

December, 2011

Sunday, 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 Imnos. Instead of Trisagion, take *"All those who have been baptized..."* Dismissal of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Nativity:

Epistle: Galatians [4:4-7].

Gospel: Matthew [2:1-12].

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

Monday, December 26

SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, Spouse of the Holy Theotokos, King David; James. Brother of the Lord according to the Flesh; 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 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 of the Feast:

Epistle: Hebrews [2:11-18].

Gospel: Matthew [2:13-23].

Tuesday, December 27 Postfeast of the Nativity

The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Branded.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 26.

Scripture readings of St. Stephen:

Epistle: Acts [6:8-15; 7:1-5 & 47-60].

Gospel: Mathew [21:33-42].

Wednesday, December 28 Postfeast of the Nativity

The Holy Twenty Thousand Martyrs Burned in Nicomedia.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 26.

Scripture readings for Wednesday:

Epistle: Hebrews [5:11-6:8] (29th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Mark [11:23-26] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, December 29 Postfeast of 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 26.

Scripture readings for Thursday:

Epistle: Hebrews [7:1-6] (29th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Mark [11:27-33] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Friday, December 30 Postfeast of the Nativity

The Holy Virgin Martyr Anysia; and Our Venerable Father Zoticus, presbyter and friend of orphans.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 26.

Scripture readings for Friday:

Epistle: Hebrews [7:18-25] (29th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Mark [12:1-12] (30th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, December 31 Leave-taking of the Nativity

Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman.

Note: New Year's Eve

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 26.

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 [6:11-16].

Gospel: Matthew [12:15-21].

January, 2012

Sunday, January 1

Sunday before the Enlightenment

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.

Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of Circumcision; Tropar of St. Basil; GLORY: Kondak of St. Basil; NOW: Kondak of Circumcision. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Sunday before the Theophany; Circumcision and of St. Basil. Instead of *"It is truly right..."* take *"In you O woman..."*

Scripture readings for the Circumcision:

Epistle: Colossians [2:8-12].

Gospel: Luke [2:20-21; 40-52].

Monday, 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 Monday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Monday:

Epistle: Hebrews [8:7-13].

Gospel: Mark [8:11-21].

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrews [9:8-10; 15-23].

Gospel: Mark [8:22-26].

Wednesday, January 4 Prefeast of Theophany

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

Bright vestments. Tropar of Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of Prefeast.

Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Wednesday:

Epistle: Hebrews [10:1-18].

Gospel: Mark [8:30-34].

Thursday, January 5 Vigil of Theophany

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

Note: Today is a day of fasting (meat may not be eaten; however, eggs and dairy products are permitted).

Early in the morning: Dark vestments. Royal Hours are celebrated.

In the afternoon: 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 [9:19-27].

Gospel: Luke [2:1-18].

After the Ambo Prayer: Great Blessing of Water.

In the evening: Great Compline with Litia.

Friday, January 6

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

Note: Holy day of obligation.

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

Scripture readings for Theophany:

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

Gospel: Matthew [3:13-17].

After the Ambo Prayer: Great Blessing of Water.

Saturday, 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 for the Saturday after the Enlightenment:

Epistle: Ephesians [6:10-17].

Gospel: Matthew [4:1-11].

Sunday, January 8 Sunday after the Enlightenment

Postfeast of Theophany.

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

Bright vestments. Tone 5. Matins Gospel VII.

Sunday Antiphons. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); 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 the Enlightenment:

Epistle: Ephesians [4:7-14].

Gospel: Matthew [4:12-17].

Monday, January 9 Postfeast of Theophany

The Holy Martyr Polyuctus of Melitene in Armenia.

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-First Monday:

Epistle: Hebrews [11:17-23].

Gospel: Mark [9:42-10:9].

Tuesday, January 10 Postfeast of Theophany

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

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday, January 9.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-First Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrews [12:25-26; 13:22-31].

Gospel: Mark [10:2-13].

Wednesday, 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 Imnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the Saint:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians [4:6-15].

Gospel: Matthew [11:27-30].

Thursday, January 12 Postfeast of Theophany

The Holy Martyr Tatiana, Deaconess.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 9.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-First Thursday:

Epistle: James [1:19-27].

Gospel: Mark [10:17-27].

Friday, January 13 Postfeast of Theophany

The Holy Martyrs Hemyalus and Stratonikus.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 9.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-First Friday:

Epistle: James [2:1-13].

Gospel: Mark [10:23-32].

Saturday, January 14

Leave-taking of Enlightenment

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 9.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-First Saturday:

Epistle: Colossians [1:3-6].

Gospel: Luke [16:10-15].

Sunday, January 15

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

Bright vestments. Tone 6. Matins Gospel IX.

Resurrection Service in Tone 6.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-First Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Timothy [1:15-17].

Gospel: Luke [18:32-42].

Monday, January 16

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

Civil Holiday: Martin Luther King's Birthday

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Second Monday:

Epistle: James [2:14-26].

Gospel: Mark [10:46-52].

Tuesday, January 17

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great.

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

Scripture readings of St. Anthony:

Epistle: Hebrews [13:17-21].

Gospel: Luke [6:17-23].

Wednesday, January 18

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

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Second Wednesday:

Epistle: James [3:11-4:6].

Gospel: Mark [11:23-26].

Thursday, January 19

Our Venerable Father Macarius, the Egyptian.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Second Thursday:

Epistle: James [4:7-5:9].

Gospel: Mark [11:27-33].

Friday, January 20

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great.

Bright vestments. Service for January 20.

Scripture readings from Common for a Venerable:

Epistle: Hebrews [13:17-21].

Gospel: Luke [6:17-23].

Saturday, January 21

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor, the Holy Martyr Neophyte; and the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Second Saturday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians [5:14-23].

Gospel: Luke [17:3-10].

Sunday, January 22 Sunday of the Zaccheus

Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostle Timothy; and the Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasius the Persian.

Bright vestments. Tone 7. Matins Gospel X.

Resurrection Service in Tone 7.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Second Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Timothy [4:9-15].

Gospel: Luke [19:1-10].

Monday, January 23

The Holy Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra; and the Holy Martyr Agathangel.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Third Monday:

Epistle: 1 Peter [2:21-3:9].

Gospel: Mark [12:13-17].

Tuesday, January 24

Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman; the Holy Martyrs of Pidlashia; Blessed Vincentius Lewoniuk and his companions.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Third Tuesday:

Epistle: 1 Peter [3:10-22].

Gospel: Mark [12:18-27].

Wednesday, 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 [12:7-11] (St. Gregory).

Gospel: John [10:9-16] (Holy Fathers).

Thursday, January 26

Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Mary.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Third Thursday:

Epistle: 1 Peter [4:12-5:5].

Gospel: Mark [12:38-44].

Friday, January 27

Transfer of the Precious Relics of Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom.

Bright vestments. Tropars for January 27; balance of the service from Common for a Hierarch.

Scripture readings for a Hierarch:

Epistle: Hebrew [7:26-8:2].

Gospel: John [10:9-16].

Saturday, January 28

Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-Third Saturday:

Epistle: 2 Timothy [2:11-19].

Gospel: Luke [18:2-8].

Sunday, January 29

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Transfer of the Relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch.

Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel XI.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); GLORY: Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee;

NOW: Resurrection Kondak; Balance, Resurrection service from Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Publican and Pharisee:

Epistle: 2 Timothy [3:10-15].

Gospel: Luke [18:10-14].

Note: There is no fasting this week.