

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, March 20 - Sunday, March 26

New Hieromartyr Macarius of Orenburg (+1931)

March 23

Kontakion of Russian New Martyrs Third Tone

Today the New Martyr of Russia stands in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels sings to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Basil of Ancyra (+362-363)

March 22

Apolytikion of the Saint Third Tone

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit you worthily received the anointing of the priesthood, O Basil. You offered your martyr's contest as a royal sacrifice to the King of the Ages. Righteous Father, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

Ven. Seraphim of Vyritsa (+1949)

March 21

Apolytikion of the Saint Plagal of the Fourth Tone

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy father Seraphim, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Cuthbert of Lindesfarne (+687)

March 20

Apolytikion of the Saint Third Tone

While still in your youth, you laid aside all worldly cares, and took up the sweet yoke of Christ, and you were shown forth in truth to be nobly radiant in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, God established you as a rule of faith and shepherd of His radiant flock, Godly-minded Cuthbert, converser with angels and intercessor for men.

Forefeast of the Annunciation

March 24

Troparion of the Forefeast Fourth Tone

Today the beginning of universal joy moves us to sing the prefeastal hymn; for Gabriel is coming and will cry to her: "Rejoice, O Virgin full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Abba Zachariah of Egypt (+4th c.)

March 24

Troparion of the Saint Plagal of the Fourth Tone

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy father Zachariah, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Sunday of St. John of the Ladder **Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**

Troparion of the Saint First Tone

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, you were shown to be a wonderworker; our God-bearing Father John, You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer; / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. 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.

Kontakion of the Saint Fourth Tone

Truly the Lord has set thee as a fixed star in the firmament of abstinence, giving light to the ends of the earth, O father John our teacher.

Ikos

Truly, O father, thou hast made thyself into a house of God, adorned through thy divine virtues with faith, hope and true love, as if with gold shining from afar; thou hast explained the laws of God, and practiced abstinence as one who has no flesh; acquiring wisdom, courage, chastity and humility; thou wast raised on high; thou wast illumined with unceasing prayer, and hast attained the tabernacles of heaven, O Father John our teacher.

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