

March, 2014

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*. Communion 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.

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 31

Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangara.

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Tuesday, April 1

Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt.

Wednesday, April 2

The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Wednesday of Lent:

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

Thursday, April 3

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery.

At Matins: The Great Canon of Our Holy Father Andrew of Crete.

Friday, April 4

Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer, and George of Maleon.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Friday of Lent: Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5.

Saturday, April 5 Akathist Saturday

The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathapodus and their companions.

Blue vestments. Typical Psalm.

Service and Scripture readings for the Fifth Saturday (Akathist Saturday):

Epistle: Hebrew §322 [9:24-28].

Gospel: Mark §35 [8:27-31].

Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt.

The falling in asleep of our Father Methodius, Bishop and Teacher of the Slavs; our Father among the Saints Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Tone 5. Matins Gospel VIII.

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

Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: **Epistle:** Hebrew §321 [9:11-14].

Gospel: Mark §47 [10:32-45].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers

Monday, April 7

Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene.

Tuesday, April 8

The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and Hermas.

Wednesday, April 9

The Holy Martyr Euphychius.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 43:25-45:16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4.

Thursday, April 10

Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and those with them.

Friday, April 11

The Holy Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamun in Asia.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Friday of Lent: Genesis 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31.

Saturday, April 12 Lazarus Saturday

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium.

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, April 13 Palm Willow Sunday

The Hieromartyr Artemon and his companions.

Bright vestments. Resurrection service is omitted.

Note: From today until Thomas Sunday only service from the Triodion may be taken; service from Me-neon 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.

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.

Monday, April 14 Great Monday

Our Father among the Saints Martin, Confessor, Pope of Rome; and The New Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius.

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Presanctified 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, April 15 Great Tuesday

The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus.

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Presanctified 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].

Wednesday, April 16 Great Wednesday

The Holy Virgin Martyr Agapia, Irene and Chionia.

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Entrance with the Gospel. Readings for Wednesday of the Passio n Week: Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10. After "Let my prayer rise...", reading of the Gospel – Matthew §108 [26:6-16].

Note: *Dolnytskyj* (p. 383) prescribes the *Preterpivij*... be sung for the final time following the Presanctified Liturgy. However, he states that it is customary to sing *Preterpivij* until the exposition of the Holy Shroud on Good Friday, at which time the hymn "Noble Joseph" is sung until Resurrection Matins.

Thursday, April 17 Great Thursday

Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia. The Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene.

Bright vestments. Vesper-Liturgy of S. 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). Cancellation 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 Imnos.

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 18 Good Friday

Our Venerable Father John, disciple of St. Gregory the Decapolite.

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 19

Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Caves.

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 Imnos. 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: 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 (*Nadhrobnoe*), 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-Litrgy).

Sunday, April 20

HOLY AND GREAT SUNDAY OF THE PASCH RESURRECTION 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 Imnos. 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" – Imnos 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.

Monday, April 21 Great Monday

The Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and others.

At the Liturgy: During the Bright Week, follow the Paschal Order, except each day has the proper Prokimen, 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.

Scripture readings for the Monday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §2 [1:12-17, 21-26].

Gospel: John §2 [1:18-28].

Tuesday, April 22 Great Tuesday

Our Venerable Father Theodore of Sykeota.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Tuesday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §4 [2:14-21].

Gospel: Luke §113 [24:12-35].

Wednesday, April 23 Great Wednesday

The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr George the Triumphant, Wonderworker.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Tropar of Easter; Tropar of St. Gregory; Glory: Kondak of St. Gregory; Now: Kondak of Easter. Note, also, in the place of the *Holy God, All you who have been baptized...* is sung. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

Scripture readings for the Wednesday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §5 [2:22-36].

Gospel: John §4 [1:35-51].

Thursday, April 24 Great Thursday

The Holy Martyr Sabbas the Goth.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Thursday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §6 [2:38-43].

Gospel: John §8 [3:1-15].

Friday, April 25 Great Friday

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Tropar of Easter; Tropar of St. Mark; Glory: Kondak of St. Mark; Now: Kondak of Easter. Note, also, in the place of the *Holy God, All you who have been baptized...* is sung. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

Scripture readings for the Friday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §7 [3:1-8].

Gospel: John §7 [2:12-22].

Saturday, April 26 Great Saturday

The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.

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

Scripture 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 *Molyvoslov*). It is distributed to the faithful on Thomas Sunday, instead of antidoron.

Sunday, April 27 ANTIPASCHA

The Holy Priest-Martyr Simeon, relative of Our Lord. The Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volyn.

Note: The Typica begins. Festal Tone. Paschal Order. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

Festal Service for Sunday of St. Thomas.

Scripture readings for Thomas Sunday:

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); Himnos: *The angel exclaimed*.

