

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

*Week of May 23-28, 2022*

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.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY – Acts 17:1-9; John 11:47-54

TUESDAY - Acts 17:19-28a; John 12:19-36a

WEDNESDAY – *Use the Readings of May 25, St. John the Baptist:*

**Vespers’ Readings:** (Optional) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1, Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 19, 17, 22-24, Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20; 5:1

**Orthros Gospel:** Luke 7:17-30

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-15

THURSDAY – *Use the Readings of Ascension Thursday*

FRIDAY – Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11

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

MONDAY, 5/23 – SAINT MICHAEL THE CONFESSOR *Paschal Season Services as during the previous weeks.*

#### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us O Faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

#### Resurrection Theotokion, Tone 5:

Hail, O Impassible Gate of the Lord, O Wall and Protection of those who hasten to you. Hail O Calm Harbor, who for our salvation have brought forth God in the flesh. Continue to intercede for those who praise and worship your maternity.

TUESDAY, 5/24 – SAINT SIMEON, MONASTIC *Paschal Season Services as during the previous weeks.*

#### Troparion of Simeon (Tone 1)

You made the wilderness your dwelling place, O our Father Auxentios, 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!

#### Resurrection Theotokion (Tone 1)

When Gabriel greeted you, O Virgin, with his voice the Lord of All took flesh in you. O Holy Ark, as the just David called you, you have been revealed as more spacious than the heavens in bearing your Creator. Glory to Him who dwelt in you, glory to Him who came from you, glory to Him who delivered us through your maternity.

### WEDNESDAY, 5/25 - 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.

### 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, 5/26, 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, 5/27 – SAINT HELLADIUS, MARTYR

#### Troparion of Helladius (*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 Helladius, Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls. *Then the Troparion of the Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension at Vespers and Orthros*

### SATURDAY, 5/28 – SAINT EUTYCHES OF MELITENE, BISHOP-MARTYR

#### Troparion of Eutyches (*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 Eutyches, Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls. *Then the Troparion of the Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension at Vespers and Orthros*