December, 2015

Sunday, December 27

(31) Sunday after the Nativity

Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God; David the King; and James, Brother of the Lord in the Flesh.

Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore "the Branded One" (844).

Bright vestments.

Tone 6. Matins Gospel IX.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the Nativity; Tropar of the Saints; Tropar of St. Stephen; GLORY: Kondak of the Saints; NOW: Kondak of the Nativity. Prokimen of the Sunday and of the Saints; Alleluia Verses of the Saints; Communion Hymn of the Sunday and of the Saints. Festal Dismissal. Scripture readings of the Sunday after the Nativity:

Epistle: Galatians §200 [1:11-19]. **Gospel:** Matthew §4 [2:13-23].

Monday, December 28

Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303).

Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanislaviv and martyr.

Bright vestments. First Nativity Antiphon; Usual Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Nativity Antiphon "Save us, Son of God, bom of a virgin...", Tropar of the Nativity; GLORY:/NOW: Kondak of the Nativity. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Nativity. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal. Scripture readings of the 32nd Monday:

Epistle: James §53 [2:14-26]. **Gospel:** Mark §48 [10:46-52].

Tuesday, December 29

Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Children, Who Were Murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470).

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Dec.28. Scripture readings of the 32nd Tuesday: **Enistle:** James §54 [3:1-10]

Epistle: James §54 [3:1-10]. **Gospel:** Mark §50 [11:11-23].

Wednesday, December 30

Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Martyr Anysia (286-305); and the Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.)

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Dec. 28. Scripture readings of the 32nd Wednesday:

Epistle: James §55 [3:11-4:6]. **Gospel:** Mark §51 [11:23-26].

Thursday, December 31

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, Christmas; Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman (439).

Note: New Year's Eve.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Dec. 28. Scripture readings of the 32nd Thursday: **Epistle:** James §56 [4:7-5:9].

Gospel: Mark §52 [11:27-33].

January, 2016

Friday, January 1

The Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379).

Civil Holiday: New Year's Day.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Bright Vestments.

Tropar of Circumcision; Tropar of St. Basil; GLORY: Kondak of St. Basil; NOW: Kondak of Circumcision. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Circumcision and of St. Basil. Instead of "It is truly right..." take "In you O woman..." Scripture readings for the Circumcision:

Epistle: Colossians §254 [2:8-12]. **Gospel:** Luke §6 [2:20-21; 40-52].

Saturday, January 2

Saturday before

Theophany
Fore-feast of Theophany; Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335).

Bright vestments. Tropar of Pre-feast; GLORY:/NOW: Kondak of Pre-feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Saturday.

Scripture readings of the Saturday before Theophany: **Enistle:** 1 Timothy 6284 [3:14.4:5]

Epistle: 1 Timothy§284 [3:14-4:5]. **Gospel**: Matthew §5 [3:1-11].

Sunday, January 3 Sunday before Theophany

Fore-feast of Theophany; The Holy Prophet Malachi (5 c. BC); the Holy Martyr Gordius (313-24).

Bright vestments.

Tone 7. Matins Gospel X.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); Tropar of Fore-feast; GLORY:

Resurrection Kondak; NOW: Kondak of Fore-feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Sunday before Theophany. Scripture readings of the Sunday before Theophany:

Epistle: 2 Timothy §298 [4:5-8]. **Gospel:** Mark §1 [1:1-8].

Monday, January 4

Fore-feast of Theophany; The Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Hegumen of the Cucomo Monastery in Sicily.

Bright vestments. Tropar of Fore-feast; GLORY:/NOW: Kondak of Fore-feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Tuosday.

Scripture readings of the 32nd Monday*:

Epistle: James §53 [2:14-26]. **Gospel:** Mark §48 [10:46-52].

*The Readings of the 32nd Week after Pentecost are repeated due to the number of weeks between Pascha of 2015 and Pascha of 2016

Tuesday, January 5

Theophany Eve. The Holy Martyr Theopemptus and Theonas (284-305); and the Venerable Syncletica.

Note: Today is a day of fasting (meat may not be eaten; however, eggs and dairy products are permitted).

Early in the morning: Dark vestments. Royal Hours are celebrated. **In the afternoon:** Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; instead of "It is truly right" take "In you, O woman full of grace ...". Scripture readings for the Vigil of Theophany:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §143 [9:19-27]. **Gospel:** Luke §9 [3:1-18].

After the Ambo Prayer: Great Blessing of Water. **In the evening:** Great Compline with Litia.

Wednesday, January 6

⊕The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Note: Today is a Holy Day of obligation.

Bright vestments. Festal Service for Theophany, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Irmos. Instead of *Trisagion* - "All those who have been baptized..." Dismissal of the Feast.

Scripture readings for Theophany: **Epistle:** Titus §302 [2:11-14; 3:4-7]. **Gospel:** Matthew §6 [3:13-17].

After the Ambo Prayer: Great Blessing of Water.

Thursday, January 7

Post-feast of Theophany; the Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of Saint John the Baptist; GLORY: Kondak of Saint John the Baptist; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Saint and the Feast. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast. Scripture readings of St. John the Baptist:

Epistle: Acts § 42 [19:1-8]. **Gospel:** John §3 [1:29-34]. **Friday, January 8**

Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite (610-41); Our Venerable Mother Domnica (474-91); and Emilian the Confessor.

Bright vestments. Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; Tropar of the Feast; GLORY:/NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Thirty Second Friday: **Epistle:** 1 Peter §58 [1:1, 2, 10-12; 2:6-10] **Gospel:** Mark §53 [12:1-12]

Saturday, January 9 Saturday after Theophany

Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51). Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of the Saint; GLORY: Kondak of the Saint; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast and the Saint. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Saturday after Theophany:

Enietle: Enhecians 8233 16:10-171

Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17]. **Gospel:** Matthew §7 [4:1-11].

Sunday, January 10 Sunday after Theophany

Post-feast of Theophany; Our Holy Father Gregory, bishop of Nyssa (after 394); the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletene (582-602); Our Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church (450-57).

Bright vestments.

Tone 8. Matins Gospel XI.

Sunday Antiphons. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of the Feast; GLORY: Sunday Kondak: NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday after Theophany. Scripture readings for the Sunday after the Enlightenment:

Epistle: Ephesians §Mid-225 [4:7-14]. **Gospel:** Matthew §8 [4:12-17].

Monday, January 11

+Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenoebitic Monastic Life (529).

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of the Saint GLORY: Kondak of the Saint; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast and the Saint. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Irmos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the Saint: **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15]. **Gospel:** Matthew §43 [11:27-30].

Tuesday, January 12

Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Tatiana.
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Thursday Jan. 8.
Scripture readings of the 33rd Tuesday:

Epistle: 1 Peter §60 [3:10-22]. **Gospel:** Mark §55 [12:18-27].

Wednesday, January 13

Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus (313-24)

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Thursday Jan. 8. Scripture readings of the 33rd Wednesday:

Epistle: 1 Peter §61 [4:1-11]. **Gospel:** Mark §56 [12:28-37].

Thursday, January 14

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Theophany; Our Venerable Fathers Massacred in Sinai and Raithu (c. 370); the Repose of the Holy Equal-to-

the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of Georgia. Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Thursday Jan. 8. Scripture readings of the 33rd Thursday: **Epistle:** 1 Peter §62 [4:12-5:5].

Friday, January 15

Gospel: Mark §57 [12:38-44].

Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (312-37) and John the Hut-Dweller (465-74).

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Friday. Scripture readings of the 33rd Friday: **Epistle:** 2 Peter §65 [1:1-10]. **Gospel:** Mark §58 [13:1-8].

Saturday, January 16

The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and Illustrious Apostle

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday. Scripture readings of the 33rd Saturday: **Epistle:** 2 Timothy §293 [2:11-19]. **Gospel:** Luke §88 [18:2-8].

Sunday, January 17 (33) Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee +Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356).

Bright vestments. Tone 1. Matins Gospel I.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); Tropar of St. Anthony; GLORY: Kondak of St. Anthony; NOW: Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Sunday (Tone 1).

Scripture readings for the Publican and Pharisee:

Epistle: 2 Timothy [3:10-15]. **Gospel:** Luke [18:10-14].

Monday, January 18

Our Holy Fathers and Archbishops of Alexandria Athanasius (373) and Cyril (444).

Civil Holiday: Martin Luther King Day.
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.
Scripture readings of the 34th Monday:
Epistle:2Peter§66[1:20-2:9].
Gospel: Mark §59 [13:9-13].

Tuesday, January 19

Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (c. 390). Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday Scripture readings of the 34th Tuesday: **Epistle:** 2 Peter §67 [2:9-22]. **Gospel:** Mark §60 [13:14-23].

Wednesday, January 20

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthemius the Great (473).

Bright vestments. Service for January 20. Scripture readings from Common for a Venerable:

Epistle: Hebrews §335 [13:17-21]. **Gospel:** Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Thursday, January 21

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662); the Holy Martyr Neophytus (284-305); the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday. Scripture readings of the 34th Thursday: **Epistle:** 1 John §69 [1:8-2:6].

Friday, January 22
The Holy Apostle Timothy; the Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628).

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday. Scripture readings of the 34th Saturday:

Epistle: 1 John §70 [2:7-17]. Gospel: Mark §63 [14:3-9].

Gospel: Mark §62 [13:31-14:2].

Saturday, January 23

The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel (both 286-305).
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday. Scripture readings of the 34th Saturday: **Epistle**: 2 Timothy §295 [3:1-9]. **Gospel:** Luke §103 [20:46-21:4].

Sunday, January 24

34th Sunday - of the Prodigal Son

Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman.

Bright vestments.

Tone 2. Matins Gospel II.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Triod; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Sun-

Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §135 [6:12-20]. **Gospel:** Luke §79 [15:11-32].