

November, 2014

Sunday, November 30

25th Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew, the First-Called.

Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel III.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of St. Andrew; GLORY: Kondak of St. Andrew; NOW: Resurrection Kondak. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Saint.
Scripture readings of Sunday:

Epistle: Ephesians §224a [4:1-6] (25th Week).
Gospel: Luke §71 [13:10-17] (27th Week).

December, 2014

Monday, December 1

The Holy Prophet Nahum.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Monday.
Scripture readings of Monday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §278 [1:1-7] (26th Week).
Gospel: Luke §97 [19:37-44] (28th Week).

Tuesday, December 2

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.
Scripture readings of Tuesday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy § 279 [1:8-14] (26th Week).
Gospel: Luke § 98[19:45-48] (28th Week).

Wednesday, December 3

The Holy Prophet Sophonias.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings of Wednesday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §281 [1:18-20] (26th Week).
Gospel: Luke §99 [20:1-8] (28th Week).

Thursday, December 4

The Holy Martyr Barbara; and Our Venerable Father John Damascene.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.
Scripture readings of Thursday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §283 [3:1-13] (26th Week).
Gospel: Luke §100 [20:9-18] (28th Week).

Friday, December 5

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified.
Dark vestments. Service for December 5.
Scripture readings for St. Sabbas:
Epistle: Galatians §213 [5:22-6:2].
Gospel: Mathews §43 [11:27-30].

Saturday, December 6

Our Father Among the Saints Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Wonderworker.
Bright vestments. Service for December 6.
Scripture readings for St. Nicholas:
Epistle: Hebrews §335[13:17-21].
Gospel: Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Sunday, December 7

Pentecost 26th Sunday After
Our Father among the Saints, Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.
Bright vestments. Tone 1. Matins Gospel IV.
Resurrection Service in Tone 1.
Scripture readings of Sunday:
Epistle: Ephesians §229 [5:9-19] (26th Week - Dolnytsky, p. 143).
Gospel: Luke §85 [17:12-19] (29th Sunday).

Monday, December 8

Our Venerable Father Patapius of Thebes.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Monday.
Scripture readings of Monday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §Mid-285 [5:1-10] (27th Week).
Gospel: Luke §24 [6:17-23] (29th Week).

Tuesday, December 9

The Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos by St. Anne.
Blue vestments. Service for the Feast, including proper Irmos.
Scripture readings for the Feast:
Epistle: Galatians §211 [4:22-31].
Gospel: Luke §36 [8:16-21].

Wednesday, December 10

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Euphrasius.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings of Wednesday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §287 [5:22-6:11] (27th Week).
Gospel: Luke §104 [21:5-7; 10-11; 20-24] (29th Week).

Thursday, December 11

Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite.

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.
Scripture readings of Thursday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §289 [6:17-21] (27th Week).
Gospel: Luke §107 [21:28-33] (29th Week).

Friday, December 12

Our Venerable Father Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremitus.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Friday.
Scripture readings of Friday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §290 [2:1-2; 8-18] (27th Week).
Gospel: Luke §108 [21:37-22:8] (29th Week).

Saturday, December 13

The Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes; and the Holy Virgin Martyr Lucy.
Dark vestments. Service for December 13.
Scripture readings from the Common for Martyrs:
Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].
Gospel: Luke §106 [21:12-19].

Sunday, December 14 Sunday of the Forefathers

The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Appolonius and Callinicus.
Bright vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel V.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); Tropar of the Forefathers; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Forefathers. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Forefathers.
Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Forefathers:
Epistle: Colossians §257 [3:4-11].
Gospel: Luke §76 [14:16-24].

Monday, December 15

The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; and Our Venerable Father Paul of Lata; and Our Holy Father Stephen, Archbishop of Surozh, Confessor.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Monday.
Scripture readings of Monday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §294 [2:20-26] (28th Week).
Gospel: Mark §33 [8:11-21] (30th Week).

Tuesday, December 16

The Holy Prophet Haggai.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.
Scripture readings of Tuesday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §297 [3:16-4:4] (28th Week).
Gospel: Mark §34 [8:22-26] (30th Week).

Wednesday, December 17

The Holy Prophet Daniel; and the Three Holy Youths.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings of Wednesday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §299 [4:9-22] (28th Week).
Gospel: Mark §36 [8:30-34] (30th Week).

Thursday, December 18

The Holy Martyr Sebastian and his Companions.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.
Scripture readings of Thursday:
Epistle: Titus §300 [1:5-2:1] (28th Week).
Gospel: Mark §39 [9:10-16] (30th Week).

Friday, December 19

The Holy Martyr Boniface.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Friday.
Scripture readings of Friday:
Epistle: Titus §301 [2:1:15-2:10] (28th Week).
Gospel: Mark §41 [9:33-41] (30th Week).

Saturday, December 20

Saturday before Christmas
The Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch.
Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Saturday.
Scripture readings for Saturday before Christmas:
Epistle: Galatians § 205 [3:8-12].
Gospel: Luke § 72 [13:18-29].
Sunday, December 21 Sunday before Christmas
Sunday of the Holy Fathers
The Holy Martyr Julian.
Bright vestments. Tone 3. Matins Gospel VI.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 3); Tropar of the Holy Fathers; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Holy Fathers. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Holy Fathers; Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Holy Fathers.
Scripture readings of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers:
Epistle: Hebrews §328 [11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40].
Gospel: Matthew §1[1:1-25].

Monday, December 22 Prefeast of the Nativity

The Holy Great Martyr Anastasia.

Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Monday.
Scripture readings of Monday:
Epistle: Hebrews §308 [3:5-11, 17-19] (29th Week).
Gospel: Mark §42 [9:42-10:1] (31st Week).

Tuesday, December 23

Prefeast of the Nativity
The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete.
Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Tuesday.
Scripture readings of Tuesday:
Epistle: Hebrews §310 [4:1-13] (29th Week).
Gospel: Mark §43 [10:2-12] (31st Week).

Wednesday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity
The Holy Venerable Martyr Eugenia.
Dark vestments.

Note: Today is a day of abstinence.

In the morning: Royal Hours are celebrated today.

In the afternoon: Vespers with the 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.

Thursday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Note: Holy Day of obligation.

Bright vestments. Festal Service for Nativity, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Hirmos. 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].

Note: There is no fasting until leave-taking of the Theophany.

Friday, December 26 Postfeast of the Nativity
SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, Spouse of the Holy Theotokos; and the Holy Hieromartyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis.
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 Feast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take *Hirmos* of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.
Scripture readings of the Feast:
Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].
Gospel: Matthew §4 [2:13-23].

Saturday, December 27

Saturday after the Nativity
The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Branded.
Bright vestments. Follow Typikon for December 27. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Saturday after the Nativity. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take *Hirmos* of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.
Scripture readings of the Saturday after the Nativity:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §288 [6:11-16].
Gospel: Matthew §46[12:15-21].

Sunday, December 28

Sunday after the Nativity
Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, King David; James. Brother of the Lord according to the Flesh; the Holy Twenty Thousand Martyrs burned in Nicomedia.
Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of the Nativity; Tropar of the Saints; 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].