

December, 2014

Sunday, December 28 **Sunday after the Nativity**
Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, King David; James, Brother of the Lord according to the Flesh; The Holy Twenty Thousand Martyrs Burned in Nicomedia.
Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of the Nativity; Tropar of the Saints; 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 29
Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ
The Holy Fourteen Thousand Infants Slain for Christ's Sake in Bethlehem of Judea by Herod; and Our Venerable Father Marcellus, hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones.
Bright vestments. First Nativity Antiphon; Usual Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Nativity Antiphon "Save us, Son of God, born 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 Monday:
Epistle: Hebrews §319 [8:17-13] 30th Week.
Gospel: Mark §48 [10:46-52] 32nd Week.

Tuesday, December 30
Post-feast of the Nativity
The Holy Virgin Martyr Anysia; and Our Venerable Father Zoticus, presbyter and friend of orphans.
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 29.
Scripture readings of Tuesday:
Epistle: Hebrews §321a [9:8-10, 15-23] 30th Week.
Gospel: Mark §50 [11:11-23] 32nd Week.

Wednesday, December 31
Leave-taking of the Nativity
Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman.

Note: New Year's Eve.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 29.
Scripture readings of Wednesday:
Epistle: Hebrews §323 [10:1-18] 30th Week.
Gospel: Mark §51 [11:22-26] 32nd Week.

January, 2015

Thursday, January 1
THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST; and Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia.
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].

Friday, January 2 **Pre-feast of Theophany**
Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome.
Bright vestments. Tropar of Pre-feast; GLORY: NOW: Kondak of Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Friday.
Scripture readings of Friday:
Epistle: Hebrews §327 [11:8, 11-16] 30th Week.
Gospel: Mark §53 [12:1-12] 32nd Week.

Saturday, January 3 **Saturday before Theophany**
The Holy Prophet Malachi; and the Holy Martyr Gordius.
Bright vestments. Tropar of Prefeast; GLORY: NOW: Kondak of Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Saturday.
Scripture readings of the Saturday before Theophany:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §28 [3:14-4:5].
Gospel: Matthew §5 [3:1-11].

Sunday, January 4 **Sunday before Theophany**
The Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; and Our Venerable Father Theoktistus, Hegumen of Cucume Monastery in Sicily.
Bright vestments. Tone 5. Matins Gospel VIII.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); Tropar of Prefeast; GLORY: Resurrection Kondak; NOW: Kondak of Prefeast. 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 5 **Vigil of Theophany**
The Holy Martyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas; and

Our Venerable Mother Syncretica of Alexandria.

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 Lita.

Tuesday, January 6
THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Note: Holy day of obligation.

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Bright vestments. Festal Service for Theophany, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Immos. 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.

Wednesday, January 7 **Post-feast of Theophany**
The Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer 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].

Thursday, January 8 **Post-feast of Theophany**
Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite; Our Venerable Mother Domnica; and the Holy Confessor Emilian.
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 31st Thursday:
Epistle: James §51 [1:19-27].
Gospel: Mark §45 [10:17-27].

Friday, January 9 **Post-feast of Theophany**
The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia.
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for January 8.
Scripture readings of the 31st Friday:
Epistle: James §52 [2:1-13].
Gospel: Mark §46 [10:23-32].

Saturday, January 10 **Saturday after Theophany**
Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa Our Venerable Father Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; and Our Venerable Father Marcian, presbyter and steward of the Great Church of Constantinople.
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:
Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].
Gospel: Matthew §7 [4:1-11].

Sunday, January 11 **Sunday after Theophany**
Our Venerable Father Theodosius the Coenobiarch.
Bright vestments. Tone 6. Matins Gospel IX.
Sunday Antiphons. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of Theophany; Tropar of St. Theodosius GLORY: Kondak of Theophany; NOW: Kondak of St. Theodosius. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday after Theophany. Instead of "It is truly right..." take *Hirmos of the Feast*.
Scripture readings for the Sunday after Theophany:
Epistle: Ephesians §Mid-225 [4:7-13].
Gospel: Matthew §8 [4:12-17].

Monday, January 12 **Post-feast of Theophany**
The Holy Martyr Tatiana, Deaconess.
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Thursday January 8.
Scripture readings of the 32nd Monday:

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

Tuesday, January 13 **Post-east of Theophany**
The Holy Martyrs Hermyalus and Stratonikus.
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Thursday January 8.
Scripture readings of the 32nd Tuesday:
Epistle: James §54 [3:1-10].
Gospel: Mark §50 [11:11-23].

Wednesday, January 14
Leave-taking of Theophany
Venerable Martyrs Slain at Sinai and Raitho; and the Commemoration of the Passing of Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of Georgia.
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Thursday January 8.
Scripture readings of the 32nd Wednesday:
Epistle: James §55 [3:11-4:6].
Gospel: Mark §51 [11:23-26].

Thursday, January 15
Our Venerable Father Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-Dweller.
Bright vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.
Scripture readings of the 32nd Thursday:
Epistle: James §56 [4:7-5:9].
Gospel: Mark §52 [11:27-33].

Friday, January 16
Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Peter.
Bright vestments. Weekday service for Friday.
Scripture readings of the 32nd Friday:
Epistle: 1 Peter §58 [1:1-2; 10-12; 2:6-10].
Gospel: Mark §53 [12:1-12].

Saturday, January 17
Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great.
Bright vestments. Service for January 17 (St. Anthony).
Scripture readings of St. Anthony:
Epistle: Hebrews §335 [13:17-21].
Gospel: Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Sunday, January 18 **Sunday of Zachaeus**
Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria.
Bright vestments. Tone 7. Matins Gospel X.
Resurrection Service in Tone 7.
Scripture readings of the 32nd Sunday.
Epistle: 1 Timothy §285b [4:9-15].
Gospel: Luke §94 [19:1-10].

Monday, January 19
Our Venerable Father Macarius, the Egyptian.
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.
Scripture readings of the 33rd Monday.
Epistle: 1 Peter §59 [2:21-3:9].
Gospel: Mark §54 [12:13-17].

Tuesday, January 20
Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great.
Civil Holiday: Martin Luther King Day.
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].

Wednesday, January 21
Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor, the Holy Martyr Neophyte; and the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila.
Bright vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings of the 33rd Wednesday:
Epistle: 1 Peter §61 [4:1-11].
Gospel: Mark §56 [12:28-37].

Thursday, January 22
The Holy Apostle Timothy; and the Holy Venerable Martyr Anatasius the Persian.
Bright vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.
Scripture readings of the 33rd Thursday:
Epistle: 1 Peter §62 [4:12-5:5].
Gospel: Mark §57 [12:38-44].

Friday, January 23
The Holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; and the Holy Martyr Agathangel.
Dark 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 24
Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman; the Holy Martyrs of Pidlashia; Blessed Vincentius Lewoniuk and his companions.

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 25

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Our Father among the Saints, Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel XI.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of St. Gregory; GLORY: Kondak of St. Gregory; NOW: Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Sunday (Tone 8).

Scripture readings for the Publican and Pharisee:

Epistle: 2 Timothy [3:10-15].

Gospel: Luke [18:10-14].

Note: There is no fasting in the week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee.

