

## March, 2015

### 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 *Triodion* may be taken; services from Meneon are to be omitted (cf. *Dolnytsky 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.

Bright vestments. Resurrection service is omitted. 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 imos.

**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*.

### Monday, March 30 Holy Monday

Our Venerable Father John Climacus, author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* (c. 649).

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. Entrance with the Gospel. Readings for Monday of the Passion Week:

Exodus 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12.

After "Let my prayer rise..." , reading of the Gospel – Matthew §98 [24:3-35].

### Tuesday, March 31 Holy Tuesday

Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra (312-37).

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. Entrance with the Gospel. Readings for Tuesday of the Passion Week:

Exodus 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22.

After "Let my prayer rise..." , reading of the Gospel – Matthew §102 [24:36-26:2].

## April, 2015

### Wednesday, April 1 Holy Wednesday

Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt (527-65).

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. Entrance with the Gospel. Readings for Wednesday of the Passion Week:

Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10. After "Let my prayer rise..." , reading of the Gospel – Matthew §108 [26:6-16].

### Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday

Our Venerable Father Titus the Wonderworker. Passing into Eternal Life (1959) of Blessed Nykolai Charnetsky, Exarch of Volhynia and Confessor.

Bright vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Proper Cherubikon and Communion Hymn.

**Note:** This is Vesper-Liturgy and properly should be celebrated in the afternoon or early evening. *Dolnytskyj's Typik*, referencing the Synod of Lviv, reminds us that only one Liturgy is permitted in each church today; also, recited Liturgies are forbidden (p. 385). Concelebrating by the clergy of a parish or institution is proper, as the Sacrament of the Priesthood was instituted today.

Readings for the Great Holy Thursday: Exodus 19:10-19; Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5; Isaiah 50:4-11.

**Note:** Small litany with the Trisagion, and, from that point, the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, at which we take everything of Great Thursday Liturgy only, including proper *Cherubikon* (sung also instead of "That we may receive..." , the Communion hymn and "May our mouths be filled...") and Imos.

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §149 [11:23-32].

**Gospel:** Matthew §107 [26:2-20]; John §Mid-44 [13:3-17]; Matthew §Mid-108 [26:21-39]; Luke §Mid-109 [22:43-45]; Matthew §Mid-108 [26:40-27:2].

**Later in the evening:** Anticipated matins of the Great Friday (Passion Gospels/*Strasty*)

**At the Service of the Lord's Passion:** Dark Vestments. Twelve Gospel readings: John §46 [13:31-18:1]; John §58 [18:1-28]; Matthew §109 [26:57-75]; John §59 [18:28-19:16]; Matthew §111 [27:3-32]; Mark §67 [15:16-32]; Matthew §113 [27:33-54]; Luke §111 [23:32-49]; John §61 [19:25-37]; Mark §69 [15:43-47]; John §62 [19:38-42]; Matthew §114 [27:62-66].

**Note:** By custom, vestments of all colors are worn for the reading of the twelve Gospels, starting and ending with the dark color.

### Friday, April 3 GOOD FRIDAY

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicius (824).

**Note:** Today is a day of fasting and strict abstinence: meat and dairy products are forbidden and we should limit the amount of food we consume.

Dark vestments.

**Before noon:** Royal Hours.

**In the afternoon:** Vespers and procession with the Holy Shroud.

**In the evening:** Anticipated Matins of the Holy and Great Saturday: Jerusalem Matins.

### Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday

Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer (886) and George of Maleum.

Dark vestments, however, we change to bright vestments at the epistle of the Vesper-Liturgy.

**Note:** Today we abstain from meat.

**In the afternoon or early evening Vesper-Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.**

*At Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil:*

Readings: Genesis 1:1-13; Isaiah 60:1-16; Exodus 12:1-11; Jonah (whole book); Joshua 5:10-15; Exodus 13:20-15:19 and Troparion (Tone 5) with verses; Zephaniah 3:8-35; 3 Kings 17:8-24; Isaiah 61:10-62:5; Genesis 22:1-18; Isaiah 61:1-9; 4 Kings 4:8-37; Isaiah 63:11-64:5; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Daniel 3:1-56 and verses with a refrain.

Small litany with the *Trisagion*, and, from that point, the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, at which we take everything of Great Saturday Liturgy only, including proper *Cherubikon* and *Imos*. Instead of Alleluia – special verses, during the singing of which the priest changes from dark to bright (silver white) vestments. Instead of *Trisagion* – "All you who have been baptized..."

Scripture readings for the Great Saturday:

**Epistle:** Romans §91 [6:3-11].

**Gospel:** Matthew §115 [28:1-20].

**Note:** Note: After the Ambo Prayer blessing of the *prosfora*, without the vigil litija (*Dolnytskyj's Typik*, p. 403). The blessing of Easter foods may be anticipated today, although, properly, it is done following Resurrection Matins on Easter.

Before midnight or early Easter Sunday Morning: Midnight Office (Nadrobnoe), removal of the holy Shroud to the altar. (The *Typik* prescribes dark vestments for this service, but if it is held immediately before Paschal Matins, bright vestments may be worn, especially since they have already been worn earlier in the day at the Vesper-Liturgy).

### Sunday, April 5

## THE GLORIOUS AND HOLY SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

**Note:** There is no fasting this week. Bright vestments are worn throughout the Pentecostal season.

**At Paschal Matins:** Procession around the church; chanting of Paschal Troparion with verses and everything else as in Horologion. Priests are in full vestments.

**Note:** The Holy Doors as well as the side doors of the Iconostasis are left open throughout Bright Week.

**At the Liturgy:** Festal Service for Pascha, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and *Imos*. Instead of *Trisagion* – "All those who have been baptized..."

Gospel is read in various languages. Paschal Dismissal with the Cross.

After the Ambo Prayer: Blessing of the Artos.

Scripture readings for the Holy and Great Easter Sunday:

**Epistle:** Acts §1 [1:1-8].

**Gospel:** John §1 [1:1-17].

**Note:** Dismissal with the Cross is also taken throughout Bright Week, and (only after the Liturgy) on all Sundays until the Apodosis of Pascha, on Wednesday of Mid-Pentecost, and on the Apodosis itself. It may also be taken whenever people are present in church in large numbers.

### The Paschal Order:

The Tropar of Easter, *Christ is Risen...* is sung thrice following the opening exclamation of the priest and following each service; this Troparion is also sung in place of the following: "Blessed is He..." , "We have seen the true Light..." , "May our mouths be filled..." (thrice), "Blessed be the name of the Lord..." (thrice), and, before the Dismissal, instead of "Glory be to the Father..." . Instead of "It is truly right" – Imos of Pascha (except on Mid-Pentecost and its apodosis). First and Third Antiphons of Sunday; final Kondak of Easter (except in the Thomas Week); in place of the Holy God: *All you who have been baptized*.

**Note:** Today the priest blesses Paschal foods (after Matins or following the Liturgy). However, this blessing is not performed in church.

## BRIGHT WEEK

### Monday, April 6

The Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of Slavs (885) and our Holy Father Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople (587).

**At the Liturgy:** During the Bright Week, follow the Paschal Order, except each day has the proper Prokeimenon, Epistle, Alleluia verses and Gospel. Note, also, in the place of the Holy God, All you who have been baptized... is sung. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

Readings for the Monday of the Bright Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §2 [1:12-17, 21-26].

**Gospel:** John §2 [1:18-28].

### Tuesday, April 7

Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene (829-42). Passing into Eternal Life (1919) of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Readings for the Tuesday of the Bright Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §4 [2:14-21].

**Gospel:** Luke §113 [24:12-35].

### Wednesday, April 8

The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Phlegontus, and Hermes.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Readings for the Wednesday of the Bright Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §5 [2:22-36].

**Gospel:** John §4 [1:35-51].

### Thursday, April 9

The Holy Martyr Eupsichius (360-63).

Follow the Paschal Order.

Readings for the Thursday of the Bright Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §6 [2:38-43].

**Gospel:** John §8 [3:1-15].

### Friday, April 10

Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and Others with Them (249-51).

Follow the Paschal Order.

Readings for the Friday of the Bright Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §7 [3:1-8].

**Gospel:** John §7 [2:12-22].

### Saturday, April 11

The Holy Priest-Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia (81-96).

Follow the Paschal Order.

Readings for the Saturday of the Bright Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §8 [3:11-16].

**Gospel:** John §11 [3:22-33].

**Note:** The doors of the iconostas are closed, following the morning Divine Liturgy. After the Ambo Prayer, the Artos is removed from the tetrapod and the Prayer at the Breaking of the Artos is said (cf. *Trebnyk* or *Molytvoslov*). It is distributed to the faithful on Thomas Sunday, instead of *antidoron*.

### Sunday, April 12 Thomas Sunday\*\*\*

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parios (741-75).

\*\*\***Note:** The *Typica* begins.

Festal Tone. Paschal Order. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

**Tone 1; Matins Gospel I.**

Festal Service for Sunday of St. Thomas.

**Epistle:** Acts §14 [5:12-20].

**Gospel:** John §65 [20:19-31].

**Note:** *Artos* is distributed today with *Myrovannia*.

**Paschal Order after Thomas Sunday**

With Thomas Sunday we revert to the proper order of Antiphons. The Typica on Sundays and stipulated days; Festal Antiphons when proper, and Daily Antiphons on all other days. The final Kondak of Easter (except in Thomas Week and during the Feast of Mid-Pentecost); Hirmos: The angel exclaimed.

**Monday, April 13**

The Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and Those with Him (284-305).

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Readings for Monday of Thomas Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §9 [3:19-26].

**Gospel:** John §6 [2:1-11].

**Tuesday, April 14**

Our Holy Father Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655); and newly revealed martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius (1342).

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Readings for Tuesday of Thomas Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §10 [4:1-10].

**Gospel:** John §10 [3:16-21].

**Wednesday, April 15**

The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus (54-68).

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Readings for Wednesday of Thomas Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §11 [4:13-22].

**Gospel:** John §15 [5:17-24].

**Thursday, April 16**

The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene and Chionia (284-305).

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Readings for Thursday of Thomas Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §12 [4:23-31].

**Gospel:** John §16 [5:24-30].

**Friday, April 17**

Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia (341); the Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (431-50).

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Readings for Friday of Thomas Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §13 [5:1-11].

**Gospel:** John §17 [5:30-6:2].

**Saturday, April 18**

Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapolitan (c. 842).

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Readings for Saturday of Thomas Week:

**Epistle:** Acts §15 [5:21-33].

**Gospel:** John §19 [6:14-27].

**Sunday, April 19 Third Sunday of Pascha of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

Our Venerable Father John, the ancient hermit (c. 800).

**Tone 2. Matins Gospel II.**

Paschal Order. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); Tropar "The noble Joseph"; Glory: Kondak of the Myrrh-bearing Women; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Myrrh-bearing Women. Dismissal with the Cross.

Readings for the Third Sunday:

**Epistle:** Acts §16 [6:1-7].

**Gospel:** Mark §69 [15:43-16:8].

**Monday, April 20**

Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas.

Paschal Order. Service for the Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday.

Readings for the Third Monday:

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

**Gospel:** John §13 [4:46-54].

**Tuesday, April 21**

The Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and those with him (305-11); the Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga (138-61).

Paschal Order. Service for the Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday.

Readings for the Third Tuesday:

**Epistle:** Acts §18 [8:5-17].

**Gospel:** John §20 [6:27-33].

**Wednesday, April 22**

Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum (613).

Paschal Order. Service for the Myrrh-Bearing Women Sunday.

Readings for the Third Wednesday:

**Epistle:** Acts §19 [8:18-25].

**Gospel:** John §21 [6:35-39].

**Thursday, April 23**

The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George.

Tropar of Myrrh-bearers Sunday; Tropar St. George; Glory: Kondak of St. George; Now: Kondak of Myrrh-bearers Sunday. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of Myrrh-bearers Sunday and of St. George.

Readings for St. George:

**Epistle:** Acts §29 [12:1-11].

**Gospel:** John §52 [15:17-16:2].

**Friday, April 24**

The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates (364-78).

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrh-bearers Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Third Friday:

**Epistle:** Acts §21 [8:40-9:19].

**Gospel:** John §23 [6:48-54].

**Saturday, April 25**

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (54-68).

Tropar of Myrrh-bearers Sunday; Tropar Evangelist Mark; Glory: Kondak of Evangelist Mark; Now: Kondak of Myrrh-bearers Sunday. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of Myrrh-bearers Sunday and of Evangelist Mark.

Readings for Evangelist Mark:

**Epistle:** 1 Peter §63 [5:6-14].

**Gospel:** Mark §23 [6:7-13].

**Sunday, April 26 Fourth Sunday of Pascha of the Paralytic**

The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia (c. 322).

**Tone 3. Matins Gospel III.**

Paschal Order. Service for Sunday of the Paralytic.

Sunday Tropar (Tone 3); Glory: Kondak of the Paralytic; Now: Kondak of Pascha . Prokeimenon and Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Sunday of the Paralytic. Dismissal with the Cross.

Scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday:

**Epistle:** Acts §23 [9:32-42].

**Gospel:** John §14 [5:1-15].