

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, January 16 - Sunday, January 22

Macarius the Great

(+226-235)

January 19

Apolytikion of the Saint

First Tone

You were shown to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the body, and a wonderworker, O Makarios our God-bearing Father; receiving heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the infirmities and the souls of those who come to you with faith. Glory to Him Who strengthened you. Glory to Him Who crowned you. Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all.

Athanasius the Great

(+373)

January 18

From the Stichera of Vespers

Fourth Tone

The lightning-flash of your teaching enlightens those in darkness. You chase away all false doctrine. You bore the brunt of battle for the faith, Athanasius, uncompromised rock! True shepherd and unshaken fortress of Christ's holy Church! Therefore we assemble in your honor, rejoicing to magnify you, all-praised one!

Anthony the Great

(+356)

January 17

Troparion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

O Father Anthony, By emulating the ways of Elias the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist you made the desert a city, and upheld the world by your prayers. Therefore, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

Chains of the Apostle Peter

January 16

Kontakion of the Saint

Second Tone

Christ the Rock radiantly glorifies the Rock of Faith, the first-enthroned of the disciples; He calls us to honor the miracles wrought through Peter's chains, so that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

Bessarion of Agathonos

(+1991)

January 22

Apolytikion of the Saint

Plagal of the First Tone

The chorus of the Fathers, the Monastery of Agathonos, sacrificer beloved of God, and luminous man from Fthia, the joy of the needy, and most exact guide of sinners, presbyter of Christ, and model of piety, let us all from our hearts sing hymns to Bessarion.

Maximus the Confessor

(+662)

January 21

Kontakion of the Saint

Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Let us the faithful fittingly praise the lover of the Trinity, the great Maximus who taught the God-inspired faith, that Christ is to be glorified in His two natures, wills, and energies; and let us cry to him: "Rejoice, herald of the faith."

Euthymius the Great

(+473)

January 20

Apolytikion of the Feast

Fourth Tone

Rejoice, O barren wilderness! And be glad, sterile desert, that has never known the travail of birth! The man of desires has multiplied your sons; he has planted them in faith and piety. He has watered them with the Holy Spirit: They grow in self-denial and perfect virtue. Through His intercessions, O Christ God, preserve Your people in peace!

Mark of Ephesus

(+15th c.)

January 20

Troparion of the Saint

Fourth Tone

By your profession of faith, O all-praised Mark the Church has found you to be a zealot for truth. You fought for the teaching of the Fathers; you cast down the darkness of boastful pride. Intercede with Christ God to grant forgiveness to those who honor you!

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