

November, 2011

Sunday, November 27 Twenty-Fourth Sunday

The Holy Martyr James the Persian; and our Venerable Father Palladius.
Bright vestments. Tone 7. Matins Gospel III.
Resurrection Service in Tone 7.
Scripture readings for Sunday:
Epistle: Ephesians [2:14-22] (24th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [13:10-17] (27th Week after Pentecost).

Monday, November 28

The Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger; and the Holy Martyr Irenarchus.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.
Scripture readings for Monday:
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians [1:1-10] (25th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [19:37-44] (28th Week after Pentecost).

Tuesday, November 29

The Holy Martyr Paramon; and the Holy Martyr Philomenus and his Companions; and our Venerable Father Acacius, who is mentioned in "The Ladder."
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.
Scripture readings for Tuesday:
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians [1:10-2:2] (25th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [19:45-48] (28th Week after Pentecost).

Wednesday, November 30

The Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew, the First-Called.
Bright vestments. Service for November 30.
Scripture readings from the Common for an Apostle:
Epistle: 1 Corinthians [4:9-16].
Gospel: John [1:35-51].

December, 2011

Thursday, December 1

The Holy Prophet Nahum.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.
Scripture readings for Thursday:
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians [2:13-3:5] (25th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [20:9-18] (28th Week after Pentecost).

Friday, December 2

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk.
Weekday Service for Friday.
Scripture readings for Friday:
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians [3:6-18] (25th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [20:19-26] (28th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, December 3

The Holy Prophet Sophonias.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.
Scripture readings for Saturday:
Epistle: Galatians [1:3:10] (25th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [12:32-40] (28th Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, December 4 Twenty-Fifth Sunday

The Holy Martyr Barbara; and our Venerable Father John Damascene.
Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel IV.
Resurrection Service in Tone 8.
Scripture readings for Sunday:
Epistle: Galatians [1:3:10] (25th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [12:32-40] (28th Week after Pentecost).

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, 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 [13:17-21].
Gospel: Luke [6:17-23].

Wednesday, December 7

Our Father among the Saints Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings for Wednesday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy [1:18-20; 2:8-15] (26th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [21:5-7; 10-11; 20-24] (29th Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, December 8

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

Friday, December 9

Our Venerable Father Patapius of Thebes.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.
Scripture readings for Friday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy [4:4-9] (26th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [21: 37-22:8] (29th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, December 10

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.
Scripture readings for Saturday:
Epistle: Galatians [3:8-12] (26th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [13:18-29] (29th Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, December 11 Twenty-Sixth Sunday

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors
Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite.
Bright vestments. Tone 1. Matins Gospel V.
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); Tropar of the Ancestors; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Ancestors. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Ancestors.
Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Ancestors:
Epistle: Colossians §257 [3:4-11].
Gospel: Luke §76 [14:16-24].

Monday, December 12

Our Venerable Father Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremitus.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.
Scripture readings for Monday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy [5:12-18] (27nd Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [14:25-32] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Tuesday, 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 [6:17-21].
Gospel: Luke [21:12-19].

Wednesday, December 14

The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Appolonius and Callinicus.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings for Wednesday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy [5:22-6:11] (27nd Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [8:30-34] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, December 15

The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; and Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra; and our Holy Father Stephen, Archbishop of Surozh, Confessor.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.
Scripture readings for Thursday:
Epistle: 1 Timothy [6:17-21] (27nd Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [9:10-16] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Friday, December 16

The Holy Prophet Haggai.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.
Scripture readings for Friday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy [1:1-2; 8-18] (27nd Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [9:33-41] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, December 17

The Holy Prophet Daniel; and the Three Holy Youths.
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.
Epistle: Galatians [5:22-6:2] (27nd Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Luke [14:1-11] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, December 18 Sunday before Christmas

The Holy Martyr Sebastian and his Companions.
Bright vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel VI.
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 [11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40].
Gospel: Matthew [1:1-25].

Monday, December 19

The Holy Martyr Boniface
Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.
Scripture readings for Monday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy [2:20-26] (28th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [9:42-10:1] (31st Week after Pentecost).

Tuesday, December 20 Prefeast of the Nativity

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 Tuesday.
Scripture readings for Tuesday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy [3:16-4:4] (28th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [10:2-12] (31st Week after Pentecost).

Wednesday, December 21 Prefeast of the Nativity

The Holy Martyr Julian.
Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Wednesday.
Scripture readings for Wednesday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy [4:9-22] (28th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [10:11-16] (31st Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, 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 Thursday.
Scripture readings for Thursday:
Epistle: Titus [1:5-2:1] (28th Week after Pentecost).
Gospel: Mark [10:17-27] (31st Week after Pentecost).

Friday, December 23

Note: Today is a day of abstinence (meat may not be eaten; but eggs and dairy products are permitted). The day of abstinence and fasting is transferred because the Vigil of Christmas falls on Saturday. The Royal Hours are celebrated today.

The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete.

Dark vestments.
In the morning: Royal Hours are celebrated today.

Saturday, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity

The Holy Venerable Martyr Eugenia.
Dark vestments.
In the morning:
The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom may be celebrated. Please follow the *Typikon* for the day.

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.

Sunday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Bright vestments. Festial Service for Nativity, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Immos. 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].

