

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1

Fast day

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Cyrenia and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Cæsarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.).

Phil. 1:27–2:4

Luke 12:2–12

Saturday, November 2

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus and Anempodistus, of Persia (ca. 341–5). St. Marcian of Cyprus (381–391).

1 Cor. 15:58–16:3

Luke 9:1–6

Sunday, November 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 2 (7th of Luke). Martyrs Acepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aithalas the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.).

Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George in Lydda (4th c.). Martyrs Atticus, Agapius, Eudoxius, Carterius, Istucarius, Pactobius, and Nictopolion, at Sebaste (ca. 320). Ven. Acepsimas, Hermit, of Cyrrhus in Syria (4th c.). St. Snadulia of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Anna, Princess of Kyiv.

All-night Vigil

8th Matins Gospel:

John 20:11–18

Liturgy of St. John:

2 Cor. 11:31–12:9

Luke 8:41–56

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

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

Litya:

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

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 2), Troparia: Resurrection (once); Martyrs. Glory... St. George; 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 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:

John 20:11–18.

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

Canons:

Resurrection—4; Theotokos—2; Martyrs—4; St. George—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “I shall open my mouth....” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion, Ikos and Kathisma Hymns—Martyrs and St. George. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 2). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—8; Martyrs; Glory... St. George; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion.

Praises:

Tone 2, on 8: All Resurrection. Glory... Gospel Stikheron—8; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology.

Troparion: “By rising...” Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Martyrs and St. George (to be said alternately).

Kontakion: Resurrection.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Church (if of Theotokos or Saint(s)), Martyrs and St. George; Kontakia: Resurrection, Church (if of Saint(s)) and Martyrs. Glory... St. George; Now and ever... Church (if of Theotokos. If not, then “Steadfast Protectress...”).

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)

Epistle:

2 Cor. 11:31–12:9.

Alleluia, Tone 2:

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

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

Gospel:

Luke 8:41–56.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, November 4

Ven. Joannicius the Great (846). Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermas, Presbyter (1st c.). Ven. Mercurius, Faster, of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). St. Paul Koniushkevych Metropolitan of Tobolsk (1770).

Phil. 2:12–16
Luke 12:13–15, 22–31

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: St. Joannicius—3 and St. Nicander—3. Glory... St. Joannicius; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 6—from the back of the Menaion). Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Octoechos. Glory... St. Joannicius; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 8—from the back of the Menaion). Troparia: St. Joannicius; Glory... St. Nicander; Now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 4—from the back of the Menaion). And the rest, as usual.

Tuesday, November 5

Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Repose of St. Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

Phil. 2:16–23
Luke 12:42–48

Wednesday, November 6

Fast day

St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople (350). Ven. Luke, Steward of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—13th c.). Martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosyne, and Athanasia, of Ancyra (3rd c.). Ven. Luke of Sicily (800–820).

Phil. 2:24–30
Luke 12:48–59

Thursday, November 7

Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene: Hieron, Hesychius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodulus, Callimachus, Eugene, Theodochus, Ostrychius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrychius, Anicletus, Theomelius, Euthychius, Ilarion, Diodotus, and Amonitus (3rd c.). Ven. Lazarus of Galicia (1053). Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303). Martyrs Melasippus, Carina, their son, Antoninus, and forty children converted by their martyrdom, at Ancyra (363). Martyrs Auctus, Taurion, and Thessalonica, at Amphipolis, in Macedonia.

Phil. 3:1–8

Luke 13:1–9

Phil. 3:8–19 (Friday)

Luke 13:31–35 (Friday)

Friday, November 8

Fish, Wine & Oil

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers:
Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel, Barachiel and,
Jeremiel.

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

Joshua 5:13–15

Judges 6:2, 7, 11–24

Isaiah 14:7–20

Matins Gospel:

Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43

Liturgy of St. John:

Heb. 2:2–10 (Angels)

Luke 10:16–21 (Angels)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil — Thursday Evening)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Antiphon). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 8, Tone 4: All Feast. Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 6).

Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day, and 3 Readings.

Litya:

All Feast. Aposticha: All Feast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparia: Feast (twice) and “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (once).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 4), Troparion: Feast (twice); Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 4). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Feast. Polyelei: and the Magnification

Magnification:

We magnify you, Commander of God Michael, and you Archangels, Angels, Principalities, Authorities, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Cherubim and fearsome Seraphim, who are glorifying the Lord.

Selected Psalm Verses:

I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, (137:1)

I will sing to Thee before the angels. (137:1)

After the Polyelei:: Kathisma Hymns: Feast. 1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone, “From my youth....”

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

He makes His angels spirits / and His ministers a flaming fire. (103:5)

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

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43.

Psalm 50, and the After-Gospel Stykhry: “Glory... Through the prayers of the Archangels... Now and ever... Through the prayers of Theotokos... Have mercy on me...,” and the Stikheron to the Feast. “O God, save Thy people....”

Canons:

Theotokos (Tone 8, on 6); Two to the Feast—8. Irmos: 1st Canon (Theotokos). Katavasia: “I shall open my mouth....” After the 3rd Ode: Kathisma Hymns—Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Feast. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilaria: Feast. Praises: Tone 1, on 4: All Feast. Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 5). Great Doxology. Troparion: Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 4). Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparion: Feast.
Kontakion: Feast.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Church (if of the Lord or Theotokos) and Feast; Glory... Kontakion—Feast; Now and ever... Kontakion—Church (if of the Lord or Theotokos. If not, then “O Protection of Christians...”).

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Feast):

He makes His angels spirits / and His ministers a flaming fire. (103:5)

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

Epistles:

Heb. 2:2–10 (Feast).

Alleluia, Tone 5 (Feast):

Praise the Lord, O you angels of His! Praise Him, all His host! (148:1)

V. For He spoke and they came into being; He commanded and they were created. (148:5)

Gospels:

Luke 10:16–21 (Feast).

Koinonikon:

He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flaming fire. Alleluia....

Saturday, November 9

Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus (3rd-4th c.). Ven. Matrona, Abbess, of Constantinople (ca. 492). Ven. Theoctiste of Paros (881). Ven. Onesiphorus the Confessor, of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—1148). Martyr Alexander of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Anthony of Apamea. Ven. John the Short, of Egypt (5th c.). Sts. Eustolia (610) and Sosipatra (ca. 625), of Constantinople. Ven. Nectarios of Agenia, Metropolitan of Pentapolis. (1920)

2 Cor. 1:8–11

Luke 9:37–43

Sunday, November 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 3 (8th of Luke). Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius (1st c.). Mart. Orestes of Cappadocia (304). Hieromartyr Milles, Bp. in Persia, and two disciples (341). Ven. Theotictus of Symbola. Martyr Constantin Prince of Georgia (842).

All-night Vigil

9th Matins Gospel:

John 20:19–31

Liturgy of St. John:

Gal. 1:11–19

Luke 10:25–37

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

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

Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery. Aposticha: All Resurrection. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparion: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 3), Troparia: Resurrection (twice). Glory... Apostles; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 3). 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 hath 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:

John 20:19–31

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

Praises:

Tone 3, on 8: All Resurrection. Glory... Gospel Stikheron—9; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “Today salvation....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Apostles.
Kontakion: Resurrection.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Church (if of Theotokos or Saint(s)), and Apostles; Kontakia: Resurrection, Church (if of Saint(s)) and Apostles (1st); Glory... Apostles (2nd); 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 your hands, all you people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!
(46:1)

Epistle:

Gal. 1:11–19

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 10:25–37.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, November 11

Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (304). Martyr Stephanida of Spain (2nd c.). Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826).

Phil. 4:10–23

Luke 14:12–15

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: Martyrs—3 and St. Theodore—3. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 6—from the back of the Menaion). Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Octoechos. Then the verse, “Many are the afflictions of the righteous...” and the Stikheron to the Martyrs. Glory... St. Theodore; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 6—from the back of the Menaion). Troparia: Martyrs; Glory... St. Theodore; Now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 8—from the back of the Menaion). And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, November 12

St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (612–20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Prophet Ahijah (1 Kings 11: 29 — 960 B.C.).

Col. 1:1–2, 7–11

Luke 14:25–35

Col. 1:18–23 (Wednesday)

Luke 15:1–10 (Wednesday)

Wednesday, November 13

Fish, Wine & Oil

St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407). Martyrs Antoninus, Nicephorus, and Germanus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Manetha of Cæsarea in Palestine (307–8).

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

Proverbs 3:13-16, 8:6-10

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16, 7:30, 8:2-4, 7-9, 21:9, 1-4, 10, 11, 13

Wisdom of Solomon 4:10-12, 6:12, 7:15-17, 22, 26, 29, 2:1, 10-17 19-22

Matins Gospel:

John 10:1–9

Liturgy of St. John:

Heb. 7:26–8:2 (St. John)

John 10:9–16 (St. John)

Thursday, November 14

Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip (1st c.). St. Justinian the Emperor (565), and his wife, St. Theodora (548). St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (ca. 1360).

Col. 1:24–29

Luke 16:1–9

1 Cor. 4:9–16 (St. Philip)

John 1:43–51 (St. Philip)

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY (ST. PHILIP'S) FAST

Friday, November 15

Fast day

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa (299–306). Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate (4th c.). Martyr Demetrius of Thrace (ca. 307). Ven. Paisius Velichkovsky (1794)

Col. 2:1–7

Luke 16:15–18; 17:1–4

2 Cor. 3:12–18 (Saturday)

Luke 9:57–62 (Saturday)

Vespers (Thursday Evening)

Usual Beginning and Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: Martyrs—3 and Theotokos—3. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 2—from the back of the Menaion). Aposticha: All Octoechos. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 2—from the back of the Menaion). Troparion: Martyrs; Glory..., Now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 5—from the back of the Menaion). And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Saturday, November 16

Fish, Wine & Oil Holy

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (60 A.D.) St. Fulvianus, Prince of Ethiopia, in holy Baptism Matthew (1st c.).

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

1 Peter 1:1–2:6

1 Peter 2:21–3:9

1 Peter 4:1–11

Matins Gospel:

John 21:15–25

Liturgy of St. John:

1 Cor. 4:9–16 (St. Matthew)

Matt. 9:9–13 (St. Matthew)

Sunday, November 17

Fish, Wine & Oil

21st Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 4 (9th of Luke). St. Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266–70). Ven. Lazarus the Iconographer, of Constantinople (ca. 857). Martyr Habron – Michael in Baptims and 133 Soldiers with him in Georgia (914).

All-night Vigil

10th Matins Gospel:

John 21:1–14

Liturgy of St. John:

Gal. 2:16–20

Luke 12:16–21

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 10, Tone 4: Resurrection—6 and Saint—4. Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 4. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery. Aposticha: All Resurrection. Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 6). At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparion: “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:

John 21:1–14.

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

Canons:

Resurrection—4; Cross-Resurrection—2; Theotokos—2; Saint—6. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “I shall open my mouth....” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Saint. Kathisma Hymns—Saint; Glory..., Now and ever... Theotokion. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 4). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—10; Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion.

Praises:

Tone 4, on 8: All Resurrection. Glory... Gospel Stikheron—10; Now and ever... “Thou art most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (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 hast You made them all! (103:24)

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

Epistle:

Gal. 2:16–20

Alleluia, Tone 4:

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

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

Gospel:

Luke 12:16–21.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, November 18

Fast day

Martyr Plato of Ancyra (ca. 306). Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Cæsarea, and the youth Barulas (303). Martyrs Zacchæus the Deacon, and Alphæus the Reader, of Cæsarea in Palestine (303).

Col. 2:13–20

Luke 17:20–25

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 8: All Martyrs. Glory... St. Plato; Now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 6).

Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Octoechos. Troparion: Martyrs; Glory..., Now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 4—from the back of the Menaion). And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, November 19

Wine & Oil

Prophet Obadiah (Abdias)—(9th c. B.C.). Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 304). Martyr Iliodorus in Pamphylia (ca. 273). Martyr Azes of Isauria and with him 150 soldiers (3rd c.). Ven. Barlaam and Joasáph, Prince of India, and King Abennar, father of Ven. Joasáph (4th c.). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—1065). Ven. Ilarion Wonderworker of Georgia (875).

Col. 2:20–3:3

Luke 17:26–37

Wednesday, November 20

Fast day

Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple. Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (816). St. Proclas, Archbishop of Constantinople (446-447). Martyr Dasius of Dorostorum (3rd c.). Martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, and Anatolius of Nicæa (312). Hieromartyrs Nerses and Joseph; John, Saverius, Isaac, and Hypatius, Bishops of Persia; Martyrs Azades the Eunuch, Savonius, Thecla, Anna, and many other men and women who suffered in Persia (343).

Col. 3:17–4:1

Luke 18:15–17, 26–30

Col. 4:2–9 (Thursday)

Luke 18:31–34 (Thursday)

Thursday, November 21

Fish, Wine & Oil

The Entrance of the Most-holy Theotokos Into the Temple.

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

Exodus 40:1-5, 9-10, 16, 34-35

3 Kings 7:51, 8:1, 3-7, 9-11
Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

Matins Gospel:
Luke 1:39-49, 56

Liturgy of St. John:
Heb. 9:1-7 (Theotokos)
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Theotokos)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)
“Blessed is the man...” (1st Antiphon). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 8, Tone 1: All Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day, and 3 Readings.

Litya:
All Feast. Aposticha: All Feast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparion: Feast (thrice). Matins After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 4), Troparion: Feast (thrice). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Feast. Polyelei: and the Magnification

Magnification:
We magnify you, O Most Holy Virgin, Maiden Chosen by God, and we honour your Entrance into the Temple of the Lord.

Selected Psalm Verses:
Great is the Lord and greatly is He praised in the city of our God, upon His holy mountain. (47:1)
The firmly-established joy of the whole earth. (47:2)

After the Polyelei: Kathisma Hymns: Feast. 1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone,
“From my youth....”

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:
Hearken, O daughter, and see, / and incline thine ear. (44:10)

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

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Luke 1:39–49, 56.

Psalm 50, and the After-Gospel Stykhry: “Glory (Tone 2): “Today the living temple of the great King enters the temple to prepare herself as a divine dwelling-place for Him.” Now and ever... (repeat)... Have mercy on me...,” and the Stikheron to the Feast. “O God, save Your people....”

Canons:

Feast—14. Irmos: 1st Canon. Katavasia: “Christ is born...” (from the Christmas Canon). After the 3rd Ode: Kathisma Hymn—Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Feast. The Magnificat is not sung, but rather the refrain, “The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One...” and then the Irmos of the 1st Canon of Ode 9, and the rest, in order. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilarion: Feast (thrice).

Praises:

Tone 1, on 4: All Feast. Great Doxology. Troparion: Feast. Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparion: Feast.

Kontakion: Feast.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

After the Entrance: Troparion: 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 hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, for behold, henceforth all generations will call me Blessed. (Luke 1:48)

Epistle:

Heb. 9:1–7 (Theotokos).

Alleluia, Tone 8 (Theotokos):

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear. (44:10)

V. The rich among the people shall pray before thy face. (44:13)

Gospel:

Luke 10:38–42; 11:27–28 (Theotokos).

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing, “The angels beheld the entrance...,” and then the Irmos of Ode 9 (1st Festal Canon).

Note: This is sung until the Apodosis.

Koinonikon:

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.
Alleluia....

Friday, November 22

Fast day

Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple. Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles. Martyrs: the virgin Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, at Rome (ca. 230). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303). St. Agabbas of Syria (5th c.). Holy Prince. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn '(1086).

Col. 4:10–18

Luke 19:12–28

Saturday, November 23

Fish, Wine & Oil

Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple. St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium (394). St. Amphilochius of the Kyivan Caves, Bishop of Volyn. (1122). Martyr Sisinius, Bishop of Cyzicus (3rd c.). Martyr Theodore of Antioch (4th c.). St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum (6th-7th c.).

2 Cor. 5:1–10

Luke 10:19–21

Sunday, November 24

Fish, Wine & Oil

22nd Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 5 (10th of Luke). Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple. Greatmartyr Catherine (Ekaterína, Katherine) of Alexandria (305–313). Greatmartyr Mercurius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (3rd c.). Martyrs Augusta the Empress, Porphyrius the General, and 200 soldiers, martyred at Alexandria with Greatmartyr Catherine (305–313). Virgin Mastridia of Alexandria. Ven. Mercurius, the Faster, of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Mercurius of Chernihiv Inhuman of Bryhynsk (1956).

All-night Vigil

11th Matins Gospel:

John 21:15–25

Liturgy of St. John:

Gal. 6:11–18

Luke 13:10–17

Note: The hymns for St. Mercurius are set aside and sung on another day at Compline.

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 10, Tone 5: Resurrection—4, Feast (from the Aposticha)—3, St. Catherine—3. Glory... St. Catherine; Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 5. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:

Stykhry of the Feast. Aposticha: All Resurrection. Glory... St. Catherine; Now and ever... Feast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (twice) and Feast (once). Matins After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 5), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... St. Catherine; Now and ever... Feast. 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, 37)

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:

John 21:15–25.

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

Canons:

Resurrection—4; Theotokos—2; Feast—4; St. Catherine—4. Irmos:
Resurrection. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion,
Ikos and Kathisma Hymns—Feast and Martyrs. After the 6th Ode:
Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th
Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 5). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—11; Glory...
St. Catherine; Now and ever... Feast.

Praises:

Tone 5, on 8: Resurrection—4 and Feast—4 (including “glory” and verses).
Glory... Gospel Stikheron—11; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed, O
Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “Today Salvation....”
Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparion: Resurrection. Glory... Feast and St. Catherine (to be said
alternately).

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

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

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)

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:

Gal. 6:11–18.

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)

Another, Tone 8 (Theotokos):

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. (44:10)

Gospel:

Luke 13:10–17.

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing, “The angels beheld the
entrance...,” and then the Irmos of Ode 9 (1st 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, November 25

Wine & Oil

Leavetaking of the Entrance Into the Temple. Hieromartyr Clement, Pope
of Rome (101). Hieromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (311). Ven.
Peter Galata, the silent of Syria (ca. 429).

Liturgy of St. John:

1 Thess. 1:1–5

Luke 19:37–44

Heb. 9:1–7 (Theotokos)

Luke 10:38–42; 11:27–28 (Theotokos)

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 1: Feast—3; St. Clement—3; Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Feast. Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Feast. Troparia: Saints; Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Matins

We do not sing the Polyelei: and Magnification. No Gospel.

Canons:

2nd Canon of the Feast—6; St. Clement—4; St. Peter—4. Irmos: 2nd Canon of Feast. Katavasia: “Christ is born...” Great Doxology. Hours Troparia: Feast; Glory... Saints. Kontakia: St. Clement and Feast (to be read alternately).

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After the Entrance: Troparia: Feast and Saints; Glory... Kontakion—St. Clement; Now and ever... Kontakion—Feast. The Prokeimenon, Alleluia, and Koinonikon are as on the Feast itself. The Epistles and Gospels are taken first to the Day and then to the Feast.

Tuesday, November 26

Wine & Oil

Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (7th c.). Ven. Jacob (James) the Solitary of Syria (457). Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kyiv (1051–54). Repose of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1731).

1 These. 1:6–10

Luke 19:45–48

Wednesday, November 27

Fast Day

Greatmartyr Jacob (James) the Persian (421). Ven. Palladius of Thessalonica (6th- 7th c.). Seventeen Monk-Martyrs in India (4th c.). St. Roman the Wonder-worker of Cilicia near Antioch (5th c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Vsévolod, in Baptism Gabriel, wonderworker of Pskov (1192)

1 Thess. 2:1–8

Luke 20:1–8

Thursday, November 28

Wine & Oil

Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (767). Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste (303).

1 These 2:9-14

Luke 20:9-18

Friday, November 29

Fast Day

Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250). Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra (ca. 274). Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in The Ladder (6th c.). Ven. Nectarius the Obedient, of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—12th c.).

1 Thess. 2:14–19

Luke 20:19–26

2 Cor. 8:1–5 (Saturday)

Luke 12:32–40 (Saturday)

Saturday, November 30

Fish, Wine & Oil

Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called (62 A.D.). St.
Frumentius, Archbishop of Abyssinia (Ethiopia—ca. 380).

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

1 Peter 1:1–2:6

1 Peter 2:21–3:9

1 Peter 4:1–11

Matins Gospel:

Matt. 4:18–23

Liturgy of St. John

1 Cor. 4:9–16 (St. Andrew)

John 1:35–51 (St. Andrew)

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Sunday, December 1

Fish, Wine & Oil

23rd Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 6 (11th of Luke). Prophet Nahum
(7thc. B.C.). Righteous Philaret the Merciful of Amnia in Asia Minor (792).
Martyr Ananias of Persia.

All-night Vigil

1st Matins Gospel:

Matt. 28:16–20

Liturgy of St. John:

Eph. 2:4–10

Luke 14:16–24 or Luke 18:18–27 (From the 25th Sunday)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 10, Tone 6: Resurrection—7; Prophet—3. Glory..., Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 6. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery. Aposticha: All Resurrection. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparion: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 6), Troparia: Resurrection (twice). Glory... Prophet; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 2). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei: and the rest, as usual. After the Polyelei:: Hypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6:

Raise up thy might, O Lord, / and come to save us. (79:3)
V. Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, thou who leadest Joseph like a flock.
(79:2)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Matt. 28:16–20

“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; Prophet—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Kathisma Hymns—Prophet. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Resurrection. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 6). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—1; Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion.

Praises:

Tone 6, on 8: All Resurrection. Glory... Gospel Stikheron—1; Now and ever... “Thou art most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology.

Troparion: “By rising....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Prophet.

Kontakion: Resurrection.

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

Prokeimenon, Tone 6:

O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (27:9)

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (27:1)

Epistle:

Eph. 2:4–10

Alleluia, Tone 6:

He that dwells in the aid of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. (90:1)

V. He shall say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! (90:2)

Gospel:

Luke 18:18–27 (from the 25th Sunday).

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, December 2

Fast day

Prophet Habakkuk (6th c. B.C.). Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251). Sts. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Athanasius, Recluse, of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1176). Ven. Athanasius, Recluse, of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). St. Stephan Urosh King of Serbia (1367). Martyr Martyr Porpherios Bishop of Symferopol (1937).

1 Thess. 2:20–3:8

Luke 20:27–44

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: Theotokos—3 and Prophet—3. Glory..., Now and ever... Theotokion. Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Octoechos. Troparion: Prophet; Glory..., Now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 2—from the back of the Menaion). And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, December 3

Wine & Oil

Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias)(635–605 B.C.). St. Theodulus, Eparch of Constantinople (ca. 440). Ven. John the Silent of St. Sabbas 'Monastery (558). Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria (606).

1 Thess. 3:9–13

Luke 21:12–19

Wednesday, December 4

Fast day

Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306): Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.).

1 Thess. 4:1–12

Luke 21:5–7, 10–11, 20–24

1 Thess. 5:1–8 (Thursday)

Luke 21:28–33 (Thursday)

Thursday, December 5

Fish, Wine & Oil

Ven. Sabbas the Sanctified (532). Martyr Anastasia. Ven. Karion and his son, Ven. Zachariah, of Egypt (4th c.).

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1–9
Wisdom of Solomon 5:15–6:3
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7–15

Matins Gospel:

Luke 6:17–23

Liturgy of St. John:

Gal. 5:22–6:2 (St. Sabbas)
Matt. 11:27–30 (St. Sabbas)

Friday, December 6

Fish, Wine & Oil

St Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. (ca. 345).

All night Vigil

Vespers:

Proverbs 10:7, 6, 3:13–16, 8:6, 32, 34, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5–9, 1:23
Proverbs 10:31–11:12
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7–15

Matins Gospel:

John 10:9–16

Liturgy of St. John:

Heb. 13:17–21 (Saint)
Luke 6:17–23 (Saint)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil — Thursday Evening)

“Blessed is the man...” (1st Antiphon). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 8, Tone 2: All St. Nicholas. Glory... St. Nicholas; Now and ever... Forefeast. Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day, and 3 Readings.

Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery and St. Nicholas. Glory... St. Nicholas; Now and ever... Forefeast. Aposticha: All St. Nicholas. Glory... St. Nicholas; Now and ever... Forefeast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparia: Feast (twice) and “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (once).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 4), Troparion: St. Nicholas (twice); Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 4). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: St. Nicholas. Polyelei: and the Magnification

Magnification:

We magnify you, O holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, and we honour your holy memory, for you pray to Christ our God for us!

Selected Psalm Verses:

Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth! (48:1)

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (48:4)

After the Polyelei: Kathisma Hymns: St. Nicholas. 1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone, “From my youth....”

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (115:6)

V. What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me? (115:3)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

John 10:9–16.

Psalm 50, and the After-Gospel Stykhry: “Glory... Through the prayers of the Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas... Now and ever... Through the prayers of the Theotokos... Have mercy on me...,” and the Stikheron to St. Nicholas.

“O God, save Your people....”

Canons:

Theotokos (Tone 1)—6; Two to St. Nicholas—8. Irmos: Theotokos. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Kathisma Hymns—St. Nicholas. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—St. Nicholas. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilarion: St. Nicholas.

Praises:

Tone 1 on 6: All St. Nicholas. Glory... St. Nicholas; Now and ever... Forefeast. Great Doxology. Troparion: St. Nicholas. Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 4). Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparion: St. Nicholas.
Kontakion: St. Nicholas.

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After the Entrance: Troparia: Church (if of the Lord or Theotokos) and St. Nicholas; Glory... Kontakion—St. Nicholas; Now and ever... Kontakion—Church (if of the Lord or Theotokos. If not, then “O Protection of Christians...”).

Prokeimenon, Tone 7 (St. Nicholas):

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 unto You! (63:1)

Epistles:

Heb. 13:17–21 (St. Nicholas).

Alleluia, Tone 4 (St. Nicholas):

Your priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Your saints shall rejoice! (131:9)

V. The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. (131:13)

Gospels:

Luke 6:17–23 (St. Nicholas).

Koinonikon:

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

Saturday, December 7

Fish, Wine & Oil

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397). Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304). Ven. Paul the Obedient. Ven. John the Faster, of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—12th c.)

1 Thess. 5:9–13, 24–28 (Friday)

Luke 21:37–22:8 (Friday)

2 Cor. 11:1–6

Luke 13:18–29

Sunday, December 8

Fish, Wine & Oil

24th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 7 (12th of Luke). Ven. Patapius of Thebes (8th c.). Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus (1st c.). Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (4–5th c.). Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (477).

All-night Vigil

2nd Matins Gospel:

Mark 16:1–8

Liturgy of St. John:

Eph. 2:14–22

Luke 17:12–19 (From the 26th Sunday)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

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

Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery. Aposticha: All Resurrection. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparion: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 7), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Saint; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 8). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei: and the rest, as usual. Hypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7:

Arise, O Lord my God, lift up Your hand! / Forget not Your poor for ever.
(9:33)

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

“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; Cross-Resurrection—3; Theotokos—3; Saint—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” 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 7). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—2; Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion.

Praises:

Tone 7, on 8: All Resurrection. Glory... Gospel Stikheron—2; Now and ever... “You are most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology.

Troparion: “Today salvation....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection. Glory... Saint.

Kontakion: Resurrection.

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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 7:

The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace! (28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(28:1)

Epistle:

Eph. 2:14–22

Alleluia, Tone 7:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High! (91:2)

V. To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night. (91:3)

Gospel:

Luke 17:12–19.

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Monday, December 9

Wine & Oil

The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos.
Prophetess Hannah, mother of the Prophet Samuel (1100 B.C.). St.
Sophronius, Archbishop of Cyprus (6th c.). St. Stephen the “New Light” of
Constantinople (10th c.).

2 Thess. 1:1–10

Mark 8:11–21

Gal. 4:22–31 (St. Anna)

Luke 8:16–21 (St. Anna)

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: All
Saint. Glory..., Now and ever... Saint. Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha:
All Saint. Troparion: Saint. And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, December 10

Wine & Oil

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euegraphus, of Alexandria (ca. 313). St.
Ioasoph of Bilhorod (1754). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361). Ven.
Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.)

2 Thess. 1:10–2:2

Mark 8:22–26

Wednesday, December 11

Fast Day

Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (489–90). Martyrs Mirax,
Acephsius and Aithalas, of Egypt (7th c.). Ven. Luke the New Stylite of
Chalcedon (ca. 970–980). Ven. Nikon the Dry of the Kyiv Caves (Near
Caves—12th c.).

2 Thess. 2:1–12

Mark 8:30–34

Thursday, December 12

Wine & Oil

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (348). Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem (251). Martyr Synesius of Rome (270- 275).

2 Thess. 2:13–3:5

Mark 9:10–16

Friday, December 13

Fish, Wine & Oil

Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste (4th c.); Virgin-Martyr Lucia (Lucy) of Syracuse (304). Ven. Arcadius of New Torzhok (11th c.). Ven. Arsenius of Latros (8th-9th c.). Ven. Mardarius, Recluse, of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—13th c.).

1 Cor. 4 :9-16

Mark 9:33–41

Saturday, December 14

Fish, Wine & Oil

Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia (249–51). Martyrs Apolonius, Philemon, Arianus and Theoctychus, of Alexandria (286–287).

Gal. 1:3–10

Luke 14:1–11

Sunday, December 15

Fish, Wine & Oil

25th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 8 (13th of Luke). Sunday of the Forefathers. Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Anthia and Coribus the Eparch (2nd c.). Ven. Pardus, Hermit, of Palestine (6th c.). St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh in Crimea (8th c.). Ven. Paul of Latros (955). St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (ca. 790). Synaxis of All Saints of Crimea.

All-night Vigil
3rd Matins Gospel:
Mark 16:9–20

Liturgy of St. John:
Eph 4:1-6 (Forefathers)
Luke 14:16–24 (Forefathers—from 24th Sunday)

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)
“Blessed is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 10,
Tone 8: Resurrection—6 and Forefathers—4. Glory... Forefathers; Now and
ever... Dogmatic, Tone 8. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya:
Stykhry of the church or monastery. Glory... Forefathers; Now and ever...
Theotokion. Aposticha: All Resurrection. Glory... Forefathers; Now and
ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 3). Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin
Theotokos...” (twice) and Forefathers (once).

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

Prokeimenon, Tone 8:
The Lord shall reign forever, / you God, O Zion, from generation to
generation. (145:10)

V. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord for as long as I live.
(145:1)

“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; Three Holy Youths—4; Forefathers—6. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Hypakoe—Forefathers. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Forefathers. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 8). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—3; Glory... Forefathers; Now and ever... Theotokion—Forefathers.

Praises:

Tone 8, on 8: Resurrection—4; Forefathers—4; Glory... Forefathers; Now and ever... “Thou art most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “By rising....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. “Glory..., Now and ever...” Gospel Stikheron—3. Hours Troparia: Resurrection; Glory... Forefathers. Kontakion: Forefathers.

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After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection and Forefathers; Glory..., Now and ever... Kontakion—Forefathers.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Song of the Fathers):

Blessed art You, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (Song of the Three, V. 3)

V. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (V. 4)

Epistle:

Col. 3:4–11 (Forefathers).

Alleluia, Tone 4 (Forefathers):

Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (98:6)

V. They called to the Lord and He answered them. (98:6)

Gospel:

Luke 14:16–24 (Forefathers—from the 23rd Sunday).

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens.... Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright! Alleluia....

Monday, December 16

Fast day

Prophet Haggai (500 B.C.). Martyr Marinus of Rome (3rd c.). Bl. Empress
Theophania (893–4).

1 Tim. 1:1–7

Mark 9:42–10:1

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 8:
Theotokos—3 and Prophet—3. Glory..., Now and ever... Theotokion.
Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Octoechos. Troparion: Prophet
(General); Glory..., Now and ever... Dismissal Theotokion (Tone 2—from
the back of the Menaion). And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, December 17

Wine & Oil

Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and
Misael (600 B.C.). Ven. Daniel the Confessor, in schema Stephen, of Spain
and Egypt (10th c.).

1 Tim. 1:8–14

Mark 10:2–12

Wednesday, December 18

Fast day

Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions: Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoë,
Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian,
Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus (ca. 287). St. Modestus, Archbishop of
Jerusalem (633–4). St. Florus, Bishop of Amisus (7th c.). St. Michael the
Confessor at Constantinople 300 (ca. 845).

1 Tim. 1:18–20; 2:8–15

Mark 10:11–16

Thursday, December 19

Wine & Oil

Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia, and Righteous Aglaida, of Rome (290).

Martyrs Elias, Probus, and Ares, in Cilicia (308). Martyrs Polyeuctus at Cæsarea in Cappadocia, and Timothy the Deacon in Mauretania (4th c.). St. Gregory, Archbishop of Omiritia (ca. 552). St. Boniface the Merciful, Bishop of Ferentino (6th c.) Ven. Ilya (Elias) of Murom, Wonderworker of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—1188). Ven. Amphilochios of Pochayiv (1970).

1 Tim. 3:1–13

Mark 10:17–27

Friday, December 20

Fast day

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch (323). Ven. Ignatius, Archimandrite of the Kyiv Caves (Far Caves—1435).

1 Tim. 4:4–8, 16

Mark 10:23–32

Saturday, December 21

Wine & Oil

Saturday Before the Nativity. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Virgin-Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 500 men and 130 women (304). Martyr Themistocles of Myra in Lycia (251). St. Peter, the wonderworker, Metropolitan of Kyiv and all Rus' (1326).

Gal. 3:8–12 (Sat. & Sat. Before)

Luke 13:18–29 (Sat. Before)

Luke 16:10–15

Sunday, December 22

Wine & Oil

26th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 1 (14th of Luke). Sunday Before the Nativity. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Greatmartyr Anastasia, “Deliverer from Bonds”, and her teacher, Martyr Chrysogonus, and with them Martyrs Theodota, Evodias, Eutychianus, and others, who suffered under Diocletian (ca. 304).

All-night Vigil

Vespers:

Genesis 14:14–20

Deuteronomy 1:8–11, 15–17

Deuteronomy 10:14–21

4th Matins Gospel:

Luke 24:1–12

Liturgy of St. John:

Heb. 11:9–10, 12–23, 32–40 (Sun. Before)

Matt. 1:1–25 (Sunday Before)

Note: The Service to the Martyr is sung whenever the Parish priest desires.

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

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

Litya:

Stykhry of the church or monastery and the Fathers. Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. Aposticha: All Resurrection. Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, Troparia: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (twice) and Fathers (once).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 1), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polyelei: and the rest, as usual. After the Polyelei: Kathisma

Hymns: Fathers. Glory..., Now and ever... Forefeast. Antiphons:
Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1:

“Now will I arise,” says the Lord, / “I will set Myself to salvation and not
turn away.” (11:6)

V. The words of the Lord are pure words. (11:7)

“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; Forefeast—4; Fathers—6. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia:
“Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Hypakoe—Fathers. After the 6th Ode:
Kontakion and Ikos—Forefeast. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode:
“Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 1). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—4; Glory...
Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast.

Praises:

Tone 1, on 8: Resurrection—4; Fathers—4; Glory... Fathers; Now and ever...
“Thou art most Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology.
Troparion: “Today Salvation...” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. “Glory..., Now
and ever...” Gospel Stikheron—4.

Hours

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory... Forefeast and Fathers (to be said
alternately).
Kontakia: Forefeast and Fathers.

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After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Forefeast and Fathers; Glory...
Kontakion—Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Song of the Fathers):

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is
Your Name forever! (Song of the Three, V. 3)

V. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (V. 4)

Epistle:

Heb. 11:9–10, 12–23, 32–40 (Sunday Before).

Alleluia, Tone 4 (Fathers):

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

V. For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame
them that hate us. (43:8)

Gospel:

Matt. 1:1–25 (Sunday Before).

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens... Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!
Praise befits the just! Alleluia....

Monday, December 23

Wine & Oil

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete: Theodulus,
Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompeius, Agathopus,
Basilides, and Evaristus (250). St. Niphon, Bishop of Cyprus (4th c.). St.
Paul, Bishop of Neo-Cæsarea (4th c.)

1 Tim. 5:1–10

Mark 10:46–52

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4:
Forefeast—3 and Martyr—3. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Forefeast.
Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Forefeast. Glory... Martyrs; Now
and ever... Forefeast. Troparia: Martyrs; Glory..., Now and ever... Forefeast.
And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, December 24

Strict fast

Eve of the Nativity of Christ. Nun-Martyr Eugenia of Rome, and with her Martyrs Philip, her father, Protus, Hyacinth, Basilla, and Claudia (ca. 262)
Ven. Nicholas the Monk (9th c.)

ROYAL Hours

1st Hour:

Micah 5:2–4, Heb. 1:1–12, Matt. 1:18–25

3rd Hour:

Jer. (Baruch) 3:35–4:4, Gal. 3:23–29, Luke 2:1–20

6th Hour:

Is. 7:10–16; 8:1–4, 9–10, Heb. 1:10–2:3, Matt. 2:1–12

9th Hour:

Is. 9:6–7, Heb. 2:11–18, Matt. 2:13–23

Vespers:

Genesis 1:1–13

Numbers 24:2–3, 5–9, 17–18

Micah 4:6–7; 5:2–4

Isaiah 11:1–10

Jeremiah (Baruch) 3:35–4:4

Daniel 2:31–36, 44–45

Isaiah 9:6–7

Isaiah 7:10–16; 8:1–4, 9–10

Liturgy of St. Basil:

Heb. 1:1–12

Luke 2:1–20

*** Note: When Vespers are sung separately from the Divine Liturgy on the Eve of the Nativity as on Saturday or Sunday, the Epistle Reading is Gal. 3:15–22.*

*****Note: Although the Menaion specifies that the Gospel at Vespers be taken from Matt.13:31–36, all of the Commentaries contend that this is a mistake and the appropriate reading is Luke 2:1–20 as noted here.***

ROYAL HOURS

At about 8:00 am (the 2 Hour according to Church Time), the priest, vested in phelonion, and carries the Holy Gospel through the royal doors into the centre of the church and places it on an analogion. He exclaims, “Blessed is our God...,” and the reader continues: “Amen” and the full beginning (as at the usual Third and Ninth Hours). At each Hour two special Psalms replace two of the customary Psalms of that Hour. During the reading of the psalms, the priest (or deacon) censens in the following manner: At the First and Ninth Hours a complete censening of the church; at the Third and Sixth Hours a small censening only. At each Hour the order is as follows:

Three Psalms (including the two special Psalms). At their conclusion: “Glory..., Now and ever.... Alleluia...(thrice); Glory...” Troparion: Forefeast; Now and ever... Regular Theotokion of the Hour.

Then special Stykhry of the Feast in order. Prokeimenon, Old Testament Readings, Epistle and Gospel ., and the rest of the Hour, as usual. After the Trisagion, Kontakion: Forefeast.

At the end of the Gospel Reading of the Ninth Hour, the priest carries the Holy Gospel back into the Altar through the royal doors, closes the doors and removes his phelonion. After the final prayer of the Ninth Hour, we read the

Typika Psalm 103: “Bless the Lord, O my soul...; Glory... (Psalm 145): Praise the Lord...; Now and ever... Only-begotten Son....” The Beatitudes are read, as usual. Creed. (If the Divine Liturgy is to follow, the Creed is NOT said.) “Loose, remit....” After “Our Father...,” Kontakion: Forefeast. “Lord, have mercy...(40 times); O All-holy Trinity....” Priest: “Wisdom.” Choir: “It is truly worthy...” Priest: “Most holy Theotokos, save us.” Choir: “More honourable...” Priest: “Glory to Thee...” Choir: “Glory... now and ever.... Lord, have mercy...(thrice). Father, bless!” Priest: (Daily Dismissal).

Note: If Liturgy is not to follow, after “O All-holy Trinity...” we continue with “Blessed be the Name of the Lord...(thrice)...Glory..., now and ever...,”

and Psalm 33: "I will bless the Lord at all times..." in its entirety. Then the priest exclaims, "Wisdom." Choir: "It is truly worthy..." Priest: "Most holy Theotokos, save us." Choir: More honourable..." Priest: "Glory to Thee..." Choir: "Glory... now and ever.... Lord, have mercy...(thrice). Father, bless!" Daily Dismissal.

Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (on Tuesday)

Note: Vespers should begin about 1:00 pm (the 7th Hour according to Church Time).

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..." Choir: "Amen" and the customary beginning is read. Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord, O my soul..." is read. Great Litany. At "Lord, I call...", Stykhry on 8, Tone 2: All Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Entrance with the Gospel and Prokeimenon of the Day. Then 8 Readings.

After the 3rd Reading, the Holy Doors are opened and the Choir sings the following Troparion,

Troparion Tone 6:

You were born secretly in the cave, but Heaven spoke through a star and proclaimed You to all, O Savior, and it brought to Thee Magi who worshipped Thee with faith: Have mercy on them and on us!

The reader then reads verses from Psalm 86:1–7. After each verse, the choir sings the last part of the Troparion, "... And it brought to Thee Magi..." After the reader says, "Glory..., Now and ever...", the choir repeats the entire Troparion. The royal doors are then closed. The next three Readings are chanted.

After the 6th Reading, the royal doors are again opened and the choir sings the Troparion,

Troparion Tone 6:

You have shone forth from a Virgin, O Christ, Your spiritual Sun of Righteousness. And a star showed You, Whom nothing can contain, contained within a cave. You hast led Magi to worship You, and joining them we magnify You: O Giver of Life, glory to You!

The reader then reads verses from Psalm 92:1–5 (verses 1 & 2 are read together as one). After each verse the choir sings the last part of the Troparion, “You have led Magi....” After the reader says, “Glory..., Now and ever... ,” the choir repeats the entire Troparion. The royal doors are again closed.

After the 8th Reading: The royal doors are opened. Little Litany, Trisagion and the Prokeimenon:

Prokeimenon, Tone 1:

The Lord said unto Me: You are My Son; / this day have I begotten You.
(2:7)

V. Ask of Me, and I shall give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as Your possession. (2:8)

Epistle:

Heb. 1:1–12.

Alleluia, Tone 5:

The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.” (109:1)

V. The Lord sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter; Rule in the midst of Your foes! (109:2)

V. Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You. (109:3)

Gospel:

Luke 2:1–20.

And the rest of the Liturgy of St. Basil in order.

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing “All of creation rejoices in You....”

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord from the heavens....

Note: Immediately after the Dismissal the clergy go to the centre of the church where has been placed the Icon of the feast and a lighted candle on a candlestand, and they sing in a loud voice the Troparion of the Feast; Glory..., Now and ever... Kontakion of the Feast. And "Many Years" is sung.

Wednesday, December 25

No fast

THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Note: All-night Vigil begins with Great Compline on Tuesday night.

All-night Vigil

Matins Gospel:

Matt. 1:18–25

Liturgy of St. John:

Gal. 4:4–7

Matt. 2:1–12

Great Compline

This is served as on the Eve of Theophany. The Troparion, Kontakion and Stykhry at the Litya and Aposticha are taken from the Feast.

Matins

After "God is the Lord..." (Tone 4), Troparion: Feast (thrice). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Feast. Polyelei: and the Magnification

Magnification:

We magnify You, O Christ the Giver of Life, Who for our sake now are born in the flesh of the Virgin Mary, Unwedded and Most-pure.

Selected Psalm Verses:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! (65:2)

Sing of His Name, give to Him glorious praise! (65:2)

After the Polyelei: Kathisma Hymns: Feast. 1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone,
“From my youth....”

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You: / The Lord
has sworn and will not change His mind. (109:3)

V. The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your
enemies Thy footstool.” (109:1)

“Let every breath....”

Gospel:

Matt. 1:18–25.

Psalm 50, and the After-Gospel Stykhry: “Glory... All things are filled with
joy today... Now and ever... (repeat). Have mercy on me...,” and the
Stikheron of the Feast. “O God, save Your people....”

Canons:

Feast—14. Irmos: “Christ is born....” Katavasia: Irmosi of both Canons.

After the 3rd Ode: Hypakoe—Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and
Ikos—Feast. The Magnificat is not sung, but rather the refrain, “Magnify, O
my soul...” and then the Irmos of the 1st Canon of Ode 9, and the rest, in
order. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilarion: Feast (thrice).

Praises:

Tone 4, on 4: All Feast. Great Doxology. Troparion: Feast. Usual Litanies
and the Festal Dismissal: May He Who was born in a cavern and lay in a
manger for our salvation, Christ our True God....

Hours

Troparion: Feast.

Kontakion: Feast.

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Festal Antiphons.

Entrance Verse: Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten
You! The Lord hath sworn and will not change His mind. You are a priest

forever after the order of Melchizedek. Troparion: Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Kontakion—Feast.

Instead of the Trisagion we sing, “As many as have been baptized....”

Prokeimenon, Tone 8:

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise You; / Let it praise Your Name, O Most High! (65:4)

V. Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Sing of His Name, give to Him glorious praise! (65:2)

Epistle:

Gal. 4:4–7.

Alleluia, Tone 1:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands! (18:2)

V. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge! (18:3)

Gospel:

Matt. 2:1–12.

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing, “Magnify, O my soul...” and the Irmos of the 2nd Festal Canon (Ode 9), “Speech is our natural gift....”

Koinonikon:

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia....

Note: From Christmas Day until January 4, inclusive, there is a general dispensation from all fasting.

Thursday, December 26

No fast

SECOND DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY. Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos. Hieromartyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (ca. 840). Ven. Constantine of Synnada (8th c.). Ven. Evaristus of the Studion Monastery (9th c.).

Heb. 2:11–18 (Theotokos)

Matt. 2:13–23 (Theotokos)

Vespers (Wednesday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 2: All Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Entrance and Great Prokeimenon,

Great Prokeimenon Tone 7:

Who is so great a God as our God? / You are the God Who does wonders!
(76:14–15)

V. You have made Your power known among the people! (76:15)

V. And I said, Now have I begun; this is the change of the right hand of the Most-High! (76:11)

V. I remember the works of the Lord; for from the beginning will I remember Your wonders! (76:12)

Augmented Litany. “Vouchsafe, O Lord...” (read). Evening Litany.
Aposticha: All Feast. Festal Dismissal.

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 4), Troparion: Feast (thrice). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Feast. Psalm 50. Canons: Both Canons of the Feast—12. Irmos: “Christ is born....” Katavasia: Irmosi of both Canons. After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion, Ikos and Hypakoe—Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Theotokos. The Magnificat is not sung, but rather the refrain, “Magnify, O my soul...” and the rest, as on the Feast itself. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilarion: Feast (thrice).

Praises:

Tone 4, on 4: All Feast. Glory... Feast; Now and ever... Feast. Great Doxology. Troparion: Feast. Usual Litanies and the Festal Dismissal.

Hours

Troparion: Feast.
Kontakion: Theotokos.

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After the Entrance: ... O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Note: This is sung on the rest of the weekdays until the Apodosis.

Troparion: Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Kontakion—Theotokos.

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. 2:11–18 (Theotokos).

Alleluia, Tone 8 (Theotokos):

Arise, O Lord, into Your resting, You and the ark of Your holiness. (131:8)

V. The Lord has sworn to David a sure oath and will not change His mind.
(131:11)

Gospel:

Matt. 2:13–23 (Theotokos).

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing, “Magnify, O my soul...” (and the rest, as on the Feast).

Koinonikon:

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia....

Friday, December 27

No fast

THIRD DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (34 A.D.). Ven. Theodore Graptus (“the Branded”), Confessor and brother of St. Theophanes the Hymnographer (ca. 840). St. Theodore, Archbishop of Constantinople (ca. 686).

2 Tim. 1:1–2, 8–18

Mark 12:1–12

Acts 6:8–15; 7:1–5, 47–60 (Saint)

Matt. 21:33–42 (Saint)

Vespers (Thursday Evening)

Usual Beginning. Usual Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: St. Stephen—3 and St. Theodore—3. Glory... St. Stephen; Now and ever... Feast. Aposticha: All Feast. Glory... St. Stephen; Now and ever... Feast. Troparia: St. Stephen. Glory... St. Theodore; Now and ever... Feast. And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Saturday, December 28

No fast

Saturday After the Nativity. Afterfeast of the Nativity. The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, including: Glycerius, Zeno, Theophilus the deacon, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonious the deacon, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius, and the Virgins: Agape, Domna and Theophila (302). Apostle Nicanor the Deacon (34 A.D.).

1 Tim. 6:11–16 (Sat. After)

Matt. 12:15–21 (Sat. After)

Gal. 5:22–6:2

Luke 17:3–10

Sunday, December 29

No fast

27th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 2. Sunday After the Nativity. The 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem. Ven. Thaddæus the Confessor, of the Studion (818). Ven. Marcellus, Abbot of the

Monastery of the “Unsleeping Ones.” Ven. Mark the Grave-digger, Theophilus, and John, of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves—11th-12th c.). Ven. Laurence of Chernihiv (1950). Ven. Job of Maniava Skeet (1621).

All-night Vigil

5th Matins Gospel:

Luke 24:12–35

Liturgy of St. John:

Gal. 1:11–19 (Sunday After)

Matt. 2:13–23 (Sunday After)

Note: The Service to the Holy Innocents is sung whenever the Superior wishes.

Great Vespers (All-night Vigil)

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

Litya:

Stykhry of the Feast. Aposticha: All Resurrection. Glory... Holy Ones; Now and ever... Feast. Troparia: Feast (twice) and Holy Ones (once).

Matins

After “God is the Lord...” (Tone 2), Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Holy Ones; 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:
Luke 24:12–35

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

Canons:
Resurrection—4; Theotokos—2; Feast (1st)—4; Holy Ones—4. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Feast. Kathisma Hymns—Holy Ones. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Holy Ones. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 2). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—5; Glory... Holy Ones; Now and ever... Feast.

Praises:
Tone 2, on 8: Resurrection—4; Feast—4 (with their verses). Glory... Holy Ones; Now and ever... “Thou art most-Blessed, O Theotokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology. Troparion: “By rising....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. “Glory..., Now and ever...” Gospel Stikheron—5.

Hours
Troparia: Resurrection; Glory... Feast and Holy Ones (to be said alternately).
Kontakia: Feast and Holy Ones (to be said alternately).

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After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Feast and Holy Ones; Glory...
Kontakion—Holy Ones; Now and ever... Kontakion—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 4 (Righteous Ones):
God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel. (67:35)

Epistle:

Gal. 1:11–19 (Sunday After).

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 upon You! (19:10)

Another, Tone 4 (Righteous):

Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness. (131:1)

Gospel:

Matt. 2:13–23 (Sunday After).

Instead of “It is truly worthy...,” we sing, “Magnify, O my soul...” (and the rest, as on the Feast).

Koinonikon:

Praise the Lord.... Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia....

Monday, December 30

No fast

Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Virgin-Martyr Anysia at Thessalonica (285–305). Martyr Zoticus, Keeper of Orphans (4th c.). Apostle of the Seventy, Timon the Deacon (1st c.). Martyr Philoterus of Nicomedia (311).

Ven. Theodora of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (8th c.). Ven. Theodora of Constantinople (10th c.).

2 Tim. 2:20–26

Luke 19:37–44

Note: We sing today the Service to St. Melania transferred from December 31.

Vespers (Sunday Evening)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 4: St. Anysia—3 and St. Melania—3. Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Prokeimenon

of the Day. Aposticha: All Feast. Troparion: Feast. And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Note: The Service to the Martyr Zoticus is sung at Compline.

Tuesday, December 31

No fast

Apodosis of the Nativity. Ven. Melanie the Younger of Rome (439). St. Petro Mohyla, Metropolitan of Kyiv and Halych and all Rus' (1647).

2 Tim. 3:16–4:4

Luke 19:44–48

Note: The Service to St. Melania is transferred to Dec. 30.

Vespers (Monday Evening)

Usual Beginning. Usual Kathisma. At “Lord, I call...,” Stykhry on 6, Tone 2: All Feast. Glory..., Now and ever... Feast. Prokeimenon of the Day. Aposticha: All Feast (from Great Compline). Troparion: Feast. And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Matins

Matins is sung as on the Feast itself, except that there is no Polyelei: or Gospel reading.

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The Festal Antiphons are not sung. The Prokeimenon, Alleluia and Koinonikon are taken from the Feast. The Epistle and Gospel are for the day.

We sing the Trisagion and not, “As many....”