

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

*Week of May 10-15*

*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 – *Use the Readings of May 10*

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

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

THURSDAY – *Use the Readings of Ascension Thursday*

FRIDAY - Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11a

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

**FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY: PASCHAL SEASON VESPERS OR EVENING PRAYER:** *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..."*

**FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY: PASCHAL SEASON ORTHROS OR MORNING PRAYER:** *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.*

**-Paschal Hymn Of Saint John Of Damascus (Tone 6)**

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.

*After the 9<sup>th</sup> Ode the Katavasia of Pascha, "Shine, shine..."*

**-9<sup>TH</sup> Ode, Katavasia Of Pascha (Tone 1)**

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.

**-Apostichon Psalm of the day**

*and at the end we sing the Paschal Troparion once instead of, "Through the prayers..."*

**FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY: 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.*

**FOR MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: 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.

**MONDAY, 5/10 – SAINT SIMON THE ZEALOT, APOSTLE – 4/3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

**Troparia:** *At Vespers and Matins say: Tone 5, the Saint, and the Theotokion of Tone 3, as below:*

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

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the 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 to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**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.

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**Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18** *Used at Vespers and 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

**TUESDAY, 5/11 – SAINT MOCIUS, MARTYR & DEDICATION OF CONSTANTINOPOLE**

***Troparia:** At Vespers and Matins say Tone 5 (above), Dedication, Saint Mocius and Theotokion in Tone 1*

**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.

**Theotokion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)**

When Gabriel greeted you, O Virgin, with 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, 5/12 , 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, 5/13, 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

**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. *& the Troparion of the Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension also*

**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. *& the Troparion of the Ascension. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Ascension also*