

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, October 10 - Sunday, October 16

Chryse of Meglen (+1796) The Holy New Martyr

October 13

Apolytikion of the Saint Third Tone

You were a golden vessel of virginity and an undefiled bride of Christ, O most glorious virgin Chryse; for having preserved your virginity blamelessly, you contested for Christ in a godly manner. O glorious Martyr, entreat your Bridegroom to grant us great mercy.

Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Sunday Between 10/11-10/17

Kontakion of the Feast Plagal of the Second Tone

The Son who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Simeon the New Theologian October 12

Apolytikion of the Saint Third Tone

Since thou hadst received within thy pure soul God's enlightenment, O righteous Father, thou wast shown to the world as a blazing light which drove away its thick darkness and moved all men to seek the grace of the Spirit which they had lost. O all-holy Father Symeon, intercede with Him to grant great mercy unto us who honor thee.

Longinus the Centurion October 16

Apolytikion of the Saint First Tone

Longinus, you beheld the King of Glory who was nailed to the Cross, yet shone on those in darkness. You were enlightened by His rays and became a martyr and save those who cry: 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!

Synaxis of the Optina Elders October 11

Kontakion of the Saints Fourth Tone

Truly wondrous is God in His Saints, Who revealed the Hermitage of Optina as a garden of eldership, where the God-enlightened Fathers, knowing the secrets of the human heart, became valiant protectors of the people of God; for they set those burdened by sin on the path of repentance, enlightening those whose faith was wavering with the light of Christ's teachings, and teaching them the wisdom of God, they felt compassion for the sick and healed them. Now, in God's glory, they pray unceasingly for our souls.

Icon of the Mother of God Multiplier of Wheat

October 15

Concerning the Icon

Before his blessed repose, Saint Ambrose of Optina ordered many copies of this icon and sent them to his spiritual children. For the Akathist to this icon, the Elder composed a particular response, "Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with You! Grant unto us unworthy ones the dew of Your grace and the showing forth of Your mercy!"

Ven. Ambrose of Optina (+1891) October 10

Apolytikion of the Saint Fifth Tone

We come to you, as to a fountain of healing, O Father Ambrose. For you guide us truly on the path of salvation, protecting us from troubles and misfortunes by your prayers, and comforting us in our physical and spiritual sorrows; above all, you taught with humility, patience, and love. / As our fervent intercessor, entreat Christ the Lover of mankind that our souls may be saved.

Pachomius of Chios (+1905) October 14

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