

February 2012

Sunday of Orthodoxy.

Our Father among the Saints Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza.
Tone 4. Matins Gospel IV.
Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of the Icons; Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion Hymn of the First Sunday and of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the Sunday of Orthodoxy:
Epistle: Hebrews §Mid-329 [11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2].
Gospel: John §5 [1:43-51].
In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Note: Three full prostration with the sinning 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 aliturgical 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, February 27

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius of Decapolis.

Tuesday, February 28

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius.

Wednesday, February 29

Our Venerable Father John Cassian.
Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Scripture readings for the Second Wednesday of Lent:
Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15-6:3.

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Thursday, March 1

The Holy Venerable Woman Martyr Eudokia.

Friday, March 2

The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrene.
Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Scripture readings for the 2nd Friday of Lent:
Genesis: 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1.

Saturday, March 3

Second Memorial Saturday

The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus.
Dark vestments. Services for the Second Memorial Saturday, including Typical Antiphons.
Scripture reading for the Second Memorial Saturday or for the Deceased:

Epistle: Hebrew §309 [3:12-16] (Saturday);
or 1 Thessalonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased).
Gospel: Mark §6 [1:35-44] (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 Pamyat*.

Note: In keeping with the ancient tradition of our church – still observed in Ukraine – *Kolyvo/kutia* 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, March 4 Second Sunday of Lent
Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas.**

Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan.
Tone 5. Matins Gospel V.
Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of Sunday and the Triod.
Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Lent:
Epistle: Hebrew §304 [1:10-2:3].
Gospel: Mark §7 [2:1-12].
In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 5

The Holy Martyr Canon.

Tuesday, March 6

The Forty-two Holy Martyrs of Ammorium.

Wednesday, March 7

The Holy Hieromartyrs, Bishops of Kherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and others. Passing of the Priest-Martyr Exarch Leonid Feodorov. The Holy Apostle Onesimus.
Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Scripture readings for the Third Wednesday of Lent:
Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Thursday, March 8

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact, Bishop of Nicomedia

Friday, March 9

Forty Holy Martyrs, Martyred on the lake in Sebaste.

Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Scripture readings for the Third Friday of Lent:
Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

Saturday, March 10 Third Memorial Saturday

The Holy Martyrs Condratus and those with him.
Dark vestments. Services for Saturday of the Third Memorial, including Typical Antiphons.

Reading for the Third Memorial Saturday or for the Deceased:
Epistle: Hebrew §325 [10:32-38] (Third Saturday); or 1 Thessalonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased).

Gospel: Mark § 8 [2:14-17] (Third Saturday); or
John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).

See Note for Saturday March 3.

**Sunday, March 11 Third Sunday of Lent
Veneration of the Precious Cross.**

Our Father among the Saints Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Note: Either during the Matins or prior to the Divine Liturgy, the decorated Cross is placed on the tetrapod for veneration (cf. *Dolnytskyj Typikon*, pp. 121-122, 362-364).

Tone 6. Matins Gospel VI.

Burgundy or dark vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the Triod (Third Sunday/Cross); Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; In place of *Svyatyj Bozhe* ..., take *Khrestu Tvojemu* ..., Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest take O Tebi radujetsja*, Communion Hymn of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the Third Sunday of Lent:

Epistle: Hebrews §311 [4:14-5:6].
Gospel: Mark §37 [8:34-9:1].

Note: Veneration of the precious Cross after the Liturgy today and after every service until Friday. Three full prostration with the sinning of *Khrestu Tvojemu* ... are made following every service during this week.

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 12

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of Sigria; and our Holy Father among the Saints Gregory of the Dialogues, Pope of Rome.

Tuesday, March 13

Translation of the Relics of Our Father among the Saints Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Wednesday, March 14 Mid-Lent

Our Venerable Father Benedict.
Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Readings for the Fourth Wednesday of Lent:
Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9.

Thursday, March 15

Holy Martyr Agapius and with Him Six Martyrs.

Friday, March 16

The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Pappas.
Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Scripture readings for the Fourth Friday of Lent:
Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:14-26.

**Saturday, March 17
Fourth Memorial Saturday**

Our Venerable Father Alexius, Man of God.
Dark vestments. Service for the Fourth Memorial Saturday, including Typical Antiphons. Scripture readings for the Fourth Saturday or for the deceased:

Epistle: Hebrew §313 [6:9-12] (Fourth Saturday or 1 Corinthians §163 [15:47-57] (Deceased).
Gospel: Mark §31 [7:31-37] (Fourth Saturday); or John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).

**Sunday, March 18 Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
The Venerable John Climacus.**

Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.
Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII.
Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); 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.

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Monday, March 19

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.

Tuesday, March 20

Our Venerable Fathers of St. Sabbas Monastery, martyred by the Saracens.

Wednesday, March 21

Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania.

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, March 22

Holy Hieromartyr Basil, priest of Ancyra.

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

Friday, March 23

The Holy Venerable Martyr Nikon and his students martyred with him.

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, March 24 Akathist Saturday
Preface of the Annunciation.**

Our Venerable Father Zachariah; Our Father among the Saints Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia.

Blue vestments. Typical Psalm. Tropar of the Akathist Saturday; Tropar of Preface of the Annunciation; GLORY: Kondak of the Akathist Saturday; NOW: Kondak of Preface of the Annunciation. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses & Communion hymn of the Akathist Saturday.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Saturday (Akathist Saturday)

Epistle: Hebrew §322 [9:24-28].
Gospel: Mark §35 [8:27-31].

Note: The prescribed Matins Office may be omitted and the Akathist sung by itself, in which case it is celebrated in an epitrahil and phelon at the altar with the holy doors open.

**Sunday, March 25 Fifth Sunday of Lent
THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.**

Tone 5. Matins Gospel VIII.

Blue vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of the Annunciation; Glory/Now: Kondak of the Annunciation; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of the Fifth Sunday and the Annunciation. Instead of *Dostojno yest take* the Immos of the Annunciation. Communion hymn of the Fifth Sunday and the Annunciation.

Scripture readings for the Annunciation:
Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].

Gospel: Luke §3 [1:24-38].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

