

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of June 28-July 3

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

6TH MONDAY - Romans 16:17-24; Matthew 13:10-23

TUESDAY – FRIDAY – *Use the readings of the day of the month*

6TH SATURDAY LITURGY - Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 9:18-26

MONDAY, 6/28 – TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINTS
CYRUS & JOHN

Troparion Of The Martyrs (Tone 5)

O Christ our God, You granted us your holy martyrs' miracles as a stronghold and protection. Through their prayers, strengthen our public authorities in every good deed, for You alone are merciful and the Lover of Mankind.

Weekday Theotokion for Monday (Tone 5)

With the angels of heaven, with the men upon earth, O Mother of God, we cry out to you exultingly: Hail, O Gate that is wider than heaven, ; hail, only Salvation of the race of men; hail, Honorable One, full of grace, who gave birth to the incarnate God!

TUESDAY, 6/29 – SAINTS PETER AND PAUL – 3rd Class

Troparion of Peter and Paul (Tone 4)

O Peter and Paul, higher in rank than any other apostle, teachers of the world: intercede with the Master of all that He may give peace to the world and great mercy to 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.

Kontakion of Peter and Paul (Tone 3)

O Lord, You have taken up to their eternal rest and to the enjoyment of your good things the two infallible preachers of divine truths and leaders of the Apostles, for You have accepted their struggles and their deaths as being better than any holocaust, O You who alone know the secrets of hearts!

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 18 *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. 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 Peter 1:3-9; 1 Peter 1: 13-19; 1 Peter 2:11-24

Orthros Gospel: John 21:14-25

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:10; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

WEDNESDAY, 6/30 – SYNAXIS OF THE 12 APOSTLES – 4th Class

Troparion of Peter and Paul in Tone 4 then:

Troparion of the 12 Apostles (Tone 3)

O holy 12 Apostles, 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 Peter and Paul then:

Kontakion Of The 12 Apostles (Tone 2)

Today Christ the Rock glorifies with supreme honor the Rock of Faith and Leader of the Apostles, together with Paul and the company of the

Twelve, whose memory we celebrate with eagerness of faith, giving glory to the One who gave glory to them.

Apostichon of Peter and Paul at Vespers and Orthros

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-15; **Gospel:** Matthew 9:36-10:8

THURSDAY, July 1 – SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN – 4th Class

Troparion of Cosmas and Damian (Tone 8)

O Holy Moneyless Ones and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal us of our diseases. You have received freed gifts: freely give to us.

Theotokion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

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

Kontakion Of The Saints (Tone 2)

O glorious Physicians and Wonderworkers, who have received the power of healing, extend it upon those in need. In your kindness to us, hold down our enemies' pride and heal the world through your miracles.

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 67

1. God is wonderful among his saints, the God of Israel.
2. God has displayed wonders in the Saints who dwell in his land: all his good pleasure is upon them.
3. Glory to the Father... Now and always...

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:7; **Gospel:** Matthew 10:1; 5-8

FRIDAY, 7/2 – THE DEPOSITION OF THE ROBE OF THE VIRGIN – 4th Class

Troparion Of The Mother Of God (Tone 8) *Sung twice at Vespers and Matins*

Ever-Virgin Mother of God, refuge and protection of the human race, you gave your mantle and cincture to your city as a powerful defense. These garments remained incorrupt because of your virginal child-bearing. Time

and nature are renewed in you, wherefore we pray that you may grant peace to the universe and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion Of The Mother Of God (Tone 4)

O pure one, whom God Himself has blessed, you have given as a blanket of purity to all the faithful the holy mantle that covered your pure body. We celebrate with love the deposition of this mantle and sing our gleefully: "Hail, O Virgin most honorable, glory of all Christians!"

Apostichon Psalm: Psalm 131 (Tone 1)

1. Go up, Lord, into your resting place, You and the Ark of your majesty.
2. The rich among the people shall seek your favor.
3. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7; **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-49; 56

SATURDAY, 7/3 – SAINT HYACINTH, MARTYR & SAINT ANATOLIUS, PATRIARCH

Troparion of the Martyr (Tone 4)

Your Martyr Hyacinth, 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 Anatolios (Tone 4)

O Father and Pontiff Anatolios, the holiness of your life was set before your flock as a rule of faith, an example of meekness and a teaching of temperance; wherefore you acquired greatness through humility and spiritual wealth through poverty. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

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