

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Friday, February 3 - Sunday, February 5

Venerable Isidore of Pelusium (+436-440)

February 4

Apolytikion of the Saint
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, venerable Isidore, rejoices with the angels.

Anna the Prophetess (+1st c.)

February 3

Kontakion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; for you saw things far off as if they were near. Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophetess Anna.

Simeon the Righteous (+1st c.)

February 3

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Simeon the Elder is filled with joy today, receiving into his arms the Eternal God as an infant. Begging to be released from the bonds of the flesh he cries: "My eyes have seen the salvation, which You have prepared for all the nations to see!"

Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan (+1912)

February 3

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

O holy Nicholas, the enlightener of Japan, you share the dignity and the throne of the Apostles; you are a wise and faithful servant of Christ, a temple chosen by the Divine Spirit, a vessel overflowing with the love of Christ. O hierarch equal to the Apostles, pray to the Life-Creating Trinity, for all your flock and for the whole world.

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee **Opening of the Tridion**

Apolytikion of the Feast
Fifth Tone

Mine eyes are weighed down by my transgressions, and I cannot lift them up and see the height of heaven. But receive me, Savior, in repentance as the Publican and have mercy on me.

Kontakion of the Feast
Third Tone

As the Publican let us bring cries of sorrow to the Lord, and let us fall before Him as sinners at the Master's feet. For He desires the salvation of all men; He grants forgiveness unto all that repent, and He has for our sake taken flesh, though He is God coeternal with the Father.

Ikos of the Feast

Let us all humble ourselves, brethren; groaning and lamenting, let us beat our conscience, that at the eternal judgement we may be numbered with the faithful and the righteous, receiving forgiveness. Let us pray to see the true peace of the Age to Come, where there is no more pain, no sorrow, no groaning from the depths, in the wondrous Eden fashioned by Christ, for He is God coeternal with the Father.

Theodosius of Chernigov (+1696)

February 5

Kontakion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Holy Hierarch Theodosius, you labored for Christ by grazing your rational flock in spiritual pastures; you received the gift of healing from Christ the Savior to cure from bodily and spiritual infirmities all those who come to your relics. Pray for those who call on your name, that our souls may be saved from the enemy.

Agatha of Palermo in Sicily (+251)

February 5

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Your lamb Agatha, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

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