

December, 2010

Sunday, December 26 Sunday after the Nativity 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. Tone 6. Matins Gospel IX. 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].

Note: When the feast of the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos falls on the Sunday after the Nativity please follow Dolnitskyj *Typik* pp. 181-183.

Note: Bright vestments daily through January 19.

Monday, 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 Immos 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].

Tuesday, 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 Immos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal. Scripture readings of the 32nd Tuesday: **Epistle:** James §54 [3:1-10]. **Gospel:** Mark §50 [11:11-23].

Wednesday, 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 28. Scripture readings of the 32nd Wednesday: **Epistle:** James §55 [3:11-4:6]. **Gospel:** Mark §51 [11:23-26].

Thursday, 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 28. Scripture readings of the 32nd Thursday: **Epistle:** James §56 [4:7-5:9]. **Gospel:** Mark §52 [11:27-33].

Friday, 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 of the 32nd Friday: **Epistle:** 1 Peter §58 [1:1-2; 10:12; 2:6-10]. **Gospel:** Mark §53 [12:1-12].

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Saturday, January 1 Saturday 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. 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].

Sunday, January 2 Sunday before the Enlightenment Prefeast of Theophany.

Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome. Bright vestments. Tone 7. Matins Gospel X. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); Tropar of Prefeast; GLORY: Resurrection Kondak; NOW: Kondak of Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Sunday. Scripture readings of the Sunday before Theophany: **Epistle:** 2 Timothy §298 [4:5-8]. **Gospel:** Mark §1 [1:1-8].

Monday, 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 Monday. Scripture readings of the 28th Monday: **Epistle:** 2 Timothy §294 [2:20-26]. **Gospel:** Luke §97 [19:37-44].

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday. Scripture readings of the 28th Tuesday: **Epistle:** 2 Timothy §297 [3:16-4:4]. **Gospel:** Luke §98 [19:45-48].

Wednesday, 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 §143 [9:19-27]. **Gospel:** Luke §9 [2:1-18]. **After the Ambo Prayer:** Great Blessing of Water. **In the evening:** Great Compline with Lita.

Thursday, 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 Immos. 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.

Friday, January 7 Postfeast of Theophany The Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer John.

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. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Immos of the Feast. Scripture readings of St. John the Baptist: **Epistle:** Acts §42 [19:1-8]. **Gospel:** John §3 [1:29-34].

Saturday, January 8 Saturday after the Enlightenment Postfeast of Theophany.

Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite; Our Venerable Mother Domnica; and the Holy Confessor Emilian. 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 Immos of the Feast. Scripture readings for the Saturday after the Enlightenment: **Epistle:** Ephesians §233 [6:10-17]. **Gospel:** Matthew §7 [4:1-11].

Sunday, January 9 Sunday after the Enlightenment Postfeast of Theophany.

The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia. Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel XI.

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 the Enlightenment:

Epistle: Ephesians §Mid-225 [4:7-13]. **Gospel:** Matthew §8 [4:12-17].

Monday, 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. 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 Immos of the Feast. Scripture readings of the 29th Monday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §308 [3:5-11; 17-19]. **Gospel:** Luke §102 [20:27-44].

Tuesday, January 11 Postfeast of Theophany

Our Venerable Father Theodosius. 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 Immos of the Feast. Scripture readings of the Saint: **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15]. **Gospel:** Matthew §43 [11:27-30].

Wednesday, January 12 Postfeast of Theophany

The Holy Martyr Tatiana. Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 10. Scripture readings of the 29th Wednesday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §312 [5:11-6:8]. **Gospel:** Luke §104 [21:5-7; 10-11; 20-24].

Thursday, January 13 Postfeast of Theophany

The Holy Martyrs Hermylas and Stratonicus. Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 10. Scripture readings of the 29th Thursday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §315 [7:1-6]. **Gospel:** Luke §107 [21:28-33].

Friday, 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 10. Scripture readings of the 29th Friday: **Epistle:** Hebrew §317 [7:18-25]. **Gospel:** Luke §108 [21:37-22:8].

Saturday, January 15

Our Venerable Father Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday. Scripture readings of the 29th Saturday: **Epistle:** Ephesians §Mid-220 [2:11-13]. **Gospel:** Luke §72 [13:18-29].

Sunday, January 16

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Peter. Bright vestments. Tone 1. Matins Gospel I. Resurrection Service in Tone 1. Scripture readings of the 29th Sunday: **Epistle:** Colossians §257 [3:4-11]. **Gospel:** Luke §85 [17-12-19].

Monday, January 17

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great. **Civil Holiday:** Martin Luther King Day. Bright vestments. Service for January 17 (St. Anthony). Scripture readings of St. Anthony: **Epistle:** Hebrews §335 [13:17-21]. **Gospel:** Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Tuesday, January 18

Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday. Scripture readings of the 30th Tuesday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §321 [9:8-10; 15-23]. **Gospel:** Mark §34 [8:22-26].

Wednesday, January 19

Our Venerable Father Macarius, the Egyptian. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday. Scripture readings of the 30th Wednesday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §323 [10:1-18]. **Gospel:** Mark §36 [8:30-34].

Thursday, 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 §335 [13:17-21]. **Gospel:** Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Friday, January 21

Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor, the Holy Martyr Neophyte; and the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Friday. Scripture readings of the 30th Friday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §327 [11:8; 11-16]. **Gospel:** Mark §41 [9:33-41].

Saturday, January 22

The Holy Apostle Timothy and the Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasius the Persian. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday. Scripture readings of the 30th Saturday: **Epistle:** Ephesians §228 [5:1-8]. **Gospel:** Luke §74 [14:1-11].

Sunday, January 23

The Holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; and the Holy Martyr Agathangel. Bright vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel II. Resurrection Service in Tone 2. Scripture readings of the 30th Sunday: **Epistle:** Colossians §258 [3:12-16]. **Gospel:** Luke §91 [18:18-27].

Monday, January 24

Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman; the Holy Martyrs of Pidlashia; Blessed Vincentius Lewoniuk and his companions. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Monday. Scripture readings of the 31st Monday: **Epistle:** Hebrews §329 [11:17-23; 27-31]. **Gospel:** Mark §42 [9:42-10:1].

Tuesday, 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).

Wednesday, January 26

Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Mary. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday. Scripture readings of the 31st Wednesday: **Epistle:** James §50 [1:1-18]. **Gospel:** Mark §44 [10:11-16].

Thursday, 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 §318 [7:26-8:2]. **Gospel:** John §36 [10:9-16].

Friday, January 28

Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Friday. Scripture readings of the 31st Friday: **Epistle:** James §52 [2:1-13]. **Gospel:** Mark §46 [10: 23-32].

Saturday, January 29

Transfer of the Relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch. Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday. Scripture readings of the 31st Saturday: **Epistle:** Colossians §31 [1:3-6]. **Gospel:** Luke §81 [16:10-15].

Sunday, January 30

Three Holy Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; and the Holy Hieromartyr Hippolytus. Bright vestments. Tone 3. Matins Gospel III. Resurrection Tropar; Tropar of the Saints; GLORY: Kondak of the Saints; NOW: Resurrection Kondak. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Saints. Scripture readings of the 31st Sunday: **Epistle:** 1 Timothy §31 [1:15-17]. **Gospel:** Luke §93 [18: 35-43].