

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of July 5-10

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

7TH MONDAY - 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Matthew 13:54-58
7TH TUESDAY - 1 Corinthians 6:20b-7:12; Matthew 14:1-13
7TH WEDNESDAY - 1 Corinthians 7:12b-24; Matthew 14:35-15:11
7TH THURSDAY - 1 Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21
7TH FRIDAY - 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7; Matthew 15:29-31
7TH SATURDAY - Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 10:37-11:1

MONDAY, 7/5 – SAINT MARTHA & SAINT ATHANASIUS OF ATHOS – 5th Class or 3rd Class in honor of St. Athanasius

Troparion of Saint Martha (Tone 8)

In you, O Mother Martha, 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.

Troparion Of Anastasius (Tone 3)

O Athanasius, the Angels were amazed at your deeds as you faced spiritual struggles and overcame the devils. You are worthy of all praise, and Christ rewarded you with a manifold grace. O Father, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

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.

Apostichon Psalm *Used at the end of Vespers & after Psalm 150 at Matins*

1. Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
2. Happy the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in all his commands.
3. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

If Great Vespers is served, use these readings:

Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 5:15-6:3; Wisdom 4:7-15

Festal Orthros may be served if desired.

TUESDAY, 7/6 – SAINT SISOE THE GREAT, HERMIT

Troparion of Sisoë (Tone 1)

You made the wilderness your dwelling, O our Father Sisoë, the Bearer of God: you became an angel in the flesh and a wonderworker. Through fast, vigils and prayers, you obtained from God special graces to heal the sick and sanctify the souls of those who come you with trust. Glory to the One who gave you strength! Glory to the One who crowned you! Glory to the One who, through your intercession grants healing to all!

Weekday Theotokion for Tuesday (Tone 1)

You have borne the fire of the Godhead without being burned; you have given birth to the Lord, the Source of Life, O Mother of God and Woman full of grace! Save those who exalt you.

WEDNESDAY, 7/7 – SAINT CYRIACA, MARTYR

Troparion of Cyriaca (Tone 4)

O Jesus, your Lamb Cyriaca 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 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, 7/8 – SAINT PROCOPIUS, MARTYR

Troparion of the Martyr (*Tone 4*)

Your Martyr Procopius, 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.

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, 7/9 – SAINT PANCRATIUS, BISHOP-MARTYR

Troparion of Pancratius (*Tone 4*)

O holy Hieromartyr Pancratius, 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.

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.

SATURDAY, 7/10 – THE 45 MARTYRS OF NICOMEDIA

Troparion of the Martyrs (*Tone 4*)

Your 45 Martyrs of Nicomedia, 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.

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.