

February, 2013

Sunday, February 24 Second Sunday of Lent Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas. First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of Glorious Prophet and Forerunner, Baptizer of the Lord, John.

Tone 6. Matins Gospel V. Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of St. John (February 24); GLORY: Kondak of the Triod; NOW: Kondak of the First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of St. John, Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest* take *O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of Sunday and the Triod.

Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Lent: **Epistle:** Hebrew §304 [1:10-2:3]. **Gospel:** Mark §7 [2:1-12].
In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Note: Three full prostration with the sinning of Preterpivij ... are made following every service during Lent, except those services which are celebrated from Friday evening to the start of Sunday Vespers; those celebrated on the eve and the morning of a holy day; and the week beginning with the Third Sunday of Lent (when *Khrestu Tvojemu* ... is sung, with prostration).

Note: All weekdays of Lent are allurgical and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is not prescribed. On Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated (See Dolnytskyj Typikon p. 349).

Monday, February 25

Our Father among the Saints Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinopol.

Tuesday, February 26

Our Father among the Saints Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza.

Wednesday, February 27

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius of Decapolis. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Scripture readings for the Third Wednesday of Lent: Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Note: In the Dismissal at a Presanctified Liturgy, commemorate the saint of the following day.

Thursday, February 28

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius.

March, 2013

Friday, March 1

The Holy Venerable Woman Martyr Eudokia. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Scripture readings for the Third Friday of Lent: Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

Saturday, March 2 Third Memorial Saturday
The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene.

Dark vestments. Services for Saturday of the Third Memorial, including Typical Antiphons. Reading for the Third Memorial Saturday or for the Deceased:

Epistle: Hebrew §325 [10:32-38] (Third Saturday); or 1 Thessalonians §270 [4:13-17] (Deceased). **Gospel:** Mark § 8 [2:14-17] (Third 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 – *Kolyvo/kutia* 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]

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday of Lent Veneration of the Precious Cross.

The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus. Tone 7. Matins Gospel VI.

Note: Either during the Matins or prior to the Divine Liturgy, the decorated Cross is placed on the tetrapod for veneration (cf. Dolnytskyj Typikon, pp. 121-122, 362-364).

Burgundy or dark vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 7); Tropar of the Triod (Third Sunday/Cross); Glory/Now: Kondak of the Triod; In place of *Svyatyj Bozhe* ... , take *Khrestu Tvojemu* ... , Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Triod. Instead of *Dostojno yest* take *O Tebi radujetsja*, Communion Hymn of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the Third Sunday of Lent: **Epistle:** Hebrews §311 [4:14-5:6]. **Gospel:** Mark §37 [8:34-9:1].

Note: Veneration of the precious Cross after the Liturgy today and after every service until Friday. Three full prostration with the sinning of *Khrestu Tvojemu* ... are made following every service during this week.

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 4

Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan.

Tuesday, March 5

The Holy Martyr Canon.

Wednesday, March 6 Mid-Lent

The Forty-two Holy Martyrs of Ammorium. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Readings for the Fourth Wednesday of Lent: Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9.

Thursday, March 7

The Holy Hieromartyrs, Bishops of Kherson: Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and others. Passing of the Priest-Martyr Exarch Leonid Feodorov.

Friday, March 8

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact, Bishop of Nicomedia. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Scripture readings for the Fourth Friday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:14-26.

Saturday, March 9 Fourth Memorial Saturday

Forty Holy Martyrs, Martyred on the lake in Sebaste. Dark vestments. Service for the Fourth Memorial Saturday, including Typical Antiphons. Scripture readings for the Fourth Saturday or for the deceased:

Epistle: Hebrew §313 [6:9-12] (Fourth Saturday); or 1 Corinthians §163 [15:47-57] (Deceased). **Gospel:** Mark §31 [7:31-37] (Fourth Saturday); or John §16 [5:24-30] (Deceased).
See Note for Saturday March 2.

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

The Venerable John Climacus.

The Holy Martyrs Condratus and those with him. Tone 8. Matins Gospel VII.

Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8); Tropar of St. John; Glory/Now: Kondak of St. John; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of St. John. Instead of *Dostojno yest* take *O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of the Triod.

Scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: **Epistle:** Hebrew §314 [6:13-20]. **Gospel:** Mark §40 [9:17-31].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 11

Our Father among the Saints Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Tuesday, March 12

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of Sigria; and our Holy Father among the Saints Gregory of the Dialogues, Pope of Rome.

Wednesday, March 13

Translation of the Relics of Our Father among the Saints Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Scripture readings for the Fifth Wednesday of Lent:

Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9.

Thursday, March 14

Our Venerable Father Benedict.

At Matins: The Great Canon of Our Holy Father Andrew of Crete.

Friday, March 15

Holy Martyr Agapius and with him six Martyrs. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Scripture readings for the Fifth Friday of Lent: Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5.

Saturday, March 16 Akathist Saturday

The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas. Blue vestments. Typical Psalm. Service and Scripture readings for the Fifth Saturday (Akathist Saturday): **Epistle:** Hebrew §322 [9:24-28]. **Gospel:** Mark §35 [8:27-31].

Note: The prescribed Matins Office may be omitted and the Akathist sung by itself, in which case it is celebrated in an epitrakhil and phelon at the altar with the holy doors open.

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt.

Our Venerable Father Alexis, Man of God.

Tone 1. Matins Gospel VIII.

Bright vestments. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 1); Tropar of St. Mary; Glory/Now: Kondak of St. Mary; Prokimen and Alleluia Verses of Tone 1 and St. Mary. Instead of *Dostojno yest* take *O Tebi radujetsja*. Communion hymn of the Fifth Sunday and St. Mary.

Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: **Epistle:** Hebrew §321 [9:11-14]. **Gospel:** Mark §47 [10:32:45].

In the evening: Lenten Vespers.

Monday, March 18

Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.

Tuesday, March 19

The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.

Wednesday, March 20

Our Venerable Fathers of St. Sabbas Monastery, martyred by the Saracens. Dark vestments. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Scripture readings for the Sixth Wednesday of Lent: Genesis 43:25-45:16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4.

Thursday, March 21

Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania.

Friday, March 22

Holy Hieromartyr Basil, priest of Ancyra.

Dark vestments.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Friday of Lent: Genesis: 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31.

Saturday, March 23 Lazarus Saturday

The Holy Venerable Martyr Nikon and his students martyred with him.

Bright vestments. Service and Scripture readings for the Lazarus Saturday:

Epistle: Hebrew §Mid-333 [12:28-13:8]. **Gospel:** John §39 [11:1-45].

In the evening: Vespers with Litija.

Sunday, March 24 Palm/Willow Sunday

Our Venerable Father Zachariah; Our Father among the Saints Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia.

Note: From today until Thomas Sunday only service from the Triodion may be taken; service from Meneon are to be omitted (cf. Dolnytskyj Typikon p. 373). Memorial services for the deceased (except for funerals) are forbidden in church. Funerals on Great Monday through Great Wednesday may be celebrated in church using the Service of Burial of the Deceased as prescribed by the Trebnyk. Bodies of the deceased may never be brought into church from Great Thursday through Easter Sunday. In the latter case, funerals must take place at the funeral home chapels.

Bright vestments.

Resurrection service is omitted.

Festal Gospel at Matins: Matthew §83 [21:1-11, 15-17].

Note: Willow branches may be blessed at the Matins, before the Divine Liturgy, or after the Ambo Prayer of the Liturgy.

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Service and Reading for Palm/Willow Sunday, including proper antiphons, introit and himnos.

Epistle: Philippians §247 [4:4-9].

Gospel: John §41 [12:1-18].

Note: Willows may be distributed at Matins or before the Liturgy (the custom in Ukraine is for the faithful to hold a willow during the Liturgy). Following the Liturgy, anointing with the holy oil (myrovannia) of the faithful and distribution of blessed prosfora.

Monday, March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

Note: Today is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Blue vestments. If Vespers and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is to be celebrated, consult p. 264-265 of Dolnytskyj's *Typikon* for Vespers portion of the service. Entrance with the Holy Gospel. Balance of liturgical propers for the Annunciation.

Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].

Gospel: Luke §3 [1:24-38].

Tuesday, March 26 Great Tuesday

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel.

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Entrance with the Holy Gospel. Readings for Tuesday of the Passion Week: Exodus 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22. After "Let my prayer rise ...", reading of the Gospel – Matthew §102 [24:36-26:2].

Wednesday, March 27 Great Wednesday Our Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonika.

Dark vestments. Vespers with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Entrance with the Gospel. Readings for Wednesday of the Passion Week: Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10. After "Let my prayer rise ...", reading of the Gospel – Matthew §108 [26:6-16].

Note: Dolnytskyj (p. 383) prescribes the *Preterpivij* ... be sung for the final time following the Presanctified Liturgy. However, he states that it is customary to sing *Preterpivij* until the exposition of the Holy Shroud on Good Friday, at which time the hymn "Noble Joseph" is sung until Resurrection Matins.

Thursday, March 28 Great Thursday

Our Venerable Father Hilarion the Younger, the Holy Stephen, Wonderworker.

Bright vestments. Vesper-Liturgy of S. Basil the Great. Proper Cherubikon and Communion Hymn.

Note: This is Vesper-Liturgy and property should be celebrated in the afternoon or early evening. Dolnytskyj's *Typik*, referencing the Synod of Lviv, reminds us that only one Liturgy is permitted in each church today; also, recited Liturgies are forbidden (p. 385). Concelebration by the clergy of a parish or institution is proper, as the Sacrament of the Priesthood was instituted today.

Note: Small litany with the Trisagion, and, from that point, the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, at which we take everything of Great Thursday Liturgy only, including proper Cherubikon (sung also instead of "That we may receive ...", the Communion hymn and "May our mouths be filled ...") and Imnos.

Readings for the Great Holy Thursday: Exodus 19:10-19; Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5; Isaiah 50:4-11. **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians §149 [11:23-32].

Gospel: Matthew §107 [26:2-20]; John §Mid-44 [13:3-17]; Matthew §Mid-108 [26:21-39]; Luke §Mid-109 [22:43-45]; Matthew §Mid-108 [26:40-27:2].

Later in the evening: Anticipated matins of the Great Friday (Passion Gospels/Strasty)

Note: By custom, vestments of all colors are worn for the reading of the twelve Gospels, starting and ending with the dark color.

At the Service of the Lord's Passion: Dark Vestments. Twelve Gospel readings: John §46 [13:31-18:1]; John §58 [18:1-28]; Matthew §109 [26:57-75]; John §59 [18:28-19:16]; Matthew §111 [27:3-32]; Mark §67 [15:16-32]; Matthew §113 [27:33-54]; Luke §111 [23:32-49]; John §61 [19:25-37]; Mark §69 [15:43-47]; John §62 [19:38-42]; Matthew §114 [27:62-66].

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

Note: Today is a day of fasting and strict abstinence: meat and dairy products are forbidden and we should limit the amount of food we consume.

Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa; Cyril the Deacon and others martyred under Julian.

Dark vestments.

Before noon: Royal Hours.

In the afternoon: Vespers and procession with the Holy Shroud.

In the evening: Anticipated Matins of the Holy and Great Saturday: Jerusalem Matins.

Saturday, March 30 Great Saturday

Note: Today we abstain from meat.

Our Venerable Father John Climacus, author of "The Ladder".

Dark vestments, however, we change to bright vestments at the epistle of the Vesper-Liturgy.

In the afternoon or early evening: Vesper-Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

At Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil:

Readings: Genesis 1:1-13; Isaiah 60:1-16; Exodus 12:1-11; Jonah (whole book); Joshua 5:10-15; Exodus 13:20-15:19 and Troparion (Tone 5) with verses; Zephaniah 3:8-35; 3 Kings 17:8-24; Isaiah 61:10-62:5; Genesis 22:1-18; Isaiah 61:1-9; 4 Kings 4:8-37; Isaiah 63:11-64:5; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Daniel 3:1-56 and verses with a refrain.

Small litany with the Trisagion, and, from that point, the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, at which we take everything of Great Saturday Liturgy only, including proper Cherubicon and Imnos. Instead of Alleluia – special verses, during the singing of which the priest changes from dark to bright (silver white) vestments.

Instead of Trisagion – "All you who have been baptized."

Scripture readings for the Great Saturday:

Epistle: Romans §91 [6:3-11].

Gospel: Matthew §115 [28:1-20].

Before midnight or early Easter Sunday Morning:

Note: After the Ambo Prayer blessing of the prosfora, without the vigil litija (Dolnytskyj's *Typik*, p. 403). The blessing of Easter foods may be anticipated today, although, properly, it is done following Resurrection Matins on Easter.

Midnight

Office (Nachrobnoe), removal of the holy Shroud to the altar. (The *Typik* prescribes dark vestments for this service, but if it is held immediately before Paschal Matins, bright vestments may be worn, especially since they have already been worn earlier in the day at the Vesper-Litrgy).

Sunday, March 31

HOLY AND GREAT SUNDAY OF THE PASCH RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Note: There is no fasting this week. Bright vestments are worn throughout the Pentecostal season.

At Paschal Matins: Procession around the church; chanting of Paschal Troparion with verses and everything else as in Horologion. Priests are in full vestments.

Note: The Holy Doors as well as the side doors of the Iconostasis are left open throughout Bright Week.

At the Liturgy: Festal Service for Pascha, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Imnos. *Instead of Trisagion* – "All those who have been baptized...".

Gospel is read in various languages. Paschal Dismissal with the Cross. **After the Ambo**

Prayer: Blessing of the Artos.

Scripture readings for the Holy and Great Easter Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §1 [1:1-8].

Gospel: John §1 [1:1-17].

Note: Dismissal with the Cross is also taken throughout Bright Week, and (only after the Liturgy) on all Sundays until the Apodosi of Pascha, on Wednesday of Mid-Pentecost, and on the Apodosi itself. It may also be taken whenever people are present in church in large numbers.

The Paschal Order:

The Tropar of Easter, *Christ is Risen...* is sung thrice following the opening exclamation of the priest and following each service; this Troparion is also sung in place of the following: "Blessed is He...", "We have seen the true Light...", "May our mouths be filled..." (thrice), "Blessed be the name of the Lord..." (thrice), and, before the Dismissal, instead of "Glory be to the Father...". Instead of "It is truly right" – Imnos of Pascha (except on Mid-Pentecost and its apodosi). First and Third Antiphons of Sunday; final Kondak of Easter (except in the Thomas Week); in place of the *Holy God...* *All you who have been baptized...*

Note: Today the priest blesses Paschal foods (after Matins or following the Liturgy). However, this blessing is not performed in church.

Христос Воскресе!



Christ is Risen!