

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

Monday, November 14 - Sunday, November 20

### **St. Hilda of Whitby**

November 17

#### Kontakion of the Saint

First Tone

For thirty-three years in the world, chaste and modest, for thirty-three years as a righteous monastic, you came unto the stature of Christ, O Hilda; and on being cleansed through grievous bodily illness, you were taken up in light and glory to Heaven, Where you pray to God for us.

### **St. Matthew the Apostle**

November 16

#### Kontakion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

Casting aside the bonds of the custom house for the yoke of justice, you were revealed as an excellent merchant, rich in wisdom from on high. You proclaimed the word of truth and roused the souls of the slothful by writing of the hour of Judgment.

### **St. Paisius Velichkovsky**

November 15

#### Kontakion of the Saint

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Like a much-laboring bee, you were an elect zealot of the monastic life, supplying our souls with the writings of the Fathers, through which you guide us on the path of salvation. Therefore, we cry out to you: "Hail, truly wise Paisios, for through you, the tradition of spiritual Elders has been restored to us!"

### **St. Philip the Apostle**

November 14

#### Apolytikion of the Saint

Third Tone

The universe is well adorned and Ethiopia exults, as though graced with a crown; for it is made radiant by you, and celebrates your memorial joyously; for you spoke of God, teaching everyone to believe in Christ, and have completed your course in a manner worthy of the Gospel. Therefore, Ethiopia boldly stretches forth its hands to God. Pray that He grant us great mercy.

### **St. Gregory Palamas**

November 14

#### Apolytikion of the Saints

Eighth Tone

O luminary of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, O wonderworker Gregory, boast of Thessalonika and herald of grace, always intercede for all of us that our souls may be saved.

### **Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos**

November 20

#### Apolytikion of the Forefeast

Fourth Tone

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin. In fulfillment of her vow, today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

### **St. Philaret of Moscow**

November 19

#### Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

Having acquired the grace of the Holy Spirit O divinely wise and holy hierarch Philaret, you preached truth and righteousness to the people with enlightened understanding; with a contrite heart you showed peace and mercy to the suffering; and as a teacher and tireless guardian of the Faith with the staff of uprightness you preserved the Russian flock. Therefore, as you have boldness before Christ our God, pray that He preserve the Church, and grant salvation to the people, and to our souls.

### **Martyr Plato of Ancyra**

November 18

#### Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

Your holy martyrs Platon and Romanus, 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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