

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, April 3 - Saturday, April 8

Gregory of Sinai (+1346)

April 6

Troparion of the Saint
Plagal of the First Tone

Thou didst reflect the angelic life, and thy soul was a vessel of theory, O holy Father Gregory. Radiant torch of virtues, the glory of Sinai and Athos, and enlightener of the Slavonic lands, guide us unerringly, that our souls may be saved.

Mark the Anchorite **of Athens** (+400)

April 5

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 Mark, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Ven. Joseph the Much-Ailing **of the Kiev Cave** (+14th c.)

April 4

Troparion of the Saint
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

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Icon of the Mother of God **The Unfading Flower**

April 3

Troparion of the Icon
Plagal of the First Tone

Rejoice, O Bride of God, rejoice, mystical rod which blossomed the Unfading Flower; rejoice, O Sovereign Lady, through whom we are filled with joy and inherit life.

Lazarus **The Friend of Christ**

Saturday of Lazarus

Exapostilaria of Matins
Third Tone

By Your word, O Word of God, Lazarus now leaps out of death, having returned to this life. Therefore the peoples honor You with their branches, O Mighty One; for You shall destroy Hades utterly by Your own death.

Repose of Tikhon of Moscow **Enlightener of North America** (+1925)

April 7

Kontakion of the Saint
Third Tone

Today the assembly of New Martyrs stands together with us in the Church and together we raise a festive song celebrating the uncovering of the relics of our Hierarch Father Tikhon who defeated the enemy and preserved the Faith While protecting the flock entrusted to him. For he ever prays for us all that we may never be deprived of the Love of God.

Saturday of Lazarus **Saturday Before Palm Sunday**

Troparion of the Feast
First Tone

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Kontakion of the Feast
Second Tone

Christ, the joy of all, the truth, the light, the life, the resurrection of the world, in His love appeared to those on earth; and He became Himself the pattern of our resurrection, granting divine forgiveness unto all.

Ikos

The Creator of the world foretold to His disciples what would come to pass, proving to them that He knows all things as the Maker of all. 'Brethren and companions, our friend has fallen asleep', He said. 'Let us go, then, and see a strange burial, and behold the tears of Mary and the tomb of Lazarus. For I shall work a miracle there, as the prelude to My Crucifixion, granting divine forgiveness unto all.'

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