

# **Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers**

Monday, February 20 - Sunday, February 26

## **Polycarp of Smyrna** (+167)

February 23

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Polycarp, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

## **Nine Righteous Children Martyrs of Kola** (+6th c.)

February 22

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

Your holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

## **Ven. Timothy of Symboloi** (+795)

February 21

Kontakion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

Blessed wonder-worker, Timothy, you rose from the east like a brilliant star causing virtue to spring in the hearts of the faithful through your miracles.

## **Ven. Leo the Wonderworker Bishop of Catania** (+780)

February 20

Apolytikion of the Saints  
First Tone

You were shown forth as a resplendent priest, a teacher of godliness and a wonderworker, blessed hierarch Leo; by the light of heavenly virtue you were enriched with the power of the Spirit, and heal the souls and bodies of those who hasten to you. Glory to Christ who has glorified you! Glory to Him who has crowned you! Glory to Him who through you works healing for all!

## **Tarasius Archbishop of Constantinople** (+806)

February 25

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Third Tone

You shone forth as a light of the Spirit, adorned with an exemplary life and clothed in hierarchical vesture. You stilled the turbulence of heresy and became a pillar and foundation of the Church, which praises your struggles, holy Father Tarasius.

## **First & Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist** (+4th c. | +452)

February 24

Apolytikion of the Saint  
Fourth Tone

The head of the Forerunner rose from the earth as a star, brilliant with rays of healing and immortality. It gathers the choirs of angels in heaven, and assembles the human race on earth to sing with one voice the glory of Christ our God.

O Master, Guide to wisdom, Giver of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Champion of the poor; make firm my heart and grant it understanding O Word of the Father; give me words for sec; I shall not stop my lips from crying out to Thee: I am fallen, in Thy compassion have mercy on me.

*Kontakion of the Feast*  
Sixth Tone

**Fourth Sunday of the Triodion**  
**Sunday of Forgiveness**  
**& The Expulsion from Paradise**

*Ikos*

Banished from the joys of Paradise, Adam sat outside and wept, and beating his hands upon his face he said: 'I am fallen, in Thy compassion have mercy on me.'

When Adam saw the angel drive him out and shut the door of the divine garden, he groaned aloud and said: 'I am fallen, in Thy compassion have mercy on me.'

O Paradise, share in the sorrow of thy master who is brought to poverty; and with the sound of thy leaves pray to the Creator that He may not keep thy gate closed for ever: I am fallen, in Thy compassion have mercy on me.

O Paradise, perfect, all-holy and blessed, planted for Adam's sake and shut because of Eve; pray to God for the fallen. I am fallen, in Thy compassion have mercy on me.



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