

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of May 9-14, 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 4TH WEEK OF PASCHA

MONDAY - Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69

TUESDAY – *Use the Readings of May 10*

THURSDAY - Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20

FRIDAY - Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30

SATURDAY - Acts 12:1-11; 8:31-42a

Paschal Season Vespers Or Evening Prayer, Sunday Evening-Friday Evening:
We start with the Paschal Troparion sung three times then Psalm 103. At the end we sing the Paschal Troparion once instead of, “Through the prayers...”

Paschal Season Orthros Or Morning Prayer, Monday Morning-Saturday Morning: *We start with the Paschal Troparion sung three times then the 6 Psalms. Before Psalm 50 we say the Paschal Hymn of Saint John of Damascus. After the 9th Ode the Katavasia of Pascha, “Shine, shine...” We use the Apostichon Psalm of the Myrrh-Bearers, and at the end we sing the Paschal Troparion once instead of, “Through the prayers...”*

Other Prayers During The Paschal Season, Sunday-Saturday: *All other prayers begin with “Christ is risen...” sung three times, the prayers end with it being sung once.*

Paschal Troparion (Tone 5) Used for all prayers and services during the Paschal Season.

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.

Paschal Hymn Of Saint John Of Damascus (Tone 6) Said daily before Psalm 50 at Orthros during the Paschal Season

Now that we have seen the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We bow in worship before your Cross, O Christ, and we

praise and glorify your Resurrection, for You are our God, and we have no other, we magnify your name. All you faithful come: let us adore the holy Resurrection of Christ, for behold through the Cross joy has come to the World! Let us always bless the Lord, let us sing his Resurrection, for by enduring for us the pain of the Cross, He has crushed death by his death.

9th Ode, Katavasia Of Pascha (Tone 1) Said daily after the 9th Ode of Orthros during the Paschal Season.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shown upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion, and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exalt in the Resurrection of your Son.

We use the Apostichon Psalm of the day, and at the end we sing the Paschal Troparion once instead of, “Through the prayers...”

MONDAY, 5/9 – SAINT ISAIAH, PROPHET & SAINT CHRISTOPHER, MARTYR

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

Let all in heaven rejoice and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with his arm, by death, He has trampled upon death, and has become the First-Born of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Troparion of the Prophet Isaiah (Tone 2)

We celebrate today the memory of your Prophet Isaiah, and we implore You, O Lord, to save our souls through his intercession.

Troparion Of Christopher (Tone 4)

O Christopher, robed in the purple of our martyrdom, you came before the Lord King of Heaven. Wherefore you now sing the Thrice-Holy Hymn together with the choirs of Angels. Intercede for the salvation of those who honor you.

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.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 3, see May 9, then: 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.

Theotokion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

We praise you, O Virgin Theotokos, Mediatrix of our Salvation, for your Son, our God, who suffered on the cross in the flesh which was taken from you, redeemed us from corruption, for He is the lover of mankind.

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: Psalm 18 Used at Vespers and after Psalm 150 in Matins

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; 1 John 4:11-16; 1 John 4:20-5:5

Orthros Gospel: John 21:14-25

Epistle: 1 Cor 4:9-16 **Gospel:** Luke 10:16-21

WEDNESDAY, 5/11 - Wednesday Of Mid-Pentecost

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8) Sung 3 times at Vespers and Orthros

At the middle point of this festive season, give my thirsty soul to drink from the waters of true worship, for You called out to all men: Whoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. O Christ God, Fountain of Life, glory to You.

Kontakion Of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 4)

O Christ God, Creator and Master of all, at the middle point of the season of the Mosaic festivities, you called out to all men and said: "All of you come, and draw the waters of immortality!" Wherefore, we bow down in worship before You and cry out with faith: "Grant us your mercy, for You are the Fountain of our life!"

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 73 (Tone 1) Used at Vespers and Orthros

1. Remember your flock which you owned from the start, which You redeemed as the staff of your inheritance.
2. Yet God is our King throughout all the ages: He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

Great Vespers Readings: Micah 4:2; 6:2; 5:3; 2) Isaiah 55: 1-13; 3) Proverbs 9:1-1

Epistle: Acts 14:6-17 **Gospel:** John 7:14-30

THURSDAY, 5/12 – SAINTS EPIPHANIUS & GERMANUS, BISHOPS

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. *Then the Troparion of Mid-Pentecost*

FRIDAY, 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 Mid-Pentecost*

SATURDAY, 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 Mid-Pentecost*