

October, 2011**Sunday, October 23 Nineteenth Sunday**

The Holy Apostle James, brother of the Lord in the Flesh.

Bright vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel IX.

Resurrection Service in Tone 2.

Scripture readings for Sunday:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §194 [11:31-12:9] (19th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §83 [16:19-31] (22nd Week after Pentecost).

Monday, October 24

The Holy Martyrs Arethas and those with him.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.

Scripture readings for Monday:

Epistle: Philippians §241 [2:12-16] (20th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §52 [10:22-24] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Tuesday, October 25

The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcan and Martyrus.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday.

Scripture readings for Tuesday:

Epistle: Philippians §242 [2:16-23] (20th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §55 [11:1-10] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Wednesday, October 26

The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius, Aflaw with Myrrh; and Commemoration of the Great and Terrible Earthquake [Constantinople, 740].

Dark vestments. Service for October 26.

Scripture readings from the Common for a Martyr:

Epistle: 2 Timothy §292 [2:1-10].

Gospel: John §52 [15:17-16:2].

Thursday, October 27

The Holy Martyr Nestor; and the Holy Martyrs Capitolina and her handmaid Eroteis.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.

Scripture readings for Thursday:

Epistle: Philippians §244 [3:1-8] (20th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §57 [11:14-23] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Friday, October 28

The Holy Martyr Paraskevia of Ikonium and the Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonilia; and Our Venerable Father Stephen the Sabbate, composer of the Cannons.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.

Scripture readings for Friday:

Epistle: Philippians §245 [3:8-19] (20th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §58 [11:23-26] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, October 29

The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia the Roman, and the Passing of Our Venerable Father Archimandrite Abraham, wonderworker of Rostov.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.

Scripture readings for Saturday:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §168 [1:8-11] (20th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §36 [8:16-21] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, October 30 Twentieth Sunday

The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and Zenobia, his sister.

Bright vestments. Tone 3. Matins Gospel X.

Resurrection Service in Tone 3.

Scripture readings for Sunday:

Epistle: Galatians §200 [1:11-19] (20th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §38 [8:26-39] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Monday, October 31

The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplus and those with them, and the Holy Martyr Epimachus.

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Monday.

Scripture readings for Monday:

Epistle: Philippians §248 [4:10-23] (21st Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §59 [11:29-33] (24th Week after Pentecost).

November, 2011**Tuesday, November 1**

The Holy Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian; and the Servant of God Theodore Romzha, bishop of Mukachevo Eparchy.

Bright vestments. Service for Holy Healers.

Scripture readings for the Holy Healers:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §153 [12:27-13:8].

Gospel: Matthew §Mid-34 [10:1-8].

Wednesday, November 2

The Holy Martyrs Acindrus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, and Anempodictus.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings for Wednesday:

Epistle: Colossians §251 [1:18-23] (21st Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §61 [11:42-46] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, November 3

The Holy Martyrs Acepimas, bishop, and Joseph, priest, and Aithalas, deacon.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.

Scripture readings for Thursday:

Epistle: Colossians §252 [1:24-29] (21st Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §62 [11:42-46] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Friday, November 4

Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great, and the Holy Martyr Nicander, bishop of Myra; and Hermaeus, priest.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.

Scripture readings for Friday:

Epistle: Colossians §253 [2:1-7] (21st Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §63 [12:2-12] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, November 5

The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episterna.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.

Scripture readings for Saturday:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §174 [3:12-18] (21st Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §40 [9:1-6] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, November 6 Twenty-First Sunday

Our Venerable Father Among the Saints Paul, archbishop of Constantinople, confessor.

Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel XI.

Resurrection Service in Tone 4.

Scripture readings for Sunday:

Epistle: Galatians §203 [2:16-20] (21st Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §39 [8:41-56] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Monday, November 7

The Holy Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene, and Our Venerable Father Wonderworker Lazarus, hermit of Mount Galesius.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Monday.

Scripture readings for Monday:

Epistle: Colossians §255 [2:13-20] (22nd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §65 [12:13-15; 22-31] (25th Week after Pentecost).

Tuesday, November 8

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Incorporeal Powers.

Bright vestments. Service for November 8.

Scripture readings for November 8:

Epistle: Hebrews §305 [2:2-10].

Gospel: Luke §51 [10:16-21].

Wednesday, November 9

The Holy Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyry, and Our Venerable Mother Matrona; and the Venerable Theodotia of Lesbos.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings for Wednesday:

Epistle: Colossians §259 [3:17-4:1] (22nd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §69 [12:48-59] (25th Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, November 10

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, and those with them.

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Thursday.

Scripture readings for Thursday:

Epistle: Colossians §260 [4:2-9] (22nd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §69 [12:48-59] (25th Week after Pentecost).

Friday, November 11

The Holy Martyrs Mennas, Victor, and Vincent, and the Holy Martyr Stephanida, and Our Venerable Father Confessor Theodore the Studite.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.

Scripture readings for Friday:

Epistle: Colossians §261 [4:10-18] (22nd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §70 [13:1-9] (25th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, November 12

Our Father Among the Saints John the Almsgiver, patriarch of Alexandria; and our Venerable Father Nilus; and the Holy Hieromartyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.

Bright vestments. Service for November 12 (St. Josaphat).

Scripture readings from Common for a Bishop:

Epistle: Hebrews §311 [4:14-5:10].

Gospel: John §36 [10:9-16].

Sunday, November 13 Twenty-Second Sunday

Our Father Among the Saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Bright vestments. Tone 5. Matins Gospel I.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); Tropar of St. John Chrysostom; GLORY: Kondak of St. John Chrysostom; NOW: Resurrection Kondak. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and St. John Chrysostom. Scripture readings for Sunday:

Epistle: Galatians §215 [6:11-18] (22nd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §53 [10:25-37] (25th Week after Pentecost).

Monday, November 14

The Holy and All-Praised Apostle Philip.

Bright vestments. Service for October 18.

Scripture readings for St. Philip:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §131 [4:9-16].

Gospel: John §5 [1:43-51].

Tuesday, November 15

The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Tuesday

Scripture readings for Tuesday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §263 [1:6-10] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §77 [14:25-35] (26th Week after Pentecost).

Note: Philip's Fast (Pytypivka), the pre-Christmas fast which begins today – the day after the feast of St. Philip – is a 40 days period of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the Nativity/Theophany cycle of the church year. It was once a period of strict fasting which has now been abrogated in favor of voluntary fasting and works of penance. Dark vestments are the norm for this penitential season with exception of Saturdays, Sundays and feasts of the first class.

Wednesday, November 16

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Bright vestments. Service for November 16 (St. Mathews).

Scripture readings from the Common fir an Apostle:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §131 [4:9-16].

Gospel: Matthew §30 [9:9-13].

Thursday, November 17

Our Holy Father Among the Saints Gregory, wonderworker, bishop of Neocaesaria.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Wednesday

Scripture readings for Thursday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §265 [2:9-14] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §80 [16:1-9] (26th Week after Pentecost).

Friday, November 18

The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.

Scripture readings for Friday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §266 [2:14-19] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §82 [16:15-18; 14:1-4] (26th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, November 19

The Holy Prophet Obadiah; and the Holy Martyr Barlaam.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.

Scripture readings for Saturday:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §185 [8:1-5] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §49 [9:57-62] (26th Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, November 20 Twenty-Third Sunday

Pre-Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of the Most Holy Mother of God, and Our Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis; and Our Father Among the Saints Procopius, archbishop of Constantinople, and Blessed Josaphata Hordashevka.

Bright vestments. Tone 6. Matins Gospel II.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of Pre-feast; GLORY: Resurrection Kondak; NOW: Kondak of Pre-feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday.

Scripture readings for Sunday:

Epistle: Ephesians §220 [2:4-10] (23rd Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §66 [12:16-21] (26th Week after Pentecost).

Monday, November 21

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

Blue vestments. Service for November 21.

Scripture readings for the Feast:

Epistle: Hebrew §320 [9:1-7].

Gospel: Luke §54 [10:38-42; 11:27-28].

Tuesday, November 22

The Holy Apostle Philemon and companions.

Blue vestments. Service for November 21, including proper himnos.

Scripture readings for Tuesday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §268 [3:9-13] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §87 [17:26-37] (27th Week after Pentecost).

Wednesday, November 23

Our Father Among the Saints Amphilocius, bishop of Iconium; and Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum.

Blue vestments. Service for November 21, including proper himnos.

Scripture readings for Wednesday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §269 [4:1-12] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §90 [18:15-17; 26-30] (27th Week after Pentecost).

Thursday, November 24

Our Holy Father Among the Saints Gregory, wonderworker, bishop of Neocaesaria.

Civil Holiday: Thanksgiving Day.

Blue vestments. Service for November 21, including proper himnos.

Scripture readings for Thursday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §271 [5:1-8] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §92 [18:31-34] (27th Week after Pentecost).

For a Thanksgiving Day Liturgy:

Propers for Thanksgiving. Including Thanksgiving petitions in the Ektenia. The Prayer of Thansgiving (cf. Molytvennyk) may be said after the Ambo Prayer.

Scripture readings for a Thanksgiving Day:

Epistle: Ephesians §229 [5:9-21].

Gospel: Luke §85 [17:12-19].

Friday, November 25 Final Day of Presentation

The Holy Martyr Clement, pope of Rome; and the Holy Martyr Peter, archbishop of Alexandria.

Blue vestments. Service for November 21, including proper himnos.

Scripture readings for Friday:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians §272 [5:9:13; 24-28] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke §95 [19:12-28] (27th Week after Pentecost).

Saturday, November 26

Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite; and Dedication of the Church of the Great Martyr George, before the Gates of St. Sophia in Kiev.

Dark vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.

Scripture readings for Saturday:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians § 191 [11:1-6] (24th Week after Pentecost).

Gospel: Luke § 51 [10:19-21] (27th Week after Pentecost).

Sunday, November 27**Twenty-fourth Sunday**

The Holy Martyr James the Persian; and Our Venerable Father Paladius.

Bright vestments. Tone 7. Matins Gospel III.