUS, BISHOP-MARTYR

Troparion of Pancratius (Tone 4)

O holy Hieromartyr Pancratius, you lent yourself to the apostles/ way of life and succeeded them on their throne. Inspired by God, you found the way to contemplation through practice and prayer, wherefore you became a teacher of truth, fighting for the faith unto the shedding of your blood. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

Weekday Theotokion for Tuesday (Tone 4)

Let us poor sinners hasten with fervor to the Mother of God; let us humbly kneel before her and say from the depth of our hearts: “O Lady, be kind to us and help us. Hasten, for we are perishing under a multitude of sins. Do not turn away your servants empty-handed, for you are their only hope and protection.

WEDNESDAY, 7/10 – THE 45 MARTYRS OF NICOMEDIA

Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)

Your 45 Martyrs of Nicomedia, O Lord, received 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.

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, 7/11 – SAINT EUPHEMIA MARTYR

Troparion of Saint Euphemia (Tone 4)

O Jesus, your Lamb Euphemia 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!

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, 7/12 – SAINTS PROCLUS & HILARION, MARTYRS

Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)

Your Martyrs, Proclus and Hilarion, O Lord, received 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, 7/13 – SAINTS GABRIEL the Archangel & STEPHEN OF SAINT SABAS MONASTERY

Festal Orthros in honor of the Archangel Gabriel may be served if desired.

Troparion of Gabriel (Tone 4)

O Captains and Leaders of the armies of heaven, unworthy as we are, we beseech you without cease to surround us with your intercessions and cover us beneath the shelter of the glory of your ethereal wings. We bend our knee and cry out with perseverance: “Deliver us from danger, O Princes of the Powers on High!”

Troparion of Stephen (Tone 8)

Guide of Orthodoxy, mirror of piety and exemplary behavior, bright star of the universe, and adornment of pontiffs, you enlightened us all with your teachings. O wise Stephen, you are a song of praise made by the Holy Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

Theotokion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

O Good One You were born of the Virgin, and suffered crucifixion for us. You destroyed death by death and as God made manifest the resurrection. Turn not away from those You have made by your hand, and accept as our intercessor the Mother of God who gave birth to You. O our Savior, save a desperate people.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10; **Gospel:** Luke 10:16-21

