

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, February 27 - Sunday, March 5

Nicholas Planas
(+1932)

March 2

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Let us praise our protector, the godly Nicholas, as one endowed with blessed virtue, he shone forth as a true priest of the Most High God, and was his fervent worshipper. For by his holy life on earth, he has left us most sublime, divine and unfailling teachings of long-suffering, meekness, patience, unfailling humility and true God-like love.

David of Wales
(+601)

March 1

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father David, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Ven. John Cassian
(+795)

February 28

Apolytikion of the Saint
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Having been purified through fasting, you attained the knowledge of wisdom from the God-bearing Fathers who lived in the desert, and learned to restrain the passions. Therefore, by your prayers, grant that our flesh may be obedient to our spirit; for you, O Venerable Cassian, are the teacher of all those in Christ who glorify your memory.

Raphael of Brooklyn
(+1915)

February 27

Apolytikion of the Saint
First Tone

Your proclamation has gone forth throughout North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the church. hearing your voice, they responded to your teaching, and through your writings you instructed them in piety. now guided by your example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise unto Christ our God. Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all!

Nikanor of Hilandar
(+1990)

March 4

Apolytikion of the Saint
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

You were raised on the paths of the Holy Mountain in the sacred imperial lavra of Hilandar, O Venerable Elder Nikanor. You arrived as a unifier and conciliator to the Serbian people in Australia, witnessing the love of Christ and sanctified the land by thy holy departure. Thy holy relics are part of the sky which is adorned with the Southern Cross. Thus this thy Cross-bearing people do beseech: Pray unto Christ God to save us and preserve us in His harmony.

Piama of Egypt
(+337)

March 3

Apolytikion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Your lamb Piama, 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.

Sunday of Orthodoxy
First Sunday of Great Lent

Kontakion of the Feast
Second Tone

We venerate Thy holy Ikon, loving Lord, asking Thee to pardon our transgressions, Christ our God. For Thou of Thine own will wast pleased in the flesh to ascend upon the Cross, so to deliver from the bondage of the enemy those whom Thou hast fashioned. Therefore in thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all things with joy, our Saviour; when Thou hast come to save the world.

Kontakion of the Feast
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed, taking flesh from thee, O Theotokos, and He has restored the sullied image to its ancient glory, filling it with the divine beauty. This our salvation we confess in deed and word, and we depict it in the holy Ikon.

Ikon

Enlightened by this mystery of God's providence, the divinely-inspired prophets foretold it of old; and this they did for our sakes, who see the fulfillment of the ages. Receiving through this mystery divine knowledge, we know one Lord and God, glorified in three Persons, and Him alone we worship; we have one faith, one baptism, and we are clothed in Christ. This our salvation we confess in deed and word, and we depict it in the holy Ikon.

