

December, 2013

Sunday, December 29 **Sunday after the Nativity Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, King David; James. Brother of the Lord according to the Flesh;** 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. Tone 7. Matins Gospel X. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); 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].

Monday, December 30 **Postfeast of the Nativity**

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

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 Himnos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Monday:

Epistle: 2 Timothy §294 [2:20-26].

Gospel: Luke §97 [19:37-44].

Tuesday, December 31**Leave-taking of the Nativity**

Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman.

Note: New Year's Eve.

Bright vestments.

Follow *Typikon* for December 30.

Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Tuesday:

Epistle: 2 Timothy §297 [3:16-4:4].

Gospel: Luke §98 [19:45-48].

JANUARY, 2014**Wednesday, January 1**

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].

Thursday, 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 Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Twentieth-eight Thursday:

Epistle: Titus §300 [1:5-2:1].

Gospel: Luke §100 [20:9-18].

Friday, January 3

The Holy Prophet Malachi; and the Holy Martyr Gordius.

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

The celebration of Royal Hours is transferred to this day because the Vigil of Theophany is on Saturday.

Saturday, January 4**Saturday before the Enlightenment**

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 Saturday.

Scripture readings of the Saturday before the Enlightenment:

Epistle: 1 Timothy § 284 [3:14-4:5].

Gospel: Matthew § 5 [3:1-11].

Sunday, January 5 **Vigil of Theophany**

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

In the morning: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated. Tropar of Vigil of Theophany GLORY/NOW: Kondak of Vigil of Theophany. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of Vigil of Theophany. Instead of "It is truly right..." take "In you, O woman full of grace..."

Scripture readings for the Vigil of Theophany:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians § Mid-143 [10:1-4].

Gospel: Luke § 5 [3:1-18].

In the late afternoon: Vespers with the Great Blessing of Water. (See *Dolnytskyj Typikon* p. 195-198).

In the evening: Great Compline with Lita.

Monday, January 6

Note: Holy day of obligation.

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**OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST.**

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

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 §302 [2:11-14; 3:4-7].

Gospel: Matthew §6 [3:13-17].

After the Ambo Prayer: Great Blessing of Water.

Tuesday, 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 and the Feast. Instead of "It is truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of St. John the Baptist:

Epistle: Acts § 42 [19:1-8].

Gospel: John §3 [1:29-34].

Wednesday, January 8 **Postfeast of Theophany**

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

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 Himnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the Twentieth-ninth Wednesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §312 [5:11-6:8].

Gospel: Luke §104 [21:5-7; 10-11; 20-24].

Thursday, January 9 **Postfeast of Theophany**

The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for January 8.

Scripture readings of the Twentieth-ninth Thursday:

Epistle: Hebrews §315 [7:1-6].

Gospel: Luke §107 [21:28-33].

Friday, 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 January 8.

Scripture readings of the Twentieth-ninth Friday:

Epistle: Hebrews §317 [7:18-25].

Gospel: Luke §108 [21:37-22:8].

Saturday, January 11 **Saturday after 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 Himnos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Saturday after Theophany:

Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].

Gospel: Matthew §7 [4:1-11].

Sunday, January 12 **Sunday after Theophany**

The Holy Martyr Tatiana, Deaconess.

Bright vestments. Tone 1. Matins Gospel VII.

Sunday Antiphons. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); 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 Theophany:

Epistle: Ephesians §Mid-225 [4:7-13].

Gospel: Matthew §8 [4:12-17].

Monday, January 13 **Postfeast of Theophany**

The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikus.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for Monday January 8.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Monday:

Epistle: Hebrews §319 [8:7-13].

Gospel: Mark §33 [8:11-21].

Tuesday, January 14**Leave-taking of Theophany**

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 8.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §321 [9:8-10; 15-23].

Gospel: Mark §34 [8:22-26].

Wednesday, January 15

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

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Wednesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §323 [10:1-18].

Gospel: Mark §36 [8:30-34].

Thursday, January 16

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

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Thursday:

Epistle: Hebrews §326 [10:35-11:7].

Gospel: Mark §39 [9:10-16].

Friday, 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 §335 [13:17-21].

Gospel: Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Saturday, January 18

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

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Saturday.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Saturday:

Epistle: Ephesians §228 [5:1-8].

Gospel: Luke §74 [14:1-11].

Sunday, January 19**Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Our Venerable Father Macarius, the Egyptian.

Bright vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel VIII.

Resurrection Service in Tone 2.

Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Sunday

Epistle: Colossians §258 [3:12-16].

Gospel: Luke §91 [18:18-27].

Monday, January 20

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great.

Civil Holiday: Martin Luther King Day.

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].

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Tuesday:

Epistle: Hebrews §333 [12:25-26; 13:22-25].

Gospel: Mark §43 [0:2-12].

Wednesday, January 22

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

Bright vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Wednesday:

Epistle: James §50 [1:1-18].

Gospel: Mark §44 [10:11-16].

Thursday, January 23

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

Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Thursday:

Epistle: James §51 [1:19-27].

Gospel: Mark §45 [10:17-27].

Friday, January 24

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

Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Friday.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Friday:

Epistle: James §52 [2:1-13].

Gospel: Mark §46 [10:23-32].

Saturday, 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).

Sunday, January 26 **Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his wife Mary.

Bright vestments. Tone 3. Matins Gospel IX.

Resurrection service in Tone 3.

Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Timothy §Mid-280 [1:15-17].

Gospel: Luke §93 [18:35-43].

