## Wednesday, May 22

Wine & Oil

Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (ca. 308). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). Righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem.

Acts 8:18–25 John 6:35–39

## Thursday, May 23

St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada (831). Ven. Euphrosyne, Abbess of Polotsk (1173). Martyr Michael "the Black-robed" of St. Sabbas' Monastery (9th c.). Finding of the Relics of St. Leontius, Bishop of Rostov (1164).

Acts 8:26–39 John 6:40–44

Friday, May 24 Wine & Oil

Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus (218)

Acts 8:40–9:19 John 6:48–54

## Saturday, May 25

Third Finding of the Honourable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John (ca. 850). Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Cyprus (14th c.). St. Inocent of Kherson (1857).

**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

Proverbs. 4:7, 16-17, 19-20, 5:1-7

## **Matins Gospel:**

Luke 7:17-30

## **Liturgy of St. John:**

Acts 9:20–31 John 15:17–16:2 2 Cor. 4:6–15 (Forerunner) Matt. 11:2–15 (Forerunner)

### **Great Vespers (Friday Evening)**

Priest: "Blessed is our God...." Reader: "Amen. Christ is Risen..." (thrice), and the rest, as usual. "Blessed is the man..." (1st Antiphon). At "Lord, I call..., " Stykhry on 8, Tone 2: Feast—3 and Forerunner—5. Glory... Forerunner; Now and ever... Dogmatic (Tone 2). Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day, and 3 Readings: .. Aposticha: All Feast. Glory... Forerunner; Now and ever... Feast. The rest as usual.

### Sunday, May 26

4th Sunday of Pascha — Tone 3. Paralytic. Apostles Carpus and Alphæus of the Seventy (1st c.) Righteous Tabatha of Joppa (1st c.). Martyrs Abercius and Helen, children of the Apostle Alphæus (1st c.). St. John Psichaita the Confessor, of Constantinople (9th c.).

## **All-night Vigil**

4thMatins Gospel: Luke 24:1–12

## Liturgy of St. John:

Acts 9:32–42 John 5:1–15

# **Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)**

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

### Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery. Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Feast. Aposticha: 1 Stikheron of the Resurrection, and then the Paschal Stykhry, "Let God arise...," with their verses. Glory... Feast; Now and ever... "This is the day of Resurrection... Christ is Risen..." (once). Troparion: "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos..." (thrice).

#### **Matins**

"Christ is Risen..." (thrice), "Glory to God in the Highest...," and the Six Pslams Great Litany. After "God is the Lord..." (Tone 3), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 3). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei: is not sung. "Blessed are You, O Lord...," and the rest, as usual. 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:**

Luke 24:1-12.

"Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ..." (thrice). Psalm 50, and the rest, as usual. "O God, save Thy people...." Canons: Paschal Canon with its Theotokia—8; Feast—6. Irmos: Pascha. Katavasia: Pascha. After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Pascha; Kathisma Hymns—Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Feast. The Magnificat is not sung, but immediately the Irmos of Ode 9 of the Canon. After the 9th Ode: "Holy is the Lord..." (Tone 3). Exapostilaria: Pascha; Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Pascha.

#### **Praises:**

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

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Kontakion—Feast; Now and ever... Kontakion—Pascha.

### **Prokeimenon, Tone 1:**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope in You. (32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! (32:1)

## **Epistle:**

Acts 9:32-42.

### 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:

John 5:1–15.

**Instead of "It is truly worthy...**" we sing, "The Angel cried..." and "Shine, shine...."

#### **Koinonikon:**

Receive the Body of Christ... Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia....

And the rest as on St. Thomas Sunday.

Note: The Apodosis of the Sunday of the Paralytic is on Tuesday.

## Monday, May 27

Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis (3rd c.) Virgin Martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier, of Alexandria (304). Transfer of the Relics of Saints of Kyiv: Cyprian, Photeus, and Jonah. (1472). Righteous John the Rus', Confessor (1730).

Acts 10:1–16 John 6:56–69

## **Vespers (Sunday Evening)**

Priest: "Blessed is our God...." Reader: "Amen. Christ is Risen..." (thrice), and the rest, as usual. No Kathisma. At "Lord, I call...," Stykhry on 6, Tone 8: Feast—3; Saint—3; Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Prokeimenon of the Day. Augmented Litany. "Vouchsafe, O Lord..." (not sung). Evening Litany. Aposticha: All Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Troparion: Feast. Resurrectional Dismissal.

### Tuesday, May 28

St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (9th c.). St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene (1st c.). Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica (244). Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East (6th–7th c.).

Acts 10:21–33 John 7:1–13

## **Wednesday, May 29**

Fish, Wine & Oil Midfeast of Pentecost.

Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307–308). Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council (325). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726–730).

Acts 14:6–18 John 7:14–30

## Thursday, May 30

Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (383). St. Macrina the Elder, grandmother of St. Basil the Great (4th c.)

> Acts 10:34-43 John 8:12-20

Friday, May 31 Wine & Oil

Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Hermias at Comana (2nd c.). Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (3rd c.).

Acts 10:44–11:10 John 8:21–30