Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, November 28 - Sunday, December 4

Sebastian Dadovich (+1940) of San Francisco & Jackson

November 30

Kontakion of the Saint Second Tone

Passing unharmed through a multitude of storms, and receiving the gift of miracles, you drowned your bodiless Enemies in the streams of your tears, O divinelywise Sebastian and Mardarije, pray unceasingly on behalf of us all.

Apostle Andrew (+62)

November 30

Kontakion of the Saint Second Tone

Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God, the namesake of manliness, the first-called of the Savior's disciples and the brother of Peter. As he once called to his brother, he now cries out to us: "Come, for we have found the One whom the world desires!"

Acacius of Sinai (+6th c.)

November 29

Troparion of the Saint Plagal of the Fourth Tone

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy father Acacius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Martyr Stephen the New (+767)

November 28

Apolytikion of the Saint Fourth Tone

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross you destroyed the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, all-blessed one; Again you bravely prepared for combat and slew Copronymus with the sword of faith; for both struggles you have been crowned by God, monk-martyr Stephen of eternal memory.

$\frac{\textbf{Great Martyr Barbara}}{(\textbf{+4th. c})}$

December 4

Kontakion of the Saint Fourth Tone

Singing the praises of the Trinity, you followed God by enduring suffering; you renounced the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara. In your struggles, you were not frightened by the threats of your torturers, but cried out in a loud voice: "I worship the Trinity in one God-head."

Holy Prophet Zephaniah (+7th. c BC)

December 3

Kontakion of the Saint Fourth Tone

You have been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, Prophet Zephaniah, for you proclaimed the coming of God: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to save mankind!"

Porphyrios of Kavsokalyva (1991)

December 2

Apolytikion of the Saint First Tone

The offspring of Evia, and the elder of all Greece, the mystic of theology, and the genuine friend of Christ, Porphyrios, was filled with gifts of grace from childhood. So let us honor him. He delivers those oppressed by demons, he cures the sick who shout with faith and gratitude: "Glory to Him who gave you His might; glory to Him who sanctified you; glory to Him who through you is working cures for all."

Philaret the Merciful (+792) of Amnia

December 1

Apolytikion of the Saint Third Tone

From the wealth of your faith in God, you distributed your riches to the poor, O Philaret. Your life was adorned with compassion and you glorified the Giver of mercy. Implore him to have compassion and mercy on those who praise you!

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