

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of May 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY - Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51

TUESDAY - Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59

WEDNESDAY THE CLOSING OF MID-PENTECOST Acts 13:13-24;
John 6:5-14

THURSDAY - Acts 14:20c-15:4; John 9:39-10:9

FRIDAY - Acts 15:5-12; John 10:17-28a

SATURDAY – *Use the Readings of May 8, St. John the Apostle*

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.*

-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 9th Ode the Katavasia of Pascha, "Shine, shine..."

-9TH 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..."

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.

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8) *Used Monday-Wednesday*

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.

Apostichon Psalm of Mid-Pentecost: Psalm 73 (Tone 1) *Used Monday-Wednesday*

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...

MONDAY, 5/3 – SAINTS TIMOTHY & MAURA, MARTYRS

Troparion Of The Martyrs (Tone 4)

Your martyrs, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from You, O our God, on account of their struggle. Armed with your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

Then the Troparion of Mid-Pentecost. At the end of Matins use the Apostichon Psalm of Mid-Pentecost.

TUESDAY, 5/4 – SAINT PELEGIA, MARTYR

Troparion of Pelegia (Tone 4)

Your ewe-lamb, O Jesus, cries out in a loud voice: O my Bridegroom, I long for You and I struggle in my quest for You. I am crucified with You and buried with You in your baptism. I suffer for your sake in order to reign with You. I die for You in order to live with You. Accept her as an immaculate victim, since she is immolated for your love. Through her intercession, O Merciful One, save our souls.

Then the Troparion of Mid-Pentecost. At the end of Matins use the Apostichon Psalm of Mid-Pentecost.

WEDNESDAY, 5/5 – SAINT IRENE, MARTYR, CLOSING OF MID-PENTECOST

Sing the Troparion of Mid-Pentecost 3 times at Vespers and Matins. Use the Apostichon Psalm of Mid-Pentecost at Vespers and Matins.

THURSDAY, 5/6 – SAINT JOB THE JUST

Troparia: Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

The Women Disciples of the Lord having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, proudly told the Apostles, death is despoiled, Christ God is risen, bestowing the world great mercy.

Troparion Of Job (Tone 1)

When the enemy of the just beheld the wealth of Job's virtues, he thought to destroy them. He attacked his body, but could not touch his spirit, for his pure soul was ready and strong. As for us, the same enemy stripped and chained us. Wherefore, O Savior, be on our side: protect us against the devil and save us!

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.

FRIDAY, 5/7 – APPARITION OF THE HOLY CROSS OVER JERUSALEM

Troparia: *Of the 4th Tone (above), then*

Troparion Of Appearance Of The Cross (Tone 1)

The sign of our Cross appeared in a dazzling glow, more radiant than the sun, O Savior. You extended it from the Holy Mountain to the place of Calvary, manifesting in this way the power You have given to it. Preserve our public authorities in strength, establish our country in peace, and save us through the prayers of the Mother of God. *Then:*

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SATURDAY, 5/8 – SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE & SAINT ARSENIOS – 3rd Class

Troparia: *Use the 4th Tone Resurrection (above), St. John, St. Arsenios, then the Resurrection Theotokion of Tone 8*

Troparion Of Saint John (Tone 2)

Apostle beloved of Christ God, hasten to save a people that has no other recourse: for He who let you repose on his breast will also accept your intercession in our favor. O John the Theologian, beseech Him to dispel the cloud of paganism that is darkening us, and beg Him to grant us peace and mercy.

Troparion of Arsenios (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 Arsenios pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Theotokion (Tone 8)

O Good One, You were born of the Virgin, and suffered crucifixion for us. You destroyed death by your death, and as God made manifest the resurrection. Turn not away from those You have made by your hands, O Merciful One, show your love to men, and accept as our intercessor the Mother of God, who gave birth to You. O our Savior, save a desperate people.

Kontakion Of Saint John (Tone 2)

O Man of Purity, who could describe your glory? Many are the miracles and healing you perform. Since you are a theologian and the Beloved of Christ, intercede with Him for the salvation of our souls.

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

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

Orthros Gospel: John 21:14-25

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-7 **Gospel:** John 19:25-27; 21:24-25