

February, 2015

Sunday, February 22 1st Sunday of Lent The Sunday of Orthodoxy.

The Discovery of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at Eugenius (345-408).

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel IV. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of the Icons; Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion Hymn of the First Sunday and of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the Sunday of Orthodoxy:

Epistle: Hebrews §Mid-329 [11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2].

Gospel: John §5 [1:43-51].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, February 23

The Holy Priest-Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (155-56).

Tuesday, February 24

First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist. *Dolnytsky* gives an option of celebrating this feast with the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (See Typikon p. 236); Entrance with the Gospel; after the "Da ispravlytsja ..." we sing proper Prokimen, Epistle, Alleluia verses, Gospel and Communion Hymn for the feast. Readings for the 2nd Tuesday of Lent and the Feast: Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15].

Gospel: Mathew §40 [11:2-15].

Wednesday, February 25

Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806).

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the 2nd Wednesday of Lent: Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3.

Note: In the Dismissal at a Presanctified Liturgy, commemorate the saint of the following day.

Thursday, February 26

Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420).

Friday, February 27

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius of Decapollitan (716-40).

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the 2nd Friday of Lent: Genesis: 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Saturday, February 28 Second Saturday of Lent – An All Souls Saturday

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Ascetical Companion of Procopius (716-40).

Dark vestments. Services for the Second Saturday, including Typical Antiphons. Scripture reading for the Second Memorial Saturday:

Epistle: Hebrew §309 [3:12-16].

Gospel: Mark §6 [1:35-44].

Note: *Panakhida* with general commemoration of the deceased is celebrated following the Ambon Prayer, beginning with the Tropar *So duchy pravednykh*. Following the "Amen" of the Exclamation, the celebrant returns to the Ambon from which he imparts the Final Blessing and the Dismissal proper to the Divine Liturgy. Close with *Vichnaya Pamjat*.

March, 2015

Sunday, March 1 2nd Sunday of Lent

Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia (98-117).

Tone 5. Matins Gospel V.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Bright vestments. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of Sunday and the Triod. Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrew §304 [1:10-2:3].

Gospel: Mark §7 [2:1-12].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 2

The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (c. 321).

Tuesday, March 3

The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus (286-305).

Wednesday, March 4

Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan (475).

Dark vestments. **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.**

Scripture readings for the 3rd Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Thursday, March 5

The Holy Martyr Conon (249-51).

Friday, March 6

The Holy Forty Martyrs of Ammorium (848).

Dark vestments. **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.**

Scripture readings for the 3rd Friday of Lent:

Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

Saturday, March 7

3rd Saturday of Lent – An All Souls Saturday

The Holy Priest-Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and Others (284-305). Passing into Eternal Life (1935) of Blessed Leonid Feodorov, Exarch of the Russian Catholic Church, and Martyr.

Dark vestments. Services for Saturday of the 3rd Memorial, including Typical Antiphons.

Reading for the Third Saturday:

Epistle: Hebrew §325 [10:32-38].

Gospel: Mark § 8 [2:14-17].

See Note for Saturday, February 28th.

Sunday, March 8 3rd Sunday of Lent (Mid-Lent)

Veneration of the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (c. 845).

Tone 6. Matins Gospel VI.

Note: Either during the Matins or prior to the Divine Liturgy, the decorated Cross is placed on the tetrapod for veneration (cf. *Dolnytsky, Typikon*, pp. 121-122, 362-364).

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Burgundy or dark vestments. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the Triod (3rd Sunday/Cross); Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; In place of *Svyatyj Bozhe...*, take *Khrestu Tvojemu...*, Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*, Communion Hymn of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrews §311 [4:14-5:6].

Gospel: Mark §37 [8:34-9:1].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Note: Veneration of the Precious Cross after the Liturgy today and after every service until Friday. Three full prostrations with the sinning of *Khrestu Tvojemu...* are made following every service during this week.

Monday, March 9

The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (321-23).

Dolnytsky gives an option of celebrating this feast with the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (See *Typikon* for February 24).

Readings for the 4th Monday of Lent and the Feast:

Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6

Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-10;

Gospel: Mathew 20:1-16

Tuesday, March 10

The Holy Martyr Condratus and Those with Him (249-51).

Wednesday, March 11 Mid-Lent

Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638).

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Readings for the 4th Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9.

Thursday, March 12

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigrana (817); Our Holy Father Gregory of the Dialogist, Pope of Rome.

Friday, March 13

The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (847).

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the 4th Friday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:14-26.

Saturday, March 14 4th Saturday of Lent An All Souls Saturday

Our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia (547).

Dark vestments. Service for the 4th Saturday, including Typical Antiphons. Scripture readings for the 4th Saturday:

Epistle: Hebrew §313 [6:9-12].

Gospel: Mark §31 [7:31-37].

See Note for Saturday February 28.

Sunday, March 15

4th Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of Saint John of the Ladder (Climacus).

The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with Him (284-305).

Tone 7. Matins Gospel VII.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Bright vestments. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); Tropar of St. John; Glory/Now: Kondak of St. John; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of St. John. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrew §314 [6:13-20].

Gospel: Mark §40 [9:17-31].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 16

The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas (284-305).

Tuesday, March 17

Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God.

Wednesday, March 18

Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386).

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the 5th Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9.

Thursday, March 19

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (253-60).

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

Friday, March 20

Our Venerable Fathers martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas (580-97).

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the 5th Friday of Lent:

Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5.

Saturday, March 21 5th Saturday of Lent – Saturday of the Akathist Hymn

Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania (813-20).

Blue vestments. Typical Psalm. Service and Scripture readings for the 5th Saturday (Akathist Saturday):

Epistle: Hebrew §322 [9:24-28].

Gospel: Mark §35 [8:27-31].

Note: The prescribed Matins Office may be omitted and the *Akathist* sung by itself, in which case it is celebrated in an *epitrahil* and *phelon* at the altar with the holy doors open.

Sunday, March 22 5th Sunday of Lent

Commemoration of Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt. The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, priest of Ancyra (363). Passing into eternal life (1924) of *Fr. Isidor Dolnytsky*, hymnographer, professor and spiritual father of L'viv and the Greek College in Rome.

Tone 8. Matins Gospel VIII.

Bright vestments. **Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.** Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of St. Mary; Glory/Now: Kondak of St. Mary; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of Tone 8 and St. Mary. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of the 5th Sunday and St. Mary.

Scripture readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrew §321 [9:11-14].

Gospel: Mark §47 [10:32-45].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 23

The Holy Venerable Martyr Nikon and His Disciples, martyred with Him (270-75).

Tuesday, March 24

Fore-feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God. Our Venerable Father Zachary; Our Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia.

Wednesday, March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER VIRGIN MARY.

Note: Today is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Blue vestments. Service for the Annunciation.

If Vespers and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom are to be celebrated, consult p. 253 of *Dolhytsky's Typikon* for Vespers portion of the service. Entrance with the Holy Gospel. Balance of liturgical propers for the Annunciation.

If the Divine Liturgy is celebrated without Vespers, then the Daily Antiphons are sung. The Entrance Hymn is for the Annunciation.

Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].

Gospel: Luke §3 [1:24-38].

Thursday, March 26

Postfeast of the Annunciation. Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

Friday, March 27

Our Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonica.

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the 6th Friday of Lent:

Genesis: 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31.

Saturday, March 28 Saturday before Palm Sunday – Lazarus Saturday

Our Venerable Father Hilarion the New; the Holy Stephen, the Wonderworker (464).

Bright vestments. Service and Scripture readings for the Lazarus Saturday:

Epistle: Hebrew §Mid-333 [12:28-13:8].

Gospel: John §39 [11:1-45].

In the evening: Vespers with *Litija*.

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa; the Deacon Cyril and others martyred during the reign of Julian the Apostate (360-63).

Note: From today until Thomas Sunday only service from the *Trio-dion* may be taken; services from Meneon are to be omitted (cf. *Dolhytsky Typikon* p. 373). Memorial services for the deceased (except for funerals) are forbidden in church. Funerals on Great Monday through Great Wednesday may be celebrated in church using the Service of Burial of the Deceased as prescribed by the *Trebnyk*. Bodies of the deceased may never be brought into church from Great Thursday through Easter Sunday. In the latter case, funerals must take place at the funeral home chapels.

Festal Gospel at Matins: Matthew §83 [21:1-11, 15-17].

Note: Willow branches may be blessed at the Matins, before the Divine Liturgy, or after the Ambo Prayer of the Liturgy.

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Service and Reading for Palm/Willow Sunday, including proper antiphons, introit and himnos.

Epistle: Philippians §247 [4:4-9].

Gospel: John §41 [12:1-18].

Note: Willows may be distributed at Matins or before the Liturgy (the custom in Ukraine is for the faithful to hold a willow during the Liturgy). Following the Liturgy, anointing with the holy oil (*myrovannia*) of the faithful and distribution of *blessed prosfora*.

