

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, November 21 - Sunday, November 27

Rest of Alexander Nevsky

November 23

Kontakion of the Saint

Eighth Tone

We honor you as a most radiant, spiritual star, rising up from the east; going down in the west! As you enriched the Russian people with good works and miracles, so now enlighten us who remember you in faith, O Blessed Alexander. Today as we celebrate your falling asleep, we ask you to beseech the Lord that He may strengthen his suffering servants and save all Orthodox Christians!

St. James the Persian

November 27

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

You astounded all, O long-suffering James, by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Through your sufferings you received your crown, and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God. Entreat Him to save our souls!

St. Iakovos Tsalikes (+1991)

November 22

Apolytikion of the Saint

Plagal of the First Tone

The model of discernment and modesty, the wonderworking leader of the Monastery of Venerable David, who plowed and sowed love in the hardened hearts of the God-bearing people, O Father Iakovos. Do not neglect to intercede with Christ on behalf of those who call upon you in faith.

New Martyr George of Chios (+1807)

November 26

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

O Martyr George, your head was struck off with a sword, and you were glorified by God, both in heaven and on earth, as the majesty of Chios; with an incorruptible crown you were divinely crowned above, and with divine hymns you were sung by the faithful below; through his intercession, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

November 21

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Kontakion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."

St. Katherine the Great Martyr

November 25

Apolytikion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

By your virtues, as with the rays of the sun, you enlightened the pagan sages; and like the brightest moon for those who walk at night, you drove away the darkness of unbelief, and led the Empress to faith; you also rebuked the tyrant, and you were called by God as His bride, O blessed Katherine. With love you ascended to the heavenly Bridal Chamber of the most comely Bridegroom Christ, by Whom you were crowned with a royal crown. Now standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who honor your holy memory.

Hieromartyr Clement Bishop of Rome

November 24

Third Stichera of Vespers

Second Tone

You rose from the West like a radiant sun, O thrice-blessed father, and the earth was brightly illumined by your wondrous teachings as well as by your wounds. Having reached the regions of the East, you set in death; then dawned again, O blessed Clement, forever close to Christ in a divine communion, enlightened by the splendor which shines in the Age to Come.

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