

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of June 3-8

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 – Third Week after Pentecost

3RD MONDAY - Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 9:36-10:8

3RD TUESDAY - Romans 7:14-8:2; Matthew 10:9-15

3RD WEDNESDAY - Romans 8:2-13; Matthew 10:16-22

3RD THURSDAY - Romans 8:22-27; Matthew 10:23-31

3RD FRIDAY - Romans 9:6-19; Matthew 10:32-11:1

3RD SATURDAY - Romans 3:28-4:3; Matthew 7:24-8:4

MONDAY, 6/3 – SAINT LUCILLIAN, MARTYR

Troparion of Lucillian (Tone 1)

By your faith, O Lucillian, You shone like a radiant star in the dark night of error. You fought the good fight and put the treacherous tyrant to death. Together with the venerable Paula and four hundred martyred youths, intercede for our souls before Christ.

Weekday Theotokion for Monday (Tone 1)

The universe recognizes in you, O Woman full of grace, the marvel of marvels, and it rejoices. You have borne without human seed the One whom even the highest ranks of angels cannot look upon, and you have given Him birth in a manner beyond understanding. Intercede with Him for the salvation of our souls

TUESDAY, 6/4 – SAINT METROPHANES OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Troparion of Metrophanes (Tone 4)

O Father and Pontiff Metrophanes, the holiness of your life was set before your flock as a rule of faith, and example of meekness and a teaching of temperance; wherefore you acquired greatness through humility and spiritual wealth through poverty. Pray to 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, 6/5 – SAINT DOROTHEOS OF TYRE, BISHOP-MARTYR

Troparion of Dorotheus (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 Dorotheus, Intercede with Christ God 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.

THURSDAY, 6/6 – SAINT HILARION THE YOUNGER & BESSARION, MONASTICS

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.

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, 6/7 – SAINT THEODOTUS OF ANCYRA, BISHOP-MARTYR

Troparion of Theodotus (Tone 4)

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SATURDAY, 6/8 – TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT THEODORE THE MARTYR

Troparion Of Theodore (Tone 4)

You became a brilliant general in the royal armies of the King of Heaven, O Theodore the Triumphant! You fought courageously with the weapons of faith and put the legions of demons to flight. Wherefore we praise you with fervor at all times.

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.

