

## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

### *Week of July 19-24*

*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

9<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY - 1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6; Matthew 18:1-11

9<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY – *Use the Readings of July 20*

9<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY - 1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5; Matthew 20:1-16

9<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY - 1 Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28 *or the Readings of July 22*

9<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY - 1 Corinthians 14:26b-40; Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20

9<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY LITURGY – Romans 14:6-9; Matthew 15:32-39

### MONDAY, 7/19 – SAINT MACRINA & SAINT DIO, MONASTIC

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

In you, O Mother Macrina, was restored the likeness of God. For you carried your cross and followed Christ, you taught by your deeds how to spurn the body for it passes away, and how to value the soul for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

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

Hail O Woman who at the angel's greeting contained the joy of the world! Hail, O you who gave birth to your Creator and Lord! Hail, O you who were made worthy to become the Mother of God!

### TUESDAY, 7/20 - SAINT ELIAS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

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

The glorious Elias, the Angel in body, the Pillar of the prophets and second Forerunner of Christ's advent, by sending grace from on high

upon Elisha, dispels diseases, purifies lepers, and overflows with healings for those who honor him.

#### **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.

#### **Kontakion of Elias (Tone 2)**

O glorious prophet Elias who foresaw the glories of God, by your command you withheld the rains from heaven: intercede with the only One who loves mankind for the sake of us all.

#### **Apostichon Psalm: Psalm *Used at the end of Vespers and after Psalm 150 in Matins.***

1. Do not touch those I have anointed; do no harm to any of my prophets.
2. You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

**Vespers Readings:** 1 Kings 17:1-23, 1 Kings composite of 18 & 19 and 1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14

**Orthros Gospel:** Mark 9:9-15

**Old Testament:** Sirach 47:24-48:12; **Epistle:** James 5:10-20; **Gospel:** Luke 4:22-29

### WEDNESDAY, 7/21 – SAINT SIMEON, FOOL FOR CHRIST & SAINT JOHN, MONASTIC

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

O God of our Fathers, who always deal with us according to your everlasting compassion, do not withdraw your mercy from us, but through the prayers of our Fathers Simeon and John, guide our lives along the ways of peace

#### **Weekday Theotokion for Wednesday & Friday (Tone 4)**

O Virgin all-immaculate, Mother of Christ God, a sword pierced your all-holy soul when you saw your Son and God willfully crucified.

Wherefore, O Blessed One never cease to pray to Him that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

**THURSDAY, 7/22** – SAINT MARY MADELEINE – *sometimes celebrated as a 4<sup>th</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Feast*

**Troparion Of Mary (Tone 1)**

Honorable Mary Magdalene, you followed Christ, born for us of a Virgin, and kept the commandments of his will, wherefore we celebrate today our holy memory. Obtain for us the remission of our sins.

**Theotokion of the Resurrection (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.

**Kontakion Of Mary Magdalene (Tone 3)**

Let us all sing a hymn of praise and a special canticle to the disciple of Christ, Mary Magdalene, the first ointment-bearing woman, for she was a messenger of joy to the disciples. Let us praise the God of all who lavished upon us and upon the word such a fountain of wonders and miracles.

**Apostichon Psalm (Tone 8)** *Used at the end of 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. God is wonderful among his Saints, the God of Israel.
3. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
4. Now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

**Vespers Readings (Optional)** : Exodus 15:18-21; Isaiah 43:9-12; Isaiah 52:7-10; *Or* Wisdom 3:1-9; *Or* Wisdom 5:15-6:3

**Orthros Gospel: John 20: 11-17** *if the festal format is used*

**Epistle:** 1Corinthians 9:2-12; **Gospel:** Luke 8:1-3

**FRIDAY, 7/23** – SAINT PHOCAS, MARTYR & SAINT EZEKIEL, PROPHET

**Troparion of Phocas (Tone 4)**

O holy Hieromartyr Phocas, you lent yourself to the apostles/ way of life and succeeded them on their throne. Inspired by God, you found the way to contemplation through practice and prayer, wherefore you became a teacher of truth, fighting for the faith unto the shedding of your blood. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls.

**Troparion of Ezekiel (Tone 2)**

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

**Weekday Theotokion for Friday (Tone 2)**

O Virgin and all-glorious Mother of God, we sing to you a hymn of praise, for Hades has been destroyed by our Son's Cross, death has been put to death, and we the dead have been made to rise and become worthy of life. We have obtained paradise, the original bliss! Wherefore we glorify you by giving thanks to Christ our God, for He alone is almighty and all-merciful.

**SATURDAY, 7/24** – SAINT CHRISTINA, MARTYR

**Troparion of Christina (Tone 4)**

O Jesus, your Lamb Christina 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!

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