

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, February 6 - Sunday, February 12

Leavetaking of the Presentation of our Lord

February 9

Apolytikion of the Feast
First Tone

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

Greatmartyr Theodore the Commander (+319)

February 8

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Truly enlisted with the King of Heaven, you became an outstanding general for Him, passion-bearer Theodore; you armed yourself wisely with the weapons of faith and conquered hordes of demons, revealing yourself as a victorious athlete. Therefore, in faith we always call you blessed.

Richard the Pilgrim King of Wessex (+720)

February 7

Apolytikion of the Saint
First Tone

Renouncing your reign, you left for Jerusalem, in saintly fellowship with your kin. In Lucca you departed your earthly life; your children thus laid you to blessed rest. You proved your regal spirit by your miracles, fulfilling the promise of your name. Holy Father Richard, king who in death revealed our God, beseech our Savior Christ that he will save our souls.

Barsanuphius & John (+6th C.)

February 6

Apolytikion of the Saints
First Tone

Mystical tongues of the Holy Spirit rational harps of grace sounding forth sweet hymns of discernment which soothe and rejoice men's souls, you moved them to cast off the yoke of passion and to trample on Satan's head. Therefore, God-like Barsanuphius and wise John, deliver those who sing to you: Glory to Him who has given you grace! Glory to Him who has blessed you! Glory to Him who has saved many through your holy words of counsel!

Hieromartyr Blaise of Sabaste (+316)

February 11

Kontakion of the Saint
Second Tone

Godly shoot, unfading flower, most fruitful branch of Christ the Vine, God-bearing Blaise, fill with joy those who in faith honor your memory as you unceasingly intercede for us all.

Scholastica **Sister of St Benedict** (+543)

February 10

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

O God, to show us where innocence leads, you made the soul of your virgin Scholastica soar to heaven like a dove in flight. Grant through her merits and her prayers that we may so live in innocence as to attain to joys everlasting. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son **Second Sunday of the Tridion**

Troparion of the Feast
Sixth Tone

I have wasted the wealth which the Father gave to me, and in my wretchedness I have fed with the dumb beasts. Yearning after their food, I remained hungry and could not eat my fill. But now I return to the compassionate Father and cry out with tears: I fall down before Thy loving-kindness, receive me as a hired servant and save me.

Kontakion of the Feast
Third Tone

Foolishly have I run away from Thy glory, O Father; wasting in sin the wealth that Thou gavest me. Therefore with the words of the Prodigal I cry unto Thee: I have sinned before Thee, compassionate Father. Accept me in repentance and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Ikos

Our Saviour teaches us every day with His own voice: let us therefore hearken to the Scriptures concerning the Prodigal who became wise once more, and with faith let us follow the good example of his repentance. With humbleness of heart let us cry out to Him who knows all secrets: We have sinned against Thee, merciful Father; and are not worthy ever again to be called Thy children as before. But since Thou art by nature full of love for man, accept me and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

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