

February, 2014

Sunday, February 23 Meatfare Sunday

The Holy Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna.
Tone 7. Matins Gospel II.

Bright vestments. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); GLORY: Kondak of the Triod; NOW: Resurrection Kondak. Balance, Resurrection service from Sunday.

Scripture readings for Meatfare Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §140 [8:8-9:2].

Gospel: Matthew §106 [25:31-46].

Monday, February 24

First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of Glorious Prophet and Forerunner, Baptizer of the Lord, John.

Dark vestments. Service for February 24.

Scripture readings for the feast:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15].

Gospel: Matthew §40 [11:2-15].

Tuesday, February 25

Our Father among the Saints Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinopol.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings for Cheesefare Tuesday:

Epistle: Jude §77 [1-10].

Gospel: Luke §109 [22:39-42; 54:23-1].

Wednesday, February 26

Our Father among the Saints Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza.

Note: Wednesday and Friday in Cheesefare Week are allurgical and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is not prescribed (See Dolnytskyj *Typikon* p. 324).

Thursday, February 27

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius of Decapolis.

Scripture readings for Cheesefare Thursday:

Epistle: Jude §78 [11-25].

Gospel: Luke §110 [23:1-34; 44-56].

Friday, February 28

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius.

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Saturday, March 1

The Holy Venerable Woman Martyr Eudokia.

Dark vestments. Services for Cheesefare Saturday including Typical Antiphons.

Scripture readings for Cheesefare Saturday:

Epistle: Romans §115 [14:19-26].

Gospel: Mathew §16 [6:1-13].

Sunday, March 2 Chesefare Sunday Sunday of Forgiveness.

The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene.

Tone 8. Matins Gospel III.

Bright vestments. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); GLORY: Kondak of the Triod; NOW: Resurrection Kondak. Balance, Balance from the Service for Cheesefare Sunday.

Scripture readings for Cheesefare Sunday:

Epistle: Romans §112 [13:11-14:4].

Gospel: Mathew §17 [6:14-21].

Note: The Great Fast/Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers celebrated today in the afternoon or evening.

Note: Three full prostration with the singing of *Preterpivij* ... are made following every service during Lent, except those services which are celebrated from Friday evening to the start of Sunday Vespers; those celebrated on the eve and the morning of a holy day; and the week beginning with the Third Sunday of Lent (when *Khrestu Tvojemu* ... is sung, with prostration).

Note: All weekdays of Lent are allurgical and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is not prescribed. On Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated (See Dolnytskyj *Typikon* p. 349).

Monday, March 3 First Day of Lent

The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus.

Note: Today is a day of abstinence from both meat and dairy products.

Tuesday, March 4

Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan.

Wednesday, March 5

The Holy Martyr Canon.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the First Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-21.

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

Thursday, March 6

The Forty-two Holy Martyrs of Ammorium.

Friday, March 7

The Holy Hieromartyrs, Bishops of Kherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and others. Passing of the Priest-Martyr Exarch Leonid Feodorov.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the First Friday of Lent:

Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34.

Saturday, March 8

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact, Bishop of Nicomedia.

Dark vestments. Service for the First Saturday of Lent.

Scripture readings for the First Saturday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrews §303 [1:1-12].

Gospel: Mark §10 [2:23-3:5].

Sunday, March 9 First Sunday of Lent

Forty Holy Martyrs, Martyred on the lake in Sebaste.

Tone 1. Matins Gospel IV.

Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); 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, March 10

The Holy Martyrs Condratus and those with him.

Tuesday, March 11

Our Father among the Saints Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Wednesday, March 12

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of Sigria; and our Holy Father among the Saints Gregory of the Dialogues, Pope of Rome.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Second Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3

Thursday, March 13

Translation of the Relics of Our Father among the Saints Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Friday, March 14

Our Venerable Father Benedict.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Second Friday of Lent:

Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Saturday, March 15 Second Memorial Saturday

Holy Martyr Agapius and the six Martyrs with Him.

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.

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

Epistle: Hebrew §309 [3:12-16] (Saturday); or

1 Thessalonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased).

Gospel: Mark §6 [1:35-44] (Saturday); or

John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).

Note: Panakhya 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 Pam'jat*.

Note: In keeping with the ancient tradition of our church – still observed in Ukraine – Kolyvo/kutia may be blessed after the Ambon Prayer and distributed to the faithful following the Dismissal, in memory of the deceased. [See *Trebnik* (Zhovkva Edition, 1926), p. 620].

Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas. The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas.

Tone 2. Matins Gospel V.

Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar

(Tone 2); 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 Second Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrew §304 [1:10-2:3].

Gospel: Mark §7 [2:1-12].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 17

Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God.

Tuesday, March 18

Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.

Wednesday, March 19

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Third Wednesday of Lent:

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

Thursday, March 20

Our Venerable Fathers of St. Sabbas Monastery, martyred by the Saracens.

Friday, March 21

Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Third Friday of Lent:

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

Saturday, March 22

Second Memorial Saturday

Holy Hieromartyr Basil, priest of Ancyra.

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

Epistle: Hebrew §309 [3:12-16] (Saturday); or

1 Thessalonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased).

Gospel: Mark §6 [1:35-44] (Saturday); or

John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).

Note: Follow the *Typikon* for Saturday, March 15.

Sunday, March 23

Veneration of the Precious Cross.

The Holy Venerable Martyr Nikon and his students martyred with him.

Tone 3. 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).

Burgundy or dark vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 3); Tropar of the Triod (Third 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 Third Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrews §311 [4:14-5:6].

Gospel: Mark §37 [8:34-9:1].

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

In the evening: Lenten Vespers

Monday, March 24 Preface of the Annunciation.

Our Venerable Father Zachariah; Our Father among the Saints Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia.

Tuesday, 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. If Vespers and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is to be celebrated, consult p. 264-265 of Dolnytsky's *Typikon* for Vespers portion of the service. Entrance with the Holy Gospel. Balance of liturgical propers for the Annunciation.

Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].

Gospel: Luke §3 [1:24-38].

Wednesday, March 26 Mid-Lent

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Readings for the Fourth Wednesday of Lent

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

Thursday, March 27

Our Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonika.

Friday, March 28

Our Venerable Father Hilarion the Younger, the Holy Stephen, Wonderworker.
Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Scripture readings for the Fourth Friday of Lent:
Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:14-26.

Saturday, March 29

Fourth Memorial Saturday

Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa; Cyril the Deacon and others martyred under Julian.
Dark vestments. Service for the Fourth Memorial Saturday, including Typical Antiphons.
Scripture readings for the Fourth Saturday or for the deceased:
Epistle: Hebrew §313 [6:9-12] (Fourth Saturday); or
1 Corinthians §163 [15:47-57] (Deceased).
Gospel: Mark §31 [7:31-37] (Fourth Saturday); or John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).

Note: Follow the *Typikon* for Saturday, March 15.

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Our Venerable Father John Climacus, author of "The Ladder".

Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII.
Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4);
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*. Com-
munion hymn of the Triod. Scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrew §314 [6:13-20].
Gospel: Mark §40 [9:17-31].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

