

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 1

Forefeast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Syria (250). Martyrs Perpetua, a woman of Carthage, and the Catechumens: Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus and Felicitas (202–203). Ven. Peter Galata, Hermit, near Antioch in Syria (429). Ven. Vendemianus (Bendemianus), Hermit, of Bithynia (ca. 512).

Heb 10.35–11.7 (The Day)

Mark 9.10–16 (The Day)

Rom 8:28-39 (Martyr)

Luke 10: 19-21 (Martyr)

Friday, February 2

Fish, Wine & Oil

The Meeting of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, In the Temple.

All-night Vigil

At Vespers:

Exodus (Ex. 12:51-13:3, 10-12, 14-16; 22:29; Leviticus 12:1-4, 6-8; Numbers. 8:16-17:2;)

Isaiah 6:1–12

Isaiah 19:1-5, 12, 16, 19-21

Matins Gospel:

Luke 2:25–32

Liturgy of St. John:

Heb. 7:7–17 (Meeting)

Luke 2:22–40 (Meeting)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil — Thursday Evening)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**,” Stykhry on 8, Tone 1: All Feast. Glory..., now and ever... Feast. Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day and 3 Readings (see above).

Litya:

All Feast. Aposticha: All Feast. Glory..., now and ever... Feast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparion: Feast (thrice). Matins After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 1), Troparia: Feast (thrice). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Feast. Polyelei: and the Magnification

Magnification:

We magnify You, O Christ the Giver of life, and we honour Your most-pure Mother, by whom according to the law, You are now brought into the temple of the Lord.

Selected Psalm Verses:

Blessed words flow from my heart, and I say, my song is of the King! (44:2)
The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in heaven. (10:4) After the Polyelei: Kathisma Hymns: Feast. 1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone, “From my youth...”

Prokeimenon,

Tone 4: I shall make your name to be remembered / in all generations.
(44:18)

V. Blessed words flow from my heart, and I say, my song is of the King!
(44:2)

“Let every breath...”

Gospel:

Luke 2:25–32.

Psalm 50, and the After-Gospel Stykhry: “Glory... Through the prayers of the Theotokos... Now and ever... (repeat)... Have mercy on me...”; and then the sticheron to the Feast, “Let the gate of heaven be opened...” “O God, save Your people...”

Canons:

Feast—14. Irmos: From the Festal Canon. Katavasia: Feast. After the 3rd Ode: Kathisma Hymn: Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Feast. The Magnificat is not sung, but rather the refrain, “O Virgin Theotokos, Hope of all Christians...,” and the rest. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilarion: Feast.

Praises:

Tone 4, on 4: All Feast. Glory..., now and ever... Feast. Great Doxology.
Troparion: Feast. Usual Litanies and the Festal Dismissal: May he who
deigned to be carried in the arms of the righteous Simeon for our salvation,
Christ our true God...

Hours

Troparion: Feast.
Kontakion: Feast.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Entrance Verse:

The Lord has made known His salvation; he has revealed His righteousness
before the nations.

After the Entrance: Troparia: Feast. Glory..., now and ever...
Kontakion—Feast.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos):

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Luke 1:46–7)

V. For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden, for behold,
henceforth all generations will call me Blessed. (Luke 1:48)

Epistle:

Heb. 7:7–17.

Alleluia, Tone 8 (Song of St. Simeon):

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. (Luke
2:29)

V. A light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people, Israel.
(Luke 2:32)

Gospel:

Luke 2:22–40.

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing the refrain “O Virgin Theotokos...” and the Irmos of Ode 9 of the Festal Canon.

Koinonikon:

I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia...

Note: After the singing of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...,” the Blessing of the Candles (taken from The Book of Needs).

Saturday, February 3

Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess. Prophet Azariah (2 Chronicles 15—10th c. B.C.). Martyrs Papias, Diodorus and Claudianus, at Perge in Pamphylia (250). Martyrs Adrian and Eubulus, at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308–309). Martyr Blaise of Cæsarea in Cappadocia. (3rd C). St Ignatius Bishop of Mariupol (1786).

Eph 5.1–8

Luke 14.1–11

Heb 9:11-14 (The Righteous ones)

Luke 2:25-38 (The Righteous ones)

Sunday, February 4

35th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (436-440). Martyr Jadorus who suffered under Decius (249-251). Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria (344-347). Ven. Nicholas the confessor, abbot of the Studion (868).

All-night Vigil

2nd Matins Gospel:

Mark 16.1–8

Liturgy of St. John:

Col 3.12–16
Luke 18:18-27

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**,” Stykhry on 10, Tone 2: Resurrection—4; Feast—3; Saint-3; Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 2. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:

Stykhry of the Feast (from the Aposticha of Vespers). Glory... Now and ever... Feast. Aposticha: Resurrection; Glory... Now and ever... Feast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (twice) and Feast (once).

Matins:

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 2), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Feast. Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei:, and the rest, as usual. After the Polyelei: Hypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2:

Arise, O Lord my God, by the decree which You have commanded, / and the assembly of the nations shall surround You! (7:7–8)

V. Save me, O Lord my God, for I have hoped in You. (7:2)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Mark 16:1–8.

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ....” Psalm 50, and the rest, as usual. “O God, save Your people....”

Canons:

Resurrection—4; Theotokos—2; Feast—4; Saint—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: Feast. After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Feast; Kontakion—Saint; Kathisma Hymns: Saint and Feast. After the 6th Ode:

Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 2). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—2; Glory... Now and ever... Feast. Praises: Tone 2 on 8: Resurrection—4 and Feast—4 (including “Glory” and verses); Glory... Gospel Stikheron—2; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “By rising...” Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Feast and Saint (to be said alternately).
Kontakia: Feast and Resurrection (to be said alternately).

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Resurrection, Feast, Church (if of Saint(s)), and Saint; Kontakia: Resurrection; Church (if of Saints), Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Feast.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2:

The Lord is my strength and my song, / He is become my salvation. (117:14)

V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death. (117:18)

Another, tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos):

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-7)

Epistle:

Col 3.12–16.

Alleluia, Tone 2:

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! (19:2)

V. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to You! (19:10)

Another, Tone 8 (Song of St. Simeon):

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. (Luke 2:29)

Gospel:
Luke 18:18-27

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing the refrain “O Virgin Theotokos...” and the Irmos of Ode 9 of the Festal Canon.

Koinonikon:
Praise the Lord from the heavens.... I will take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia....

Monday, February 5

Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Holy Martyr Agatha. St. Polyeuctus, Patriarch of Constantinople (970). Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and those with her: Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius (ca. 304). St. Theodosius Archbishop of Chernihiv (1696).

Heb 11.17–23, 27–31
Mark 9.42–10.1

Tuesday, February 6

Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Ven. Bucolus, Bp. of Smyrna (ca. 100). Ven. Barsanuphius the Great and Ven. John the Prophet, monks of Palestine (6th c.). St. Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople (891). Virgin-martyr Dorothea, and with her Martyrs Christina and Callista, sisters, and Theophilus, at Caesarea in Cappadocia (288-300). Martyr Julian of Emesa (312). Virgin-martyr Fausta, and with her Martyrs Evilasius and Maximus, at Cyzicus in Anatolia Virgin-martyrs Martha and Mary, and their brother Martyr Lycarion, at Tanis (*Hermapolis*) in Egypt

Heb 12.25–26, 13.22–25
Mark 10.2–12

Wednesday, February 7

Fast day

Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord. St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303). Ven. Luke of Hellas (ca. 946).

James 1.1–18
Mark 10.11–16

Thursday, February 8

Afterfeast of the Meeting of Our Lord. Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (“the General” – 319). Prophet Zechariah (ca. 520 B.C.).

James 1.19–27
Mark 10.17–27

Friday, February 9

Fast day

Apodosis (Leavetaking) of the Meeting of Our Lord. Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria (ca. 257). Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily, Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Pancratius, Bishop of Taoromina (1st c.). Ven. Pancratius of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805).

Note: The service to St. Nicephorus is sung at Compline, or whenever the Superior / Rector wishes.

James 2.1–13
Mark 10.23–32

Everything is sung to the Feast as on February 2, except that only 6 Stykhry are sung at “Lord, I call...” There is no Entrance, Readings or Litya. The Troparion is sung once, only.

Matins

At Matins, Polyelei: is not sung, but the 9th Ode of the Canon is sung as on the Feast itself, the Magnificat not being sung.

The Prokeimenon, Alleluia and Koinonikon at Divine Liturgy are taken to the Feast. The daily Epistle and Gospel are read.

Saturday, February 10

Hieromartyr Charalampos, Bp. of Magnesia, and martyrs Porphyrius and Baptus, the soldiers and the three female martyrs (202). St. Anna, wife of Yaroslav I Kniahynia of Novhorod (1056). Ven. Prochorus of the Kyivan Caves (the Near Caves) (1107). St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict of Nursia (543). Martyrs Ennatha, Valentina, and Paula of Palestine (308).

Col 1.2–6
Luke 16.10–15

Sunday, February 11

36th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 3. Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316). Righteous Theodora, wife of the Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (ca. 867). The Right Believing Kniaz Vsevolod (in Holy Baptism Gabriel) of Pskov (1138).

All-night Vigil
3rd Matins Gospel:
Mark 16.9–20

Liturgy of St. John:
1 Tim 1.15–17
Luke 18.35–43

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 10, Tone 3: Resurrection—7; Saint Blaise-3; Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 3. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:
Stykhry of the Church or monastery.

Aposticha:
Resurrection; Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 6). At the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice). Matins After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 3), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional

Theotokion (Tone 4). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei:, and the rest, as usual. After the Polyelei: Hypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3:

Say among the nations that the Lord reigns! / For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. (95:10)

V. O sing to the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth! (95:1)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Mark 16.9–20.

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ....” Psalm 50, and the rest, as usual. “O God, save Your people....”

Canons:

Resurrection—4; Cross-Resurrection—3; Theotokos—3; Saint—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “I shall open my mouth...” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Saint; 2nd Kontakion and Kathisma Hymns—Saint. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 3). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—3; Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion.

Praises:

Tone 3 on 8: All Resurrection; Glory... Gospel Stikheron—3; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “Today salvation....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. Hours Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Saint. Kontakion: Resurrection.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Church (if of Theotokos or Saint(s)), and Saint; Kontakia: Resurrection; Church (if of Saint(s));

Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Church (if of Theotokos). If not, then “O Protection of Christians...”

Prokeimenon, Tone 3:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (46:7)

V. Clap you hands, all you people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!
(46:1)

Epistle:

1 Tim 1.15–17.

Alleluia, Tone 3:

In You, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame. (30:2)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.
(30:3)

Gospel:

Luke 18.35–43.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, February 12

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381). Ven. Maria (who was called Marinus), and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria (6th c.). St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople (895). St. Oleksiy the Wonderworker Metropolitan of Kyiv and all Russ’ (1378). St. Meletius Archbishop of Kharkiv (1840).

James 2.14–26

Mark 10.46–52

Vespers (Sunday evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 3: Octoechos—3; Saint—3. Glory... Saint (Tone), Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone). Aposticha: All Octoechos. Troparion: Saint; Glory..., now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone). And the rest, as usual.

Tuesday, February 13

Ven. Martinian of Cæsarea in Palestine (5th c.). Sts. Zoe and Photini (5th c.). St. Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria (607–608). The Right Believing Kniaz Constantine of Ostrih (1608).

James 3.1–10
Mark 11.11–23

Wednesday, February 14

Fast day

Ven. Auxentius, monk of Bithynia (470). St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles, teacher of the Slavs (869). St. Maron, hermit of Syria (423). Ven. Isaac, recluse of the Kyivan Caves (the Near Caves) (ca. 1090). The 12 Greek master-builders of the Dormition Cathedral in the Lavra of the Kyivan Caves (11th c.). Translation of the Relics Kniaz Michael of Chernihiv and his boyar Theodore (1578).

James 3.11–4.6
Mark 11.23–26

Thursday, February 15

Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109). Ven. Paphnutius and his daughter, Ven. Euphrosyne, of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Eusebius, Hermit, of Syria (5th c.). Ven. Paphnutius, Recluse, of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—13th c.).

James 4.7–5.9
Mark 11.27–33

Friday, February 16

Fast day

Martyrs Pamphylus the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel, at Cæsarea in Palestine (307–309). St. Maruthas, Bishop of Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (422). Persian Martyrs in Martyropolis in Mesopotamia (4th c.).

1 Peter 1.1–2, 10–12, 2.6–10

Mark 12.1–12

Saturday, February 17

Greatmartyr Theodore the Recruit (the Tyron—ca. 306). St. Mariamne, sister of Apostle Philip (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Martyr Menas of Alexandria (867–869). Ven. Theodore the Silent, of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—13th c.).

1 Thess 5.14–23

Luke 17.3–10

Sunday, February 18

37th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of Zacchaeus — Tone 4. St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461). St. Agapitus the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia (4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449–450). Ven. Cosmas of Yakhromsk (1492).

All-night Vigil

4th Matins Gospel:

Luke 24.1–12

Liturgy of St. John:

1 Tim 4.9–15

Luke 19.1–10

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 10, Tone 4: Resurrection—7; Saint Leo-3; Glory... Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 4. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:

Stykhry of the Church or monastery. Aposticha: All Resurrection; Glory... Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 4). At the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).

Matins:

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 4), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 8). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei:, and the rest, as usual. After the Polyelei: Hypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

Arise, O Lord, and help us! / Deliver us for the sake of Your Name. (43:27)

V. We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (43:2)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Luke 24.1–12.

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ...” Psalm 50, and the rest, as usual. “O God, save Your people...” Canons: Resurrection—4; Cross-Resurrection—3; Theotokos—3; Saint—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “I shall open my mouth...” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Kathisma Hymns—Saint. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 4). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—4; Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion.

Praises:

Tone 4 on 8: All Resurrection; Glory... Gospel Stikheron—4; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “By rising....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Saint.

Kontakion: Resurrection.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Church (if of Theotokos or Saint(s)), and Saint; Kontakia: Resurrection; Church (if of Saint(s)); Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Church (if of Theotokos). If not, then “O Protection of Christians...”

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

O Lord, how magnified are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all! (103:24)

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Your are very great! (103:1)

Epistle:

1 Tim 4.9–15.

Alleluia, Tone 4:

Go forth, prosper and reign, because of truth, meekness, and righteousness. (44:5)

V. For You love righteousness and hate iniquity. (44:8)

Gospel:

Luke 19.1–10.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, February 19

Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis (305–311). Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch (363). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530). Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus (7th c.).

1 Pet 2.21–3.9
Mark 12.13–17

Tuesday, February 20

St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (ca. 780). Hieromartyr Sadoc, Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342–344). St. Agathon, Pope of Rome (682). The Right Believing Kniaz Yaroslav the Wise of Kyiv (1054). Ven. Agathon, Wonderworker of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—13th–14th c.).

1 Pet 3.10–22
Mark 12.18–27

Wednesday, February 21

Fast day

Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch (377). St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (802–811).

1 Pet 4.1–11
Mark 12.28–37

Thursday, February 22

Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395–423). Martyrs Maurice and his son, Photinus, and Martyrs Theodore, Philip, and 70 soldiers, at Apamea in Syria (ca. 305). Ven. Thalassius, Limnæus and Baradates, Hermits, of Syria (5th c.). St. Athanasius the Confessor, of Constantinople (821).

1 Pet 4.12–5.5
Mark 12.38–44

Friday, February 23

Fast day

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bp. of Smyrna (167). Ven. John, Antioch, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, ascetics of the Syrian desert (5th c.). Ven. Alexander, founder of the order of the Unsleeping Ones (430). Righteous Gorgonia, sister of St. Gregory the Theologian (372).

2 Pet 1.1–10
Mark 13.1–8

Saturday, February 24

First (4th c.) and Second (452) Finding of the Honourable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. Ven. Erasmus of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—12th c.).

At Vespers:

Isaiah 40:1-3, 9, 41:17-18, 45:8, 48:20-21, 54:1
Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 18, 4:4-6
Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20, 5:1-7

Matins Gospel:

Luke 7.17–30

Liturgy of St. John:

2 Cor 4.6–15 (Forerunner)
Matt 11.2–15 (Forerunner)
2 Timothy 2:11–19 (The Day)
Luke 18:2–8 (The Day)

(Forerunner) Great Vespers (Friday Evening)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**” Stykhry on 6, Tone 5: All Forerunner; Glory... Forerunner; Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 4. Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day and 3 Readings (see above). Aposticha: All Forerunner; Glory... Forerunner; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 2). Troparia: Forerunner; Glory... Now and ever... Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 4).

Matins:

Magnification:

We magnify you, O John, Baptist of Christ, and we all honour the discovery of your precious head.

Selected Psalm Verses:

I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my prayer.
(39:1) He set my feet upon a rock and guided my footsteps. (39:3)

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

I will make the horn of David flourish there, / I have prepared a lamp for
my Christ. (131:18)

V. Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness. (131.1)

Gospel:

Luke 7.17–30.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Church (of the Lord, Theotokos, or
Saint(s)), and Forerunner; Kontakia: Church (if of Saint(s)); Glory...
Forerunner; Now and ever... Kontakion—Church, if of the Lord or
Theotokos. If not, then “Steadfast Protectress...”

Prokeimenon, Tone 7 (Forerunner):

The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on Him.
(63:11)

V. Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to You! (63:1)

Epistle:

2 Cor 4.6–15 (Forerunner).
2 Timothy 2:11–19 (The Day)

Alleluia, Tone 4 (Forerunner):

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in
Lebanon. (91:12)

V. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down
from heaven. (84:11)

Gospel:

Matt 11.2–15.
Luke 18:2–8 (The Day)

Koinonikon:

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia....

Sunday, February 25

No fast

BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

38th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee —
Tone 5. St Tarasius, Abp. of Constantinople (806).

All-night Vigil

5th Matins Gospel:

Luke 24.12–35

Liturgy of St. John:

2 Tim 3.10–15

Luke 18.10–14

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**” Stykhry on 10,
Tone 5: Resurrection—7; Triodion-3; Glory... Triodion; Now and ever...
Dogmatic, Tone 5. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:

Stykhry of the Church or monastery. Glory... Triodion; Now and ever...
Theotokion (Triodion). Aposticha: All Resurrection; Glory... Triodion; Now
and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 5). At the Blessing of the
Loaves, the Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).

Matins:

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 5), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory.
Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 5). Usual Kathismas.
Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei:, and the rest, as usual. After the
Polyelei:: Hypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5:

Arise, O Lord my God, lift up Your hand! / For You reign forever. (9:33, 36)

V. I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart. I will tell of all
Your wonders. (9:1)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Luke 24.12–35.

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ...” Psalm 50, and the Hymns of
Repentance (Tone 8): “Glory... Open to me the gates of repentance...” (and
the rest). “O God, save Your people....”

Canons:

Resurrection—4; Cross-Resurrection—2; Theotokos—2; Triodion—6.

Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “I shall open my mouth...” After the 3rd
Ode: Kathisma Hymns—Triodion. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—
Triodion. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...”
(Tone 5). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—5; Glory... Triodion; Now and ever...
Theotokion (Triodion). Praises: Tone 5 on 8: Resurrection—4; Triodion—4
(with psalm verses from the Triodion); Glory... Triodion; Now and ever...
“You are most-Blessed...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “Today
salvation...” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. Glory. Now and ever... Gospel
Stikheron—5

Hours

Troparion: Resurrection.

Kontakion: Triodion.

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After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Church (if of Theotokos or
Saint(s)); Kontakia: Glory... Church (if of Saint(s)); Now and ever...
Triodion. If a Church of the Theotokos, then: Glory... Triodion; Now and
ever... Church.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5:

You, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation for ever!
(11:8)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. (11:2)

Epistle:

2 Tim 3.10–15.

Alleluia, Tone 5:

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim
Your truth from generation to generation. (88:2)

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be
prepared in the heavens (88:3)

Gospel:

Luke 18.10–14.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Note: The entire following week is free from fasting.

Monday, February 26

No fast

St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420). Martyrs Sebastian and Christodoulos
(1st c.).

2 Pet 1.20–2.9

Mark 13.9–13

Tuesday, February 27

No fast

Ven. Procopius the confessor of Decapolis (ca. 750). Ven. Titus, presbyter of the Kyivan Caves (the Near Caves) (1190). Ven. Titus the soldier, monk of the Kyivan Caves (the Far Caves) (14th c.). Ven. Thalelaeus, hermit of Syria (ca. 460).

2 Peter 2:9-22

Mark 13:14-23

2 Pet 2.9–22 (The Day)
Mark 13.14–23 (The Day)

Wednesday, February 28

No fast

Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750). Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250). Ven. Marina, Kyra and Domnica, of Syria (ca. 450). Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457). St. Arsenius (Matsievych) Metropolitan of Rostov (1772).

2 Pet 3.1–18
Mark 13.24–31

Thursday, February 29

No fast

Ven. John Cassian. Ven. Cassian, reclus of the Kyiv Caves (13th-14th c). St. John, called Barsanuphius, of Nitria in Egypt (V). St. Theosterictus the Confessor, abbot of Pelecete Monastery near Prusa (826).

1 John 1.8–2.6
Mark 13.31–14.2

Note: When February only has 28 days, the service for St. John Cassian is chanted at Compline on February 28.