

## **Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers**

Monday, September 26 - Sunday, October 2

### **Venerable Cyriacus The Hermit of Palestine (+556)**

September 29

Apolytikion of the Saint  
First Tone

O dweller of the desert and angel in the body you appeared to us a wonder-worker. O God-bearing father Cyriacus, through fasting, vigil and prayer you received Heavenly gifts, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!

### **Chariton the Confessor Abbot of Palestine (+350)**

September 28

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Eighth Tone

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! Our Father Chariton, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

### **Martyr Callistratus with his companions (+1st c.)**

September 27

Apolytikion of the Saints  
Third Tone

In contest you were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Martyr Callistratus, and were glorious in casting down the Enemy. You offered a noble army of athletes as sweet-smelling incense to Christ. With them pray for us who praise you with hymns.

### **Repose of John the Evangelist September 26**

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Second Tone

O Apostle beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He Who permitted you to recline on His breast receives you as you bow before Him; entreat Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistence of the heathen, and to grant us peace and great mercy.

### **Virgin Martyr Justina (+304) October 2**

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

Your lamb Justina calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful

### **Hieromartyr Gregory (+335) Bishop of Greater Armenia**

September 30

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Gregory entreat Christ God to save our souls.

### **Holy Protection of the Mother of God**

October 1

Apolytikion of the Feast  
Fourth Tone

On this day we, the Orthodox people, joyously keep festival, illumined by your coming, O Mother of God; and, beholding your most pure image, we cry out with compunction: "Cover us with your Protecting Veil and deliver us from all evil; entreating your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

Konakion of the Feast  
Third Tone

Today the Virgin stands in the church, and with hosts of Saints, and invisibly prays to God for us. Angels worship with Hierarchs, and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, for the Theotokos prays to the Pre-eternal God for us.

Oikos of the Feast  
*Abridged*

All-holy Theotokos Virgin Mary, from heaven you lay your holy veil of protection on your people, whom you protect and save, O pure one, as we invoke your name hourly. Now as we sing with gratitude extolling your wonders, we cry out: Rejoice, luminous protective veil!

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