

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH PRAYS

Week of September 9-14, 2024

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.

Readings of the Week – 17th Week

MONDAY – *Use the Readings of September 9*

17TH TUESDAY - Ephesians 2:19-3:7; Mark 11:11-23

17TH WEDNESDAY - Ephesians 3:8-21; Mark 11:23-26

17TH THURSDAY - Ephesians 4:14-17; Mark 11:27-33

FRIDAY – *Use the Readings of September 13*

SATURDAY LITURGY – *Use the Readings of September 14*

OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD – *September 8-12*

Troparion of the Nativity of the Virgin (Tone 4)

Your Nativity, O Mother of God, heralded joy to the whole universe, for from you rose the Sun of Justice Christ our God, taking away the curse, He imparted the blessings, and by abolishing death, He gave us everlasting life.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Ann were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people redeemed from the debt of their sins celebrate your birth crying out to you: the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our Life.

Apostichon: Psalm 44:11 & 13 (Tone 4) *Used at Vespers and at Orthros*

V: Listen, daughter, and behold and lend your ear.

V: The rich among the people shall seek your favor.

Glory be to the Father... Now and always and forever...

MONDAY, 9/9 – 2ND DAY OF THE FEAST, SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN – 4th Class

Troparion Of Joachim And Ann (Tone 2)

We celebrate today the memory of your holy Ancestors, O Lord, and through them we beseech You to save our souls. *Followed by the Troparion of the Nativity. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Nativity at Vespers and at the end of Psalm 150 in Orthros*

Kontakion Of Joachim And Ann (Tone 2)

Now that Ann is fertile and nurses the most pure one, she rejoices and calls us all to sing a hymn of praise to Christ who gave mankind the only ever-virgin mother.

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27; **Gospel:** Luke 8:16-21

TUESDAY, 9/10 – 3RD DAY OF THE FEAST, SAINT MENODORA, METRODORA AND NYMPHODORA, MARTYRS

Use the Troparion of the Nativity twice at Vespers and Orthros. Use the Apostichon of the Nativity at Vespers and Orthros

WEDNESDAY, 9/11 – 4TH DAY OF THE FEAST, SAINT THEODORA & SAINT AUTONOMOS

Troparion of Theodora (Tone 8)

In you, O Mother Theodora, 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. *Followed by the Troparion of the Nativity. Use the Apostichon Psalm of the Nativity at Vespers and Orthros.*

THURSDAY, 9/12 – CLOSING OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Use the propers for September 8, except for the Readings. Use the Readings of the day.

FRIDAY, 9/13 – DEDICATION OF THE ANASTASIS IN JERUSALEM – 3RD CLASS FEAST DAY

Troparion Of The Dedication (Tone 4) *Sung twice, then that of the Vigil sung once*

As You had shown from on high the splendor of the firmament, so did You show on earth the splendor of the dwelling-place of your holy glory: make it stand firm forever and ever, and accept the supplications which we offer there to You, unceasingly, through your Mother, O You the Life and Resurrection of all!

Troparion Of The Vigil (Tone 2)

We offer You, O Lord, as a means of intercession, the life-giving Cross, a sign of your bounty You have given us in spite of our unworthiness. Save our country and your people who offer You their supplications through your Mother, O You who along are the Lover of Mankind.

Kontakion Of The Dedication (Tone 4)

You have made of the Church a resplendent heaven, enlightening all the faithful: wherefore we stand in the midst of this holy dwelling-place and we cry out to You: "Make firm this house, O Lord!"

Apostichon: Psalm 98:5; 73:12 (Tone 5) *Used at Vespers, then after Psalm 150 in Orthros*

V: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool, for he is holy.

V: The Lord is King from of old, and He has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

Glory be to the Father... Now and always and forever...

Vespers Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Proverbs 3:19-34; Proverbs 9:1-1

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6; **Gospel:** John 12:25-36

SATURDAY, 9/14 – FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1) *Used September 14-21*

"O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross."

Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Tone 4) *Used September 14-21*

O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them

in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

Apostichon of the Holy Cross: Psalm 98:5; 73:12 *At Vespers and at the end of Psalm 150 in Matins*

V: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool, for He is holy.

V: The Lord is King from of old, and He has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

Glory be to the Father... Now and always and forever...

Vespers Readings: Exodus 15:22-27; Proverbs 3:11-18; Isaiah 60:11-16

Orthros Gospel: John 12:28-36

Epistle: I Corinthians 1: 18-24 **Gospel:** John 19: 6-35

