THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of July 26-31

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

10TH MONDAY - 1Corinthians 15:12-19; Matthew 21:18-22

10TH TUESDAY – *Use the Readings of July 27*

10TH WEDNESDAY - 1Corinthians 16:4-12; Matthew 21:28-32

10TH THURSDAY - 2Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 21:43-46

10TH FRIDAY - 2Corinthians 1:12-20; Matthew 22:23-33

10TH SATURDAY - Romans 15:30-33; Matthew 17:24-18:3

MONDAY, 7/26 – SAINT HERMOLAUS AND HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS & SAINT PARASKEVA, MARTYR

Troparion of the Martyrs (Tone 4)

Your Martyrs, Hermolaus and his Companions, 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, 7/27 – SAINT PANTELEIMON - 3rd Class

Troparion Of Panteleimon (*Tone 3*)

O holy victorious healer Panteleimon intercede with the merciful God that He may grant our souls the forgiveness of 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 Panteleimon (Tone 5)

You emulated God's mercy, and He granted you the power of healing, O Panteleimon, victorious martyr of Christ! Heal our spiritual diseases through your intercession and take away the temptations which the enemy always places before our steps, as we constantly cry out to the Lord: "Save us!"

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 91:13 & 14 *Used at the end of Vespers and after Psalm 150 in Matins*

- 1. The just shall bloom like the palm tree; he shall grow like the cedar of Lebanon.
- 2. Those who are planted in the Lord's house shall flourish in the court of our God.
- 3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

Vespers Readings: Isaiah 43:9-12; Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 5:15-6:3

Orthros Gospel: Luke 21:12-19

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10; **Gospel:** John 15:17-16:2

WEDNESDAY, 7/28 – SAINT PROCHORUS & HIS COMPANIONS, APOSTLES

Troparion of the Apostles (*Tone 3*)

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

Weekday Theotokion for Wednesday (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, 7/29 – SAINT CALLINICOS, MARTYR & SAINT THEODOTA, MARTYR

Troparion of the Martyr Callinicos (*Tone 4*)

Your Martyr Callinicos, O Lord, received the crown of immortality on account of his good fight. Armed with your strength he has vanquished his persecutors and crushed Satan's dreadful might. Through his supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion of Theodota (*Tone 4*)

O Jesus, your Lamb Theodota 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!

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, 7/30 – SAINTS SILAS & SYLVIAN, APOSTLES

Troparion of the Apostles (*Tone 3***)**

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

Weekday Theotokion for 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, 7/31 – SAINT EUDOCIMUS, MONASTIC

Troparion Of Eudocimus (*Tone 4*)

Holy Eudocimus, God who called you out of this world and led you to the eternal mansions will keep your body incorrupt. You lived a life of wisdom and honor, keeping your body clean. Intercede trustingly with Christ that He may save us all.

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world, and preserve your Community by the power of your Cross.