

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist.

Dark vestments. *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.*

See *Typikon* p. 235-36: 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 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15];

Gospel: Mathew §40 [11:2-15].

Thursday, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

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

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, February 27 3rd Saturday of Lent – An All Souls Saturday

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

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 20th.

Sunday, February 28 3rd Sunday of Lent (Mid-Lent)

Veneration of the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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).

Tone 7. Matins Gospel VII.

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 radujetsia*, 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].