

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

Monday, January 2 - Thursday, January 5

### **Genevieve of Paris**

(+5th C.)

Tenth Day after the Nativity  
January 3

Troparion of the Saints  
First Tone

O Shepherdess and guardian of the flock at Nanterre against the horde of wolves and the Scourge of God, you are the protector of the city of Paris. O Saint Geneviève, do not forget to preserve your spiritual flock even now, from Heaven where you live after death.

### **Juliana of Lazarevo**

(+1604)

Ninth Day after the Nativity  
January 2

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

By your righteous deeds you revealed to the world an image of the perfect servant of the Lord. By your fasting, vigil and prayers, you were inspired in your evangelical life, feeding the hungry and caring for the poor, nursing the sick and strengthening the weak. Now you stand at the right hand of the Master, Christ, O holy Juliana, interceding for our souls.

### **Seraphim of Sarov**

(+1833)

Ninth Day after the Nativity  
January 2

Kontakion of the Saint  
Second Tone

Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world, you settled in the monastery of Sarov, O Saint. There you lived an angelic life, becoming for many the way to salvation. Therefore, Christ has glorified you, Father Seraphim, enriching you with abundant healing and miracles. So we cry to you: "Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father."

### **Forefeast of Theophany**

Ninth Day after the Nativity  
January 2

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn yourself, O Naphtali; river Jordan, cease flowing and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. Adam, rejoice with our First Mother and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

### **Apollinaria of Egypt**

(+ c. 470)

Twelfth Day after the Nativity  
January 5

Kontakion of the Saint  
Second Tone

Out of love for God, you despised the desire for rest, O Mother Apollarina and illuminating your soul with fasting, you completely vanquished your enemies; and by your intercession you destroyed the evil schemes of our adversaries.

### **Nikephoros the Leper**

(+1933)

Eleventh Day of the Nativity  
January 4

Apolytikion of the Saint  
First Tone

All the angels were astonished by the struggles and strict asceticism of the Venerable Nikēphōros the Leper; or like another Job, patiently enduring his pain, he glorified God, Who has crowned him now with glory, distinguishing him through miracles. Rejoice, instructor of monastics! Rejoice, beacon of light! Rejoice, for a delightful fragrance pours forth from your relics!

### **Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles**

Eleventh Day of the Nativity  
January 4

Kontakion of the Saint  
Second Tone

O faithful, let us praise with hymns the choir of the seventy disciples of Christ. They have taught us all to worship the undivided Trinity, for they are divine lamps of the Faith.

### **Ephraim of New Makri**

(+1426)

Tenth Day of the Nativity  
January 3

Kontakion of the Saint  
Third Tone

Thou didst struggle on the mountain of Ammomon, O godly-minded one, and in this thou didst follow the path of martyrdom. Wherefore, the Giver of Life hath crowned thee with double crowns. O worthy Hieromartyr Ephraim, earnestly do we entreat thee to have mercy upon those who honor thee.

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