

November, 2015

Sunday, November 29

27th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyr Paramon (249-51), the Holy Martyr Philomenus (270-75).

Bright vestments.

Tone 2. Matins Gospel V.

Resurrection Service in Tone 2.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-seventh Sunday:

Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].**Gospel:** Luke §71 [13:10-17].**Monday, November 30****The Holy and All-praiseworthy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called.**

Bright vestments. Service for November 30.

Scripture readings from the Common for an Apostle:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §131 [4:9-16].**Gospel:** John §4 [1:35-51].

December, 2015

Tuesday, December 1

The Holy Prophet Nahum (7th c. BC).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings for Twenty-eight Tuesday:

Epistle: 2 Timothy §297 [3:16-4:4].**Gospel:** Luke §98 [19:45-48].**Wednesday, December 2**

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk (Avvakum).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Wednesday:

Epistle: 2 Timothy §299 [4:9-22].**Gospel:** Luke §99 [20:1-8].**Thursday, December 3**

The Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (7 c. BC).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Thursday:

Epistle: Titus §300 [1:5-2:1].**Gospel:** Luke §100 [20:9-18].**Friday, December 4**

The Great-Martyr Barbara (286-305); Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Friday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Friday:

Epistle: Titus §301 [2:1:15-2:10].**Gospel:** Luke §101 [20:19-26].**Saturday, December 5****±Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified (532).**

Bright vestments. Service for December 5.

Scripture readings for St. Sabbas:

Epistle: Galatians §213 [5:22-6:2].**Gospel:** Mathew §43 [11:27-30].**Sunday, December 6****28th Sunday after Pentecost****±Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (Traditionally ca. 337).**

Bright vestments.

Tone 3. Matins Gospel VI.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 3); Tropar of St. Nicholas; GLORY: Kondak of St. Nicholas; NOW: Resurrection Kondak. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the Saint.

Scripture readings of Sunday (Please, see Dolnytskyy *Typik* p. 143):**Epistle:** Colossians §250 [1:12-18] (28th Sunday).**Gospel:** Luke §85 [17:12-19] (29th Sunday).**Monday, December 7**

Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Monday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-ninth Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrew §308 [3:5-11, 17-19].**Gospel:** Luke §102 [20:27-44].**Tuesday, December 8****±The Conception of Saint Anna, when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God.**

Blue vestments. Service for the Feast, including proper Imos.

Scripture readings for the Feast:

Epistle: Galatians §211 [4:22-31].**Gospel:** Luke §36 [8:16-21].**Wednesday, December 9**

Our Venerable Father Patapius.

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-ninth Wednesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §312 [5:11-6:8].**Gospel:** Luke §104 [21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24].**Thursday, December 10**

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Euegraphus.

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-ninth Thursday:

Epistle: Hebrew §315 [7:1-6].**Gospel:** Luke §107 [21:28-33].**Friday, December 11**

Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite (493).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Friday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-ninth Friday:

Epistle: Hebrew §317 [7:18-25].**Gospel:** Luke §108 [21:37-22:8].**Saturday, December 12**

Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus.

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Saturday.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-ninth Saturday:

Epistle: Ephesians §Mid-220 [2:11-13].**Gospel:** Luke §72 [13:18-29].**Sunday, December 13****Sunday of the Forefathers****+The Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius and Orestes (284-305);** and the Holy Martyr Lucia the Virgin (284-305).

Bright vestments.

Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of the Forefathers; Tropar of Martyrs (Common of Martyrs); GLORY: Kondak of Martyrs; NOW: Kondak of the Forefathers. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of the Forefathers and of Martyrs.

Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Forefathers:

Epistle: Colossians §257 [3:4-11].**Gospel:** Luke §76 [14:16-24].**Monday, December 14**

The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius (249-51), Philemon, Apollonius and Callinicus (284-305).

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Monday:

Epistle: Hebrews §319 [8:7-13].**Gospel:** Mark §33 [8:11-21].**Tuesday, December 15**

The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (956); Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (8th c.).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §321 [9:8-10; 15-23].**Gospel:** Mark §34 [8:22-26].**Wednesday, December 16**

The Holy Prophet Haggai (Aggee) (6th c. BC).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Wednesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §323 [10:1-18].**Gospel:** Mark §36 [8:30-34].**Thursday, December 17**

The Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah, Azaraih and Mishael (6 c. BC).

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Thursday:

Epistle: Hebrews §326 [10:35-11:7].**Gospel:** Mark §39 [9:10-16].**Friday, December 18**

The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions.

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Friday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Friday:

Epistle: Hebrews §327 [11:8; 11-16].**Gospel:** Mark §41 [9:33-41].**Saturday, December 19****Saturday before Christmas**

The Holy Martyr Boniface.

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Saturday.

Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Saturday before Christmas.

Scripture readings for Saturday before Christmas:

Epistle: Galatians §205 [3:8-12].**Gospel:** Luke §72 [13:18-29].**Sunday, December 20****Sunday before Christmas (of the Holy Fathers)**

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110).

Bright vestments.

Tone 5. Matins Gospel VIII.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); Tropar of the Holy Fathers; Tropar of the Forefeast. GLORY: Kondak of the Holy Fathers; NOW: Kondak of the Forefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Holy Fathers; Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Holy Fathers.

Scripture readings of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers:

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Epistle: Hebrews §328 [11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40].**Gospel:** Matthew §1 [1:1-25].**Monday, December 21**

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305).

Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Monday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Monday:

Epistle: Hebrews §329 [11:17-23; 27-31].**Gospel:** Mark §42 [9:42-10:1].**Tuesday, December 22**

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (284-305).

Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §333 [12:25-26; 13:22-25].**Gospel:** Mark §43 [10:2-12].**Wednesday, December 23**

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete (249-51).

Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Wednesday:

Epistle: James §50 [1:1-18].**Gospel:** Mark §44 [10:11-16].**Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

The Holy Venerable Martyr Eugenia.

Note: Today is a day of abstinence.

Dark vestments.

In the morning: Royal Hours are celebrated today.**In the afternoon:** Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; instead of "It is truly right" – "In you, O woman full of grace..."

Scripture readings for the Vigil of the Nativity:

Epistle: Hebrew §303 [1:1-12].**Gospel:** Luke §5 [2:1-20].**In the evening:** Great Compline with Lita.**Friday, December 25****±The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ – Christmas.****Note:** Today is a day of abstinence.

Bright vestments. Festal Service for Nativity, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Himnos. Instead of Trisagion, take "All those who have been baptized..." Dismissal of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Nativity:

Epistle: Galatians §209 [4:4-7].**Gospel:** Matthew §3 [2:1-12].**Saturday, December 26****Note:** There is no fasting until leave-taking of the Theophany.**Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God;** the Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (824).

Bright vestments. First Nativity Antiphon; Usual Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Nativity Antiphon "Save us, Son of God, born of a virgin..."; Tropar of the Nativity; Tropar of St. Joseph; GLORY: Kondak of St. Joseph; NOW: Kondak of the Synaxis. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Synaxis and of the Saturday after the Nativity (Alleluia verses are the same for both). Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of the Synaxis:

Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].**Gospel:** Matthew §4 [2:13-23].**Sunday, December 27****Sunday after the Nativity****Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God; David the King; and James, Brother of the Lord in the Flesh.**

Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore "the Branded One" (844).

Bright vestments.

Tone 6. Matins Gospel IX.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the Nativity; Tropar of the Saints; Tropar of St. Stephen; GLORY: Kondak of the Saints; NOW: Kondak of the Nativity. Prokimen of the Sunday and of the Saints; Alleluia Verses of the Saints; Communion Hymn of the Sunday and of the Saints. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of the Sunday after the Nativity:

Epistle: Galatians §200 [1:11-19].**Gospel:** Matthew §4 [2:13-23].