

## December, 2012

### Sunday, December 23 Sunday before Christmas

The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete.  
Bright vestments. Tone 5. Matins Gospel VII.  
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); 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 24 Vigil of the Nativity

**Note:** Today is a day of abstinence.

The Holy Venerable Martyr Eugenia.  
Dark vestments.

**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.

### Tuesday, 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.

### Wednesday, December 26

**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].

### Thursday, December 27 Postfeast of the Nativity

The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Branded.  
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 St. Stephen; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of St. Stephen. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of St. Stephen. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.  
Scripture readings of St. Stephen:  
**Epistle:** Acts §17 [6:8-15; 7:1-5 & 47-60].  
**Gospel:** Matthew §87 [21:33-42].

### Friday, December 28 Postfeast of the Nativity

The Holy Twenty Thousand Martyrs Burned in Nicomedia.  
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; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Nativity. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Nativity. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.  
Scripture readings for Wednesday:  
**Epistle:** James §52 [2:1-13], (31st Week after Pentecost)  
**Gospel:** Mark §53 [12:1-12]. (32nd Week after Pentecost)

### Saturday, December 29 Saturday after the Nativity

The Holy Fourteen Thousand Infants Slain for Christ's Sake in Bethlehem of Judea by Herod; and Our Venerable Father Marcellus, hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones.  
Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 28. 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 30 Sunday after the Nativity

**Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, King David; James, Brother of the Lord according to the Flesh;** The Holy Virgin Martyr Anysia; and Our Venerable Father Zoticus, Presbyter and Friend of orphans.  
Bright vestments. Tone 6. Matins Gospel VIII.  
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); 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].

### Monday, December 31 Leave-taking of the Nativity Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman.

**Note:** New Year's Eve.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 28.  
Scripture readings for Monday:  
**Epistle:** James §53 [2:14-26]. (32nd Week after Pentecost)  
**Gospel:** Mark §42 [9:42-10:1]. (31st Week after Pentecost)

## January, 2013

### Tuesday, January 1

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST;** and Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

**Civil Holiday: New Year's Day.**

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Bright Vestments.  
Tropar of Circumcision; Tropar of St. Basil; GLORY: Kondak of St. Basil; NOW: Kondak of Circumcision. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Circumcision and of St. Basil. Instead of "It is truly right..." take "In you O woman..."

Scripture readings for the Circumcision:

**Epistle:** Colossians §254 [2:8-12].

**Gospel:** Luke §6 [2:20-21; 40-52].

### Wednesday, January 2 Prefeast of Theophany

Our Holy Father Sylvester, pope of Rome.  
Bright vestments. Tropar of Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Wednesday.

Scripture readings for Wednesday:

**Epistle:** James §55 [3:11-4:6]. (32nd Week after Pentecost)

**Gospel:** Mark §44 [10:11-16]. (31st Week after Pentecost)

### Thursday, January 3 Prefeast of Theophany

The Holy Prophet Malachi; and the Holy Martyr Gordius.  
Bright vestments. Tropar of Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Thursday.

Scripture readings for Thursday:

**Epistle:** James §56 [4:7-5:9]. (32nd Week after Pentecost)

**Gospel:** Mark §45 [10:17-27]. (31st Week after Pentecost)

### Friday, January 4 Prefeast of Theophany

The Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; and Our Venerable Father Theokistos, hegumen of Cucume Monastery in Sicily.

**Early in the morning:** Dark vestments. Royal Hours are celebrated. The celebration of Royal Hours is transferred to this day because the Vigil of Theophany is on Saturday.

### Saturday, January 5 Vigil of Theophany

The Holy Martyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas; and Our Venerable Mother Syncretica of Alexandria.

**In the morning:** Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated. Tropar of Vigil of Theophany GLORY/NOW: Kondak of Vigil of Theophany. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Saturday before Theophany.

Scripture readings of the Saturday before Theophany:

**Epistle:** 1 Timothy §284 [3:14-4:5].

**Gospel:** Matthew §5 [3:1-11].

**In the evening:** Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; instead of "It is truly right" take "In you, O woman full of grace ...".

Scripture readings for the Vigil of Theophany:

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §143 [9:19-27].

**Gospel:** Luke §5 [2:1-18].

**After the Ambo Prayer:** Great Blessing of Water.

### Sunday, January 6

**Note:** Holy day of obligation.

#### THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

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

Scripture readings for Theophany:

**Epistle:** Titus §302 [2:11-14; 3:4-7].

**Gospel:** Matthew §6 [3:13-17].

**After the Ambo Prayer:** Great Blessing of Water.

### Monday, January 7 Postfeast of Theophany

**The Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer John.**

**Saturday after the Enlightenment**

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of Saint John the Baptist; GLORY: Kondak of Saint John the Baptist; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Saint and the

Feast. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast. Scripture readings of St. John the Baptist:

**Epistle:** Acts §42 [19:1-8].

**Gospel:** John §3 [1:29-34].

### Tuesday, January 8 Postfeast of Theophany

Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite; Our Venerable Mother Domnica; and the Holy Confessor Emilian.

Bright vestments. Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; 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.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-second Tuesday:

**Epistle:** James §53 [2:14-26].

**Gospel:** Mark §48 [10:46-52].

### Wednesday, January 9 Postfeast of Theophany

The Holy Martyr Polyuctus of Melitene in Armenia.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for January 8.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-second Wednesday:

**Epistle:** James §55 [3:11-4:6].

**Gospel:** Mark §51 [11:23-26].

### Thursday, January 10 Postfeast of Theophany

Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa our Venerable Father Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; and our Venerable Father Mar- cian, presbyter and steward of the Great Church of Constantinople.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for January 8.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-second Wednesday:

**Epistle:** James §56 [4:7-5:9].

**Gospel:** Mark §52 [11:27-33].

### Friday, January 11 Postfeast of Theophany

**Our Venerable Father Theodosius the Coenobiarch.**

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with the refrain of the Second Antiphon of Theophany; Proper Entrance Hymn; Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of the Saint GLORY: Kondak of the Saint; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast and the Saint. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Hirmos of the Feast. Scripture readings of the Saint:

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15].

**Gospel:** Matthew §43 [11:27-30].

### Saturday, January 12 Saturday after Theophany

The Holy Martyr Tatiana, Deaconess.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 8.

Scripture readings for the Saturday after Theophany:

**Epistle:** Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].

**Gospel:** Matthew §7 [4:1-11].

### Sunday, January 13 Sunday after Theophany

The Holy Martyrs Hermyalus and Stratonicus.  
Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel X.  
Sunday Antiphons. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of the Feast; GLORY: Sunday Kondak; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday after Theophany.  
Scripture readings for the Sunday after Theophany:  
**Epistle:** Ephesians §Mid-225 [4:7-13].  
**Gospel:** Matthew §8 [4:12-17].

### Monday, January 14 Leave-taking of Theophany

Venerable Martyrs Slain at Sinai and Raitho; and the Commemoration of the Passing of Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, enlightener of Georgia.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 8.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-third Monday:

**Epistle:** 1 Peter §59 [2:21-3:9].

**Gospel:** Mark §54 [12:13-17].

### Tuesday, January 15

Our Venerable Father Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-Dweller.

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-third Tuesday:

**Epistle:** 1 Peter §60 [3:10-22].

**Gospel:** Mark §55 [12:18-27].

### Wednesday, January 16

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Praise-worthy Apostle Peter.

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-third Wednesday:

**Epistle:** 1 Peter §61 [4:1-11].

**Gospel:** Mark §56 [12:28-37].

### Thursday, January 17

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great.

Bright vestments. Service for Jan. 17 (St. Anthony).

Scripture readings of St. Anthony:

**Epistle:** Hebrews §335 [13:17-21].

**Gospel:** Luke §24 [6:17-23].

### Friday, January 18

Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria.



Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-third Friday:  
**Epistle:** 2 Peter §65 [1:1-10].  
**Gospel:** Mark §58 [13:1-8].

#### Saturday, January 19

Our Venerable Father Macarius, the Egyptian.  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-third Saturday:  
**Epistle:** 2 Timothy §293 [2:11-19].  
**Gospel:** Luke §88 [18:2-8].

#### Sunday, January 20 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great.

Bright vestments. Tone 1. Matins Gospel XI.  
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); Tropar of Venerable Euthymius;  
GLORY: Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee; NOW: Kondak of  
Venerable Euthymius ; Balance, Resurrection service from Sun-  
day.  
Scripture readings for the Publican and Pharisee:  
**Epistle:** 2 Timothy §295 [3:10-15].  
**Gospel:** Luke §89 [18:10-14].

**Note:** There is no fasting this week.

#### Monday, January 21

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor, the Holy Martyr Neo-  
phyte; and the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila.  
**Civil Holiday:** Martin Luther King Day  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-fourth Monday:  
**Epistle:** 2 Peter §66 [1:20-2:9].  
**Gospel:** Mark §59 [13:9-13].

#### Tuesday, January 22

The Holy Apostle Timothy; and the Holy Venerable Martyr Anasta-  
sius the Persian.  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-fourth Tuesday:  
**Epistle:** 2 Peter §67 [2:9-22].  
**Gospel:** Mark §60 [13:14-23].

#### Wednesday, January 23

The Holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; and the Holy Mar-  
tyr Agathangel.  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-fourth Wednesday:  
**Epistle:** 2 Peter §68 [3:1-18].  
**Gospel:** Mark §61 [13:24-31].

#### Thursday, January 24

Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman; the Holy Martyrs of Pid-  
lashia; Blessed Vincentius Lewoniuk and his companions.  
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.  
Scripture readings of the Thirty-fourth Thursday:  
**Epistle:** 1 John §69 [1:8-2:6].  
**Gospel:** Mark §62 [13:31-14:2].

#### Friday, January 25

Our Father among the Saints, Gregory the Theologian,  
Archbishop of Constantinople.  
Bright vestments. Service for January 25.  
Scripture readings for St. George:  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §151 [12:7-11] (St. Gregory).  
**Gospel:** John §36 [10:9-16] (Holy Fathers).

#### Saturday, January 26 First Memorial Saturday

**Note:** The First Memorial Saturday is observed today, the Saturday preceding the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, because the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord falls on Meatfare Saturday (See Dolnytskyj *Typikon* p. 218).

Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Mary.  
Dark vestments. Services for Saturday of the Meatfare Sun-  
day, including Typical Antiphons. Scripture reading for Satur-  
day of Meatfare Sunday or for the Deceased:  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §156 [10:23-28] (Saturday); or 1 Thes-  
salonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased).  
**Gospel:** Luke §105 [21:8-9; 25-27; 33-36] (Saturday); or  
John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).

**Note:** Panakhyda with general commemoration of the deceased is celebrated following the Ambon Prayer, beginning with the Tropar *So duchy pravednykh*. Following the "Amen" of the Exclamation, the celebrant returns to the ambon from which he imparts the Final Blessing and the Dismissal proper to the Divine Liturgy. Close with *Vichnaya Pam'yat*.

**Note:** In keeping with the ancient tradition of our church – still observed in Ukraine – Kolyvokutia may be blessed after the Ambon Prayer and distributed to the faithful following the Dismissal, in memory of the deceased. [See *Trebnyk* (Zhovkva Edition, 1926), p. 620.

#### Sunday, January 27 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Transfer of the Precious Relics of Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom.

Bright vestments. Blue vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel I.  
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); Tropar of the Transfer of the  
Relics of St. John; GLORY: Kondak of the Triod; NOW: Kon-  
dak of the Trasfer of St. John. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and  
Communion Hymn of Sunday.  
Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son:  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §135 [6:12-20].  
**Gospel:** Luke §79 [15:11-32].

**Христос Раждається!**



**Christ is Born!**