

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of May 13-18

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 –

MONDAY - Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27c-15:7

TUESDAY - Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2b-13a

WEDNESDAY - Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

THURSDAY - Acts 25:13-19; John 16: 23b-33a

FRIDAY – Acts 27:1-44, John 17:18-26

SATURDAY – *Use the Readings of the Saturday of the Dead*

ASCENSION SEASON PROPERS, *Used Monday-Friday*

Troparion of the Ascension (*Tone 4*)

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 of the Ascension (*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 of the Ascension: 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...

MONDAY, 5/13 – SAINT GLYCERIA, MARTYR

Troparion of Saint Glyceria (*Tone 4*)

O Jesus, your Lamb Glyceria 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! *Then the Troparion of Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension at Vespers and Orthros.*

TUESDAY, 5/14 – SAINT ISIDORE, MARTYR

Troparion Of The Martyr (*Tone 4*)

Your martyr, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from You, O our God, on account of his struggle. Armed with your strength, he has vanquished his persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through his supplications, O Christ God, save our souls. *Then the Troparion of Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension at Vespers and Orthros.*

WEDNESDAY, 5/15 – SAINT PACHOMIUS, ABBOT & SAINT ACHILLIUS, BISHOP

Troparion of Pachomius (*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 Pachomius pray to Christ God that He may save our souls. *Then the Troparion of Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension at Vespers and Orthros.*

THURSDAY, 5/16 – SAINT THEODORE THE SANCTIFIED, MONASTIC

Troparion of Theodore (*Tone 1*)

You made the wilderness your dwelling place, O our Father Theodore, the Bearer of God; you became an angel in the flesh and a wonderworker. Through fast, vigils, and prayers, you obtained from God special graces to heal the sick and sanctify the souls of those who come to you with trust. Glory to the One who gave you strength! Glory to the One who crowned you! Glory to the One who, through your intercession, grants healing to all! *Then the Troparion of Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension at Vespers and Orthros.*

FRIDAY, 5/17 – CLOSING DAY OF THE ASCENSION

Everything is done as on the Feast of the Ascension, except the Readings are those of the day.

5/18 - SATURDAY OF THE DEAD

Troparion of the Dead (Tone 8)

Unique Creator and Lord who in the depth of your wisdom and love for mankind direct us all, giving to each one what is good for salvation: grant rest to the souls of your servants, for they have put their trust in You, our Creator, Maker and God.

Theotokion of the Dead: We have you as a rampart, a haven and most acceptable intercessor before God whom you bore, O Virgin Mother of God, the salvation of the faithful.

Kontakion of the Dead (Tone 8)

O Savior let those who have left us and this passing world find a place in the mansions of the elect; give them rest with the saints. If they have sinned on earth during their mortal life, forgive them their sins both deliberate and indeliberate, for You are the Lord, the only One free from any sin. Be pleased to do this through the intercession of the Mother of God who gave You birth, so that we may cry out: Alleluia in the name of all the dead.

Apostichon Psalm of the Dead: Psalm (Tone 6) *Used at the end of Vespers and Matins*

1. Their souls shall abide in abundance.
2. Blessed are those You have chosen and drawn close to dwell in your courts, O Lord!
3. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
4. Now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Epistle: Acts 28:1-31 **Gospel:** John 21:14-25

At Vespers and Matins use the Troparion and Theotokion of the Dead and the Apostichon Psalm of the Dead as well. At Matins use the Kontakion of the Dead in the Canon.

