

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

*Week of July 12-17*

*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](http://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

8<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY - 1 Corinthians 9:13-18; Matthew 16:1-6

8<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY - 1 Corinthians 10:5-12; Matthew 16:6-12

8<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY - 1 Corinthians 10:12-22; Matthew 16:20-24

8<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY - 1 Corinthians 10:28-11:8; Matthew 16:24-28

8<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY - 1 Corinthians 11:8-23a; Matthew 17:10-18

8<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY - Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 12:30-37

**MONDAY, 7/12 – SAINTS PROCLUS & HILARION, MARTYRS**

#### **Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)**

Your Martyrs, Proclus and Hilarion, O Lord, received the crown of immortality on account of their good fight. Armed with your strength they have vanquished their persecutors and crushed Satan's dreadful might. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

#### **Weekday Theotokion for Monday (Tone 4)**

To the one who was reared in the Temple, close to the Holy of Holies and who was full of faith, wisdom and perfect virginity, Gabriel, the Captain and Leader, offered respects and greetings from heaven when he said: "Hail, O Blessed One! Hail, O Glorified One! The Lord is with you."

**TUESDAY, 7/13 – SAINTS GABRIEL the Archangel & STEPHEN OF SAINT SABAS MONASTERY**

*Festal Orthros in honor of the Archangel Gabriel may be served if desired.*

#### **Troparion of Gabriel (Tone 4)**

O Captains and Leaders of the armies of heaven, unworthy as we are, we beseech you without cease to surround us with your intercessions and cover us beneath the shelter of the glory of your ethereal wings. We bend our knee and cry out with perseverance: "Deliver us from danger, O Princes of the Powers on High!"

#### **Troparion of Stephen (Tone 8)**

Guide of Orthodoxy, mirror of piety and exemplary behavior, bright star of the universe, and adornment of pontiffs, you enlightened us all with your teachings. O wise Stephen, you are a song of praise made by the Holy Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

#### **Weekday Theotokion for Tuesday (Tone 8)**

Let us the faithful exult with hymns of praise the Mother of God, the solid foundation of our faith, the precious gift to our souls: Hail, O Woman who contained in your womb the Rock of Life! Hail, O Hope of the whole world, and Helper of those who are in trouble! Hail, O Bride and Virgin forever!

**Epistle:** Hebrews 2:2-10; **Gospel:** Luke 10:16-21

**WEDNESDAY, 7/14 – SAINT AQUILA, APOSTLE**

#### **Troparion of the Apostle Aquila (Tone 3)**

O Holy Apostle Aquila, intercede with the merciful God that He may grant us the remission of our sins.

#### **Weekday Theotokion for Wednesday & Friday (Tone 3)**

O Mother of God, we have obtained your Son's Cross as a staff of power wherewith to strike down the enemy's boastings. Wherefore we exalt you without cease.

**THURSDAY, 7/15 – SAINTS CYRIACUS & JULITTA, MARTYRS**

#### **Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)**

Your Martyrs, Cyriacus and Julitta, O Lord, received the crown of immortality on account of their good fight. Armed with your strength they

have vanquished their persecutors and crushed Satan's dreadful might. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

**Weekday Theotokion for Thursday (Tone 4)**

O Virgin Mother of God, we acknowledge that the Word of the Father, Christ our God, was incarnate of you, the only pure one, the only blessed one. Wherefore we sing to you a hymn of praise and we exalt you.

**FRIDAY, 7/16 – SAINT ATHENOGENES THE BISHOP & HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**Troparion of Athenogenes (Tone 3)**

O most blessed and wise Athenogenes, the Hieromartyr, you grew like a palm tree in the monastic life and towered like a cedar in your struggles. You brought to Christ a great number of martyrs through your teachings. We honor you together with them.

**Weekday Theotokion for Wednesday & Friday (Tone 3)**

O Mother of God, we have obtained your Son's Cross as a staff of power wherewith to strike down the enemy's boastings. Wherefore we exalt you without cease.

**SATURDAY, 7/17 – SAINT MARINA, MARTYR**

*Festal Orthros may be served if desired.*

**Troparion of Marina (Tone 4)**

O Jesus, your Lamb Marina 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!

**Theotokion of the Resurrection, Tone 4**

The Mystery that 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 with commixture, and willingly took up the cross by which He elevated the First Man, and saved our souls from death.