

## December, 2016

### Sunday, December 25

☉**The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ – Christmas.**

Bright vestments.

*Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.*

Festal Service for Nativity, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Himnos. Instead of Trisagion, take "All those who have been baptized..." Dismissal of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Nativity:

**Epistle:** Galatians §209 [4:4-7].

**Gospel:** Matthew §3 [2:1-12].

**Note:** There is no fasting until leave-taking of the Theophany.

### Monday, December 26

**Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God; 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;** the Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (824).

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; Tropar of the Saints (Sunday after the Nativity); GLORY: Kondak of the Saints; NOW: Kondak of the Synaxis. Prokimen, and Alleluia Verses of the Synaxis and of the Saints; Communion Hymn of the Nativity and of the Saints. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Himnos of the Nativity. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of the Synaxis:

**Epistle:** Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].

**Gospel:** Matthew §4 [2:13-23].

### Tuesday, December 27

*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. 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: Tropar of the Saint; NOW: Kondak of the Saint. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Nativity and of the Saint. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of the Saint:

**Epistle:** Acts §17 [6:8-7:5, 47-60].

**Gospel:** Matthew §87 [21:33-42].

### Wednesday, 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, 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 Himnos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of Wednesday:

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy §299 [4:9-22] (28th week).

**Gospel:** Mark §51 [11:23-26] (32nd week).

### Thursday, 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 Thursday:

**Epistle:** Titus §300 [1:5-2:1] (28th week).

**Gospel:** Mark §52 [11:27-33] (32nd week).

### Friday, 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 Friday:

**Epistle:** Titus §301 [1:15-2:10] (28th week).

**Gospel:** Mark §53 [12:1-12] (32nd week).

### Saturday, December 31

#### Saturday after Christmas

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

Bright vestments. **Follow Typikon for Dec. 28.** Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Sat-

urday after Christmas.

Scripture readings of the Saturday after Christmas:

**Epistle:** 1 Timothy §288 [6:11-16].

**Gospel:** Matthew §46 [12:15-21].

## January, 2017

### Sunday, January 1

#### Theophany

☉**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.

**Tone 8. Matins Gospel XI.**

Bright Vestments. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of Circumcision; Tropar of St. Basil; GLORY: Kondak of St. Basil; NOW: Kondak of Circumcision. Prokimen of the Sunday before Theophany and of St. Basil, Alleluia Verses of the Sunday before Theophany and of St. Basil. Instead of "It is truly right..." take "In you O woman..."

Scripture readings for the Circumcision and of the Sunday:

**Epistle:** Colossians §254 [2:8-12].

**Gospel:** Mark §1 [1:1-8].

### Monday, January 2

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

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

Scripture readings of the 29th Monday:

**Epistle:** 1 Hebrew §308 [3:5-11, 17-19].

**Gospel:** Luke §102 [20:27-44].

### Tuesday, January 3

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

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

Scripture readings of the 29th Tuesday:

**Epistle:** Hebrews §310 [4:1-13].

**Gospel:** Luke §106 [21:12-19].

### Wednesday, 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 Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the 29th Wednesday:

**Epistle:** Hebrews §312 [5:11-6:8].

**Gospel:** Luke §104 [21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24].

### Thursday, January 5 Theophany Eve.

The Holy Martyr Theopemptus and Theonas (284-305); and the Venerable Syncretica.

**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.

### Friday, January 6

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

**Note:** Holy Day of obligation.

Bright vestments. Festal Service for Theophany, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Imnos. 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.

### Saturday, January 7 Saturday after Theophany

*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; Tropar of Theophany; Tropar of Saint John the Baptist; GLORY: Kondak of Saint John the Baptist; NOW: Kondak

of Theophany. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of St. John and of Theophany. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of St. John the Baptist:

**Epistle:** Acts § 42 [19:1-8].

**Gospel:** John §3 [1:29-34].

### Sunday, January 8

#### Sunday after Theophany

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

**Tone 1. Matins Gospel I.**

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Resurrection Tropar (tone 1); GLORY: Tropar of Sunday after Theophany; NOW: Kondak of Sunday after Theophany. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of Sunday after Theophany and Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the Feast. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for Sunday after Theophany:

**Epistle:** Ephesians §224b [4:7-13]

**Gospel:** Matthew §8 [4:12-17]

### Monday, January 9

*Post-feast of Theophany;* the Holy Martyr Polyuctus (249-51).

Bright vestments. Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; 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 Himnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the 30th Monday:

**Epistle:** Hebrew §319 [8:7-13].

**Gospel:** Mark §33 [8:11-21].

### Tuesday, January 10

*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. **Follow Typikon for Thursday January 9.**

Scripture readings of the 30th Tuesday:

**Epistle:** Hebrew §321 [9:8-10; 15-23].

**Gospel:** Mark §34 [8:22-26].

### Wednesday, January 11

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

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; 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 Imnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the Saint:

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15].

**Gospel:** Matthew §43 [11:27-30].

### Thursday, January 12

*Post-feast of Theophany;* the Holy Martyr Tatiana.

Bright vestments. **Follow Typikon for Thursday January 9.**

Scripture readings of 30th Thursday:

**Epistle:** Hebrews §326 [10:35-11:7].

**Gospel:** Mark §39 [9:10-16].

### Friday, January 13

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

Bright vestments. **Follow Typikon for Thursday January 9.**

Scripture readings of 30th Friday:

**Epistle:** Hebrews §327 [11:8; 11-16].

**Gospel:** Mark §41 [9:33-41].

### Saturday, 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 January 9.**

Scripture readings of 30th Saturday:

**Epistle:** Ephesians §228 [5:1-8].

**Gospel:** Luke §74 [14:1-11].

### Sunday, January 15

#### 35th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Tone 2. Gospel Matins II.**

Bright vestments. Resurrection service in tone 2.

Scripture readings of 30th Sunday:

**Epistle:** Colossians §258 [3:12-16].

**Gospel:** Luke §91 [18:18-27].

### Monday, January 16

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

**Civil holiday:** Martin Luther King Day

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Monday.

Scripture readings of 31st Monday:

**Epistle:** Hebrews §329a [11:17-23, 27-31].  
**Gospel:** Mark §42 [9:42-10:1].

**Tuesday, January 17**  
**+Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356).**

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].

**Wednesday, January 18**  
Our Holy Fathers and Archbishops of Alexandria Athanasius (373) and Cyril (444).

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.  
Scripture readings of 31st Wednesday:  
**Epistle:** James §50 [1:1-18].  
**Gospel:** Mark §44 [10:11-16].

**Thursday, January 19**  
Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (c. 390).  
Bright vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.  
Scripture readings of 31st Thursday:  
**Epistle:** James §51 [1:19-27].  
**Gospel:** Mark §45 [10:17-27].

**Friday, 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].

**Saturday, January 21**  
Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662); the Holy Martyr Neophytus (284-305); the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas.  
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Saturday.  
Scripture readings of 31st Saturday:  
**Epistle:** Colossians §249b [1:3-6].  
**Gospel:** Luke §81 [16:10-15].

**Sunday, January 22**  
**36th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Holy Apostle Timothy; the Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628).

**Tone 3. Matins Gospel III.**  
Bright vestments. Resurrection Service for Tone 3.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Sunday:  
**Epistle:** 1 Timothy §Mid-280 [1:15-17].  
**Gospel:** Luke §93 [18:35-43].

**Monday, January 23**  
The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel (both 286-305).  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.  
Scripture readings of 32nd Monday:  
**Epistle:** James §53 [2:14-26].  
**Gospel:** Mark §48 [10:46-52].

**Tuesday, January 24**  
Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman.  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.  
Scripture readings of 32nd Tuesday:  
**Epistle:** James §54 [3:1-10].  
**Gospel:** Mark §50 [11:11-23].

**Wednesday, January 25**  
**Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (390).**

Bright vestments. Service for January 25.  
Readings for St. George:  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §151 [12:7-11] (St. Gregory).  
**Gospel:** John §36 [10:9-16] (Holy Fathers).

**Thursday, January 26**  
Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife, Maria.  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.  
Scripture readings of 32nd Thursday: **Epistle:** James §56a [4:7-5:9].  
**Gospel:** Mark §52 [11:27-33].

**Friday, January 27**  
**+The Transfer of the Precious Relics (438) of Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom.**  
Bright vestments. Tropars for January 27; balance of the service from Common for a Hierarch.  
Scripture readings for a Hierarch:  
**Epistle:** Hebrew [7:26-8:2].  
**Gospel:** John [10:9-16].

**Saturday, January 28**  
Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian (373).  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.  
Scripture readings of 32nd Saturday: **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians §273 [5:14-23].  
**Gospel:** Luke §84 [17:3-10].

**Sunday, January 29** **37th Sunday after Pentecost – of Zacchaeus**  
The Transfer of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (of Antioch).

**Tone 4. Matins Gospel IV.**  
Bright vestments. Resurrection service in Tone 4.  
Scripture readings of 32nd Sunday:  
**Epistle:** 1 Timothy §285b [4:9-15].  
**Gospel:** Luke §94 [19:1-10].

