

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, October 24 - Sunday, October 30

Holy Martyr Nestor

October 27

Apolytikion of the Saint
Third Tone

As a friend and companion of Saint Demetrios, you were an invincible athlete of godliness and contended manfully, O blessed Nestor. With divine help, you conquered Lyaios, and by being slain you became a holy sacrifice to our God.

Great Martyr Demetrios

October 26

Apolytikion of the Saint
Third Tone

The entire world has found you to be a great champion in times of peril; for you put the heathen to flight, O victorious one. As you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaeus, and gave courage to Nestor in the stadium, in the same way, O Holy Great Martyr Dēmétrios, entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

Saint Tabitha the Widow

Resurrected by St. Peter

October 25

Apolytikion of the Saint
First Tone

With the flow of the many-streamed river of almsgiving you watered the dry earth of the needy. Showering alms on the widows and the poor, you shone with the light of your works and were radiant with grace, O Tabitha. Glory to Christ who loves you! Glory to Christ who has blessed you! Glory to Christ whom you followed as a true disciple and a spotless lamb!

“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

October 24

Third & Fourth Stichera of Matins
Second Tone

Rejoice, hope and protection of all Christians, all-immaculate Mother of God, who art more honorable than all creation, and more glorious than all in heaven and on earth; for thou didst give birth unto the Creator and God of all. Yet, O Lady, mercifully accept our supplications, and ever save us, in that thou art good and merciful, that with gladness we may venerate thy most holy icon, and, ever rejoicing, praise and magnify thee, O gladdening joy of thy faithful servants.

Martyrs Zenobios & Zenobia

October 30

Apolytikion of the Saints
Fourth Tone

As brother and sister united in godliness together you struggled in contest, Zenobios and Zenobia. You received incorruptible crowns and unending glory and shine forth with the grace of healing upon those in the world.

Holy New Martyr Timothy of Esphigenou (+1820)

October 29

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

In his sufferings, Thy martyr Timothy, O Lord, received an imperishable crown from Thee, our God; for, possessed of Thy might, he set at naught the tyrants and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons. By his supplications save our souls.

Anastasia of Rome

October 29

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Your lamb Anastasia, 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.

Holy Protection of the Mother of God

October 28

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."

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