

April, 2013

Sunday, April 28

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

Apostle Jason, and Sospater. The Holy Martyrs Dada, Maximus and Quintilian; Our Father among the Saints Cyril, bishop of Turov.

Paschal Order. Service for Sunday of the Samaritan Women. Matins Gospel VII.

Sunday Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of the Feast; Glory: Kondak of the Samaritan Woman; Now: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, and Alleluia verses of Sunday only. Communion hymn of Pascha and of Sunday. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha. Paschal Dismissal with the Cross.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §28 [11:19-26, 29-30].

Gospel: John §12 [4:5-42].

Monday, April 29

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

The Nine Martyrs of Cyzica. Venerable Memnon, wonderworker.

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* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Monday:

Epistle: Acts §30 [12:12-17].

Gospel: John §32 [8:42-51].

Tuesday, April 30

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

Apostle James, Brother of St. John the Theologian.

Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of St. James; Glory: Kondak of St. James; Now: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Feast and the Saint. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for Saint James:

Epistle: Acts §29 [12:1-11].

Gospel: Luke §17 [5:1-11].

May, 2013

Wednesday, May 1

Apodosis of Mid-Pentecost

The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of Blessed Clement Shephthysky.

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* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Wednesday:

Epistle: Acts §32 [13:13-24].

Gospel: John §18 [6:5-14].

Thursday, May 2

Our Father among the Saints Athanasius the Great.

Paschal Order. Sunday Tropar (Tone 4); Glory: Kondak of the Samaritan Woman; Now: Kondak of the Pascha. Prokimen, and Alleluia verses of Communion hymn of the Samaritan Women. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Thursday:

Epistle: Acts §35 [14:20-15:4].

Gospel: John §35 [9:39-10:9].

Friday, May 3

The Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura. **The Death of Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Abbot of the Monastery of Caves and initiator of the Common life.**

Sunday Tropar (Tone 4); Tropar of St. Theodosius; Glory: Kondak of St. Theodosius; Now: Kondak of the Pascha. Prokimen, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Samaritan Women and the Saint. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for Saint Theodosius:

Epistle: Hebrew §334 [13:7-16].

Gospel: Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Saturday, May 4

The Holy Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus.

Paschal Order. Sunday Tropar (Tone 4); Glory: Kondak of the Samaritan Woman; Now: Kondak of the Pascha. Prokimen, and Alleluia verses of Communion hymn of the Samaritan Women. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings of the Fifth Saturday:

Epistle: Acts §37 [15:35-41].

Gospel: John §38 [10:27-38].

Sunday, May 5 Sunday of the Man Born Blind

The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene. Our Venerable Father Nicephorus, Hegumen of the Medicium monastery.

Paschal Order. Sunday of the Man Born Blind. Matins Gospel VIII.

Sunday Tropar (Tone 5); Glory: Kondak of the Man Born Blind; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokimen and Alleluia verses of the Man Born Blind. Communion hymn of Pascha and of Sunday.

Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha. Paschal Dismissal with the Cross.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §38 [16:16-34].

Gospel: John §34 [9:1-38].

Monday, May 6

The Holy and Righteous Job the Much-suffering.

Paschal Order. Sunday Tropar (Tone 5); Glory: Kondak of the Man Born Blind; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokimen and Alleluia verses of the Man Born Blind. Communion hymn of Pascha and of Sunday. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Monday:

Epistle: Acts §39 [17:1-15].

Gospel: John §40 [11:47-56].

Tuesday, May 7

Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Holy Cross; the Holy Martyr Acacius the Centurion.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Tuesday:

Epistle: Acts §40 [17:19-28].

Gospel: John §42 [12:19-36].

Wednesday, May 8 Apodosis of Pascha.

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Paschal Order. Sunday Tropar (Tone 5); Tropar of St. John; Glory: Kondak of St. John; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokimen and Alleluia verses of the Man Born Blind; Communion hymn of Pascha and of St. John. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of Pascha. Paschal Dismissal with the Cross.

Scripture readings for St. John the Apostle:

Epistle: 1 John §68 [1:1-7].

Gospel: John §61 [19:25-27; 21:24-25].

Note: Following the Liturgy, the Shroud is removed from the altar and taken to its usual place.

In the Evening: Vespers with Vigil.

Thursday, May 9

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

The Holy Prophet Isaiah; the Holy Martyr Christopher, Translation of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicholas from Myra to Bari.

Note: Holy day of obligation.

Festal Service for Ascension, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Immos. Instead of *We have seen the true light...*, and *May our mouths be filled...* – *Be exalted, O God, above the Heavens* (until Apodosis of Ascension).

Scripture readings for the Feast:

Epistle: Acts §1 [1:1-12].

Gospel: Luke §114 [24:36-53].

Note: The prayer *Heavenly King...* is not said until Pentecost.

After Liturgy: Anointing of the faithful and distribution of prosfora.

Friday, May 10 Post-Feast of Ascension.

Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.

First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon and Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Feast. Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of St. Simeon; Glory: Kondak of St. Simeon; Now: Kondak of the Feast; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion hymn of the Feast and of the Saint.

Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Saint:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §131 [4:9-16].

Gospel: Matthew §56 [13:54-58].

Saturday, May 11 Post-Feast of Ascension.

Holy Apostles Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs.

First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon and Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Feast. Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of Saints Cyril & Methodius; Glory: Kondak of Saints Cyril & Methodius; Now: Kondak of the Feast; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion hymn of the Feast and of the Saints.

Scripture readings for the Saints:

Epistle: Hebrew §335 [13:17-21].

Gospel: John §36 [10:9-16].

Sunday, May 12 Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Mothers' Day

Post-Feast of Ascension

Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Syprus, and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Bright vestments. Tone 6. Sunday Antiphons. Sunday Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of the Fathers; Glory: Kondak of the Fathers; Now: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen and Alleluia verses of the Fathers. Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the Fathers. Instead of *It is truly right* – Immos of the Feast. Sunday Dismissal.

Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Fathers:

Epistle: Acts §44 [20:16-18, 28-36].

Gospel: John §56 [17:1-13].

Monday, May 13 Post-Feast of Ascension

The Holy Martyr Glyceria.

First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon and Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Feast. 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* – Immos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Seventh Monday:

Epistle: Acts §45 [21:8-14].

Gospel: John §49 [14:27-15:7].

Tuesday, May 14 Post-Feast of Ascension

The Holy Martyr Isidore.

Follow the *Typikon* for the Post Feast of Ascension.

Scripture readings for the Seventh Tuesday:

Epistle: Acts §46 [21:26-32].

Gospel: John §53 [16:2-13].

Wednesday, May 15 Post-Feast of Ascension

Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great.

Follow the *Typikon* for the Post Feast of Ascension.

Scripture readings for the Seventh Wednesday:

Epistle: Acts §47 [23:1-11].

Gospel: John §54 [16:15-23].

Thursday, May 16 Post-Feast of Ascension

Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Pachomius.

Follow the *Typikon* for the Post Feast of Ascension.

Scripture readings for the Seventh Thursday:

Epistle: Acts §48 [25:13-19].

Gospel: John §55 [16:23-33].

Friday, May 17 Apodosis of Ascension

The Holy Apostles Andronicus and others with him.

Follow the *Typikon* for the Post Feast of Ascension.

Scripture readings for the Seventh Friday:

Epistle: Acts §50 [27:1-44].

Gospel: John §57 [17:18-26].

Saturday, May 18 Fifth All Souls Saturday

The Holy Martyrs Theodotus of Ancyra; and the Holy Martyrs Peter and Dionisius, and others with him.

Dark vestments. Services for the Fifth All Souls Saturday, including Typical Antiphons.

Reading for the Fifth All Souls Saturday or for the Deceased:

Epistle: Acts §51 [28:1-31] (Saturday); or

1 Thessalonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased).

Gospel: John §67 [21:15-25] (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 Pam'yat*.

Note: In keeping with the ancient tradition of our church – still observed in Ukraine – *Kolyvokutia* 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].

In the Evening: Vespers with Vigil.

Sunday, May 19

DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PENTECOST).

Note: There is no fasting this week.

Green Vestments (throughout the week).

Festal Service for Pentecost, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Immos. Instead of Trisagion – *All you who have been baptized* (this day only).

Scripture readings for the Pentecost Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §3 [2:1-11].

Gospel: John §27 [7:37-52; 8:12].

After the Liturgy: Anointing of the faithful and distribution of prosfora.

Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers.

Monday, May 20 Pentecost Monday

The Holy Martyr Thalateus.

Green vestments. After *Blessed is the Kingdom...*, sing *Heavenly King* while kneeling before the altar. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with refrain of the Second Antiphon of Pentecost, *O Gracious Comforter save us who sing to You. Alleluia*. Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Pentecost Monday. 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* –

Imos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of Pentecost Monday:

Epistle: Ephesians §229 [5:8b-19].

Gospel: Matthew §75 [18:10-20].

Tuesday, May 21

The Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother, Helen, Equals to the Apostles.

Green vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with refrain of the Second Antiphon of Pentecost, *O Gracious Comforter save us who sing to You. Alleluia.* Tropar of Pentecost; Tropar of the Saints; Glory: Kondak of the Saints; Now Kondak of Pentecost; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Pentecost and of the Saints. Instead of *It is truly right* – Imos of the Feast.

Readings for the Saints:

Epistle: Acts §49 [26:1-5; 12-20].

Gospel: John §Mid-35 [10:1-9].

Wednesday, May 22

The Holy Martyr Basiliscus.

Green vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with refrain of the Second Antiphon of Pentecost, *O Gracious Comforter save us who sing to You. Alleluia.* Tropar of Pentecost; Glory/Now Kondak of Pentecost; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Pentecost. Instead of *It is truly right* – Imos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the First Wednesday:

Epistle: Romans §80 [1:18-27].

Gospel: Matthew §12 [5:20-26].

Thursday, May 23

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, bishop of Synada, the Venerable Euphrosyne of Polotsk, Hegumena of the Monastery of the Holy Savior.

Green vestments. Follow the *Typikon* for the Postfeast of Pentecost.

Scripture readings of the First Thursday:

Epistle: Romans §81 [1:28-2:9].

Gospel: Matthew §13 [5:27-32].

Friday, May 24

Our Venerable Father Simeon of Wondrous Mountain; and Our Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite, Wonderworker of Perejaslav. Green vestments. Follow the *Typikon* for the Postfeast of Pentecost.

Scripture readings of the First Friday:

Epistle: Romans §82 [2:14-29].

Gospel: Matthew §14 [5:33-41].

Saturday, May 25

Leave-Taking of Pentecost

The Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer of Our Lord, John. Green vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon with refrain of the Second Antiphon of Pentecost, *O Gracious Comforter save us who sing to You. Alleluia.* Tropar of Pentecost; Tropar of the Third Finding; Glory: Kondak of the Third Finding; Now Kondak of Pentecost; Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Pentecost and of the Feast and of the Third Finding. Instead of *It is truly right* – Imos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15].

Gospel: Matthew §40 [11:2-15].

Sunday, May 26

The Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy.

Bright vestments. Tone 8. Matins Gospel I.

Typical Antiphons and Beattitudes. Resurrection Tropar Tone 8; Tropar of All Saints; Glory/Now: Kondak of All Saints. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of All Saints.

Scripture readings of the First Sunday:

Epistle: Hebrew §330 [11:38-12:2a].

Gospel: Matthew §38 [10:32-33; 37-38; & 19: 27-30].

