

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of May 6-11

Readings of the Week – Sixth Week of Pascha

MONDAY – Acts 17:1-15; John 11:47-56

TUESDAY – *Use the Readings of Saint John*

WEDNESDAY - Acts 18:22-28; John 12:36-47

THURSDAY – *Use the Readings of Ascension Thursday*

FRIDAY – *Use the Readings of May 10*

SATURDAY - Acts 20:7-12; John 14:10b-21

MONDAY, 5/6 – SAINT JOB THE JUST *Paschal Season Service*

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5, then Troparion Of Job (Tone 1)

When the enemy of the just beheld the wealth of Job's virtues, he thought to destroy them. He attacked his body, but could not touch his spirit, for his pure soul was ready and strong. As for us, the same enemy stripped and chained us. Wherefore, O Savior, be on our side: protect us against the devil and save us! *Theotokion of the Resurrection, Tone 1*

TUESDAY, 5/7 – APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS OVER JERUSALEM & SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE (*Moved from Wednesday*) *Paschal Season Service*

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5, then Troparion Of Saint John (Tone 2)

Apostle beloved of Christ God, hasten to save a people that has no other recourse: for He who let you repose on his breast will also accept your intercession in our favor. O John the Theologian, beseech Him to dispel the cloud of paganism that is darkening us, and beg Him to grant us peace and mercy.

Troparion of Arsenios (Tone 8)

Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighings made your labors fruitful a hundredfold; you became a star shining with miracles all over the world. Holy Father Arsenios pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Theotokion (Tone 8)

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

Kontakion Of Saint John (Tone 2)

O Man of Purity, who could describe your glory? Many are the miracles and healing you perform. Since you are a theologian and the Beloved of Christ, intercede with Him for the salvation of our souls.

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18 *Used at Vespers and at the end of 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...

Vespers Readings: 1 John 3:21-4:6; 1John 4:11-16; 1 John 4:20-5:5

Orthros Gospel: John 21:14-25

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-7 **Gospel:** John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

WEDNESDAY, 5/8 CLOSING OF PASCHA

TUESDAY VESPERS OR EVENING PRAYER, : *We start with Psalm 67 and the Paschal Troparion as below; then Psalm 140 (141) followed by "O Joyful Light", then we make our prayers and petitions to God, then we chant the Paschal Stichera with Psalm 67 as below.*

WEDNESDAY ORTHROS OR MORNING PRAYER: *We start with Psalm 67 and the Paschal Troparion as below; then Psalm 148, then we chant the Paschal Stichera with Psalm 67, then we make our prayers and petitions to God, we finish by singing, "Christ is risen... one time.*

OTHER PRAYERS, WEDNESDAY: *All other prayers begin with "Christ is risen..." sung three times, the prayers end with it being sung once.*

PSALM 67 AND PASCHAL TROPARION

All: 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. *(Three times.)*

PSALM 67

Leader: 1. Let God arise and his enemies will scatter, and those who hate Him will flee before Him.

All: Christ is risen from the dead...

L: 2. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish away, and melt away as wax in the fire.

All: Christ is risen from the dead...

L: 3. So do sinners perish before God, but just exult with joy before God.

All: Christ is risen from the dead...

L: 4. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice therein.

All: Christ is risen from the dead...

L: 5. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Christ is risen from the dead...

L: Christ is risen from the dead, and by his death He has trampled upon death,

All: And has given life to those who are in the tombs.

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PASCHAL STICHERA (*Tone 5*)

PSALM 67

1. Let God arise and his enemies will scatter, and those who hate Him will flee before Him.

-Our Passover, Christ the Redeemer is revealed to us today as a noble Passover. It is a new and holy Passover, a mystical Passover, a blameless Passover, a glorious Passover, a Passover for the faithful, a Passover that opens for us the gates of paradise, a Passover that sanctifies all believers.

2. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish away, and melt as wax in the fire.

-Come back from what you have seen, O women, heralds of good tidings, and say to Zion: Accept from us the cheerful announcement of the resurrection of Christ. O Jerusalem, rejoice, exult, leap for joy: for you have seen Christ the King coming out of the tomb as fair as a bridegroom.

3. So do sinners perish before God, but let the just exult with joy before God.

-When, early in the morning, the ointment-bearing women stood before the tomb of the Giver of Life, they saw an angel sitting on the stone and he spoke to them, saying: Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? Why do you mourn as if the Incorruptible One had suffered corruption? Go to his disciples and proclaim the glad tidings that Christ is risen from the dead.

4. This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice therein.

-A glorious Passover has shone upon us, a Passover of the Lord, a Passover perfectly honorable: let us then embrace one another with joy. O what a Passover delivering from sorrow, for Christ coming out of the tomb as from a nuptial chamber fills the women with joy by telling them to bring this happy news to the disciples.

5. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

-Behold, today is the day of the resurrection: let us glory in the feast, let us embrace one another in joy and say: O brothers and enemies too: we forgive everything on resurrection day. Let us all sing together.

-Christ is risen from the dead... (*Three times.*)

ASCENSION THURSDAY, 5/19, 1st Class Feast

Troparion (*Tone 4*) Sung 3 times at Vespers and Matins

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through your blessing they were confirmed in their belief that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world

Kontakion (*Tone 6*)

After fulfilling for us your Plan of Redemption and joining the things of earth with those of Heaven, You gloriously ascended, O Christ our God, without abandoning us, but remained with us forever, and proclaimed to those who love You: Behold I am with you, no one has power against you.

Apostichon: Psalm 46 *Used at Vespers and Matins*

V: All you nations, clap your hands: sing a joyful hymn to the Lord.

V: God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

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

Vespers Readings: 1) Isaiah 2:2-3; 2) Isaiah 62:10-63:1-3, 7-9; Zechariah 14:4, 8-11

Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-12 **Gospel:** Luke 24: 36-53

FRIDAY, 5/10 – SAINT SIMON THE ZEALOT, APOSTLE – 4/3rd Class

Troparion of the Apostle Simon (*Tone 3*)

O holy Apostle Simon, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins. & *Troparion of the Ascension*

Kontakion of Simon (*Tone 2*)

Let us all bless the memory of Simon, the Apostle of the Lord, who confirmed Christ's teaching in the souls of the faithful. He now stands before the Divine Glory of God, enjoying the life of the angels and interceding for all.

Apostichon Psalm: *See Tuesday Used at Vespers and after Psalm 150 in Matins*

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SATURDAY, 5/11 – SAINT MOCIUS, MARTYR & DEDICATION OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Troparion Of Dedication (*Tone 4*)

The city of the Theotokos dedicates its foundation to her. For through the Mother of God, she is preserved and strengthened. Therefore, we cry out to her: "Hail, hope of the whole world!"

Troparion Of Saint Mocius (*Tone 1*)

As a priest of his glory, ministering to Christ, you offered yourself to the Lord as a spiritual sacrifice and perfect oblation in the burning fire of martyrdom. Thus Christ, the Lover of Mankind, has bestowed on you a double crown, O Mocius, glorifying you for having glorified Him in your struggle. & *Troparion of the Ascension*