

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, October 3 - Sunday, October 9

Innocent of Alaska (+ 1879) Enlightener of the Aleuts

October 6

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

You evangelized the northern people of America and Asia, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues. Holy Hierarch Father Innocent, enlightener of Alaska and all America, your ways were ordered by the Lord! Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His heavenly Kingdom!

Methodia of Kimolos (+1908) October 5

Apolytikion of the Saint
First Tone

Let us the faithful honor with hymns the Venerable Methodia, the offspring of Kimolos, the treasury of virtues, and truly the peer of the Holy Ascetics of the earliest times, imitating the deeds of her life, beloved by God, we cry out: "Glory to Him Who gave you strength. Glory to Him Who crowned you. Glory to Him Who numbered you in the choir of the Saints, O Mother."

Hieromartyr Hierotheus Bishop of Athens (+1st c.)

October 4

Apolytikion of the Saints
First Tone

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul, Hierarch of Athens, the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. His life was well-pleasing to God, who is greatly merciful.

Dionysius the Areopagite (+1st c.) October 3

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries; you kept the faith, and finished a course equal to His. Bishop martyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus October 9

Apolytikion of the Saint
Third Tone

Holy Apostle James, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Kontakion of the Saint
Second Tone

Let us bless James, praising him as the messenger of God, for he filled the souls of the pious with wise dogmas. Standing at the throne of glory before the Master, he rejoices with all the angels unceasingly praying for us all.

Thais of Egypt (+3rd c.) October 8

Kontakion of the Saint
Second Tone

Let us praise the blessed Thais, the truly fruitful branch from a corrupt root, the sweet stream from a salty source, the image of repentance and rule of patience! Once a vessel of sin, she is now the chosen vessel of grace! Let us cry aloud to her: O Venerable Thais, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Pelagia the Virgin (+3rd c.) October 8

Apolytikion of the Saint
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, venerable Pelagia, rejoices with the angels.

Sergius & Bacchus (+4th c.) October 7

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Your holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, 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!

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