

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, September 19 - Sunday, September 25

Holy Prophet Jonah

September 22

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Jonah, O Lord; through him we entreat You, save our souls.

Kontakion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; for you saw things far off as if they were near. Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Jonah.

Dositheos the Recluse (+1776)

September 25

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

O modest one, consecrated to God, from your youth you proved to be as a gift from Heaven to the Church of Christ, O Dositheos. Having changed your appearance, and with it your spirit, you struggled manfully unto the end in a cave. Wherefore do we honor you, O boast of Kiev!

Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Lifegiving Cross

September 21

Kontakion of the Feast

Fourth Tone

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Protomartyr Thekla (+1st c.) Equal to the Apostles

September 24

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

O Bride of God, Thekla, you were enlightened by the words of Paul and your faith was confirmed by Peter, O Chosen One of God. You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, by entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. For when you accepted the Cross of Christ, the demonic powers were frightened away. O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Greatmartyr Eustathios with his family (+118)

September 20

Apolytikion of the Saints

Fourth Tone

Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Holy New Martyrs of Alaska Peter and Juvenaly (+1796 & 1815)

September 24

Apolytikion of the Saints

Fourth Tone

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates for the New World has been sanctified by martyrdom. Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving, Iliamna and Kenai observe the Festival of Faith. The apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified and Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice. In their devotion and love for the Lord they willingly endured persecution and death for the Truth. Now in the Kingdom of Heaven they intercede for our souls.

Theodore of Tarsus (+690) Archbishop of Canterbury

September 19

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Theodore, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Conception of John the Baptist

September 23

Apolytikion of the Feast

Fourth Tone

Be glad, O barren one who has not given birth until now, for behold, you have conceived the lamp of the Sun, and He shall enlighten all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zachariah, and cry out with boldness: The Prophet of the Most High is about to be born.

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