

March, 2013

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 Imos. 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 Apodosis of Pascha, on Wednesday of Mid-Pentecost, and on the Apodosis 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*” – Imos of Pascha (except on Mid-Pentecost and its apodosis). 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.

April, 2013

Monday, April 1 **Bright Monday**

Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt.

At the Liturgy: During the Bright Week, follow the Paschal Order, except each day has the proper Prokimen, Epistle, Alleluia verses and Gospel. Note, also, in the place of the *Holy God, All you who have been baptized...* is sung. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

Scripture readings for the Monday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §2 [1:12-17, 21-26].

Gospel: John §2 [1:18-28].

Tuesday, April 2 **Bright Tuesday**

The Venerable Father and Confessor Titus Wonderworker.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Tuesday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §4 [2:14-21].

Gospel: Luke §113 [24:12-35].

Wednesday, April 3 **Bright Wednesday**

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Wednesday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §5 [2:22-36].

Gospel: John §4 [1:35-51].

Thursday, April 4 **Bright Thursday**

Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the hymnographer, and George of Ma-leon.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Thursday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §6 [2:38-43].

Gospel: John §8 [3:1-15].

Friday, April 5 **Bright Friday**

The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathapodus and their companions.

Follow the Paschal Order.

Scripture readings for the Friday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §7 [3:1-8].

Gospel: John §7 [2:12-22].

Saturday, April 6 **Bright Saturday**

The falling in asleep of our Father Methodius, Bishop and Teacher of the Slavs.

At the Liturgy: During the Bright Week, follow the Paschal Order, except

each day has the proper Prokimen, Epistle, Alleluia verses and Gospel. Tropar of Easter; Tropar of St. Methodius; Glory: Kondak of St. Methodius; Now: Kondak of Easter. Note, also, in the place of the *Holy God, All you who have been baptized...* is sung. Dismissal with the Holy Cross. Scripture readings for the Saturday of the Bright Week:

Epistle: Acts §8 [3:11-16].

Gospel: John §11 [3:22-33].

Note: The doors of the iconostas are closed, following the morning Divine Liturgy. After the Ambo Prayer, the Artos is removed from the tetrapod and the Prayer at the Breaking of the Artos is said (cf. *Trebnyk* or *Molyvtoslov*). It is distributed to the faithful on Thomas Sunday, instead of antidoron.

Sunday, April 7 **ANTIPASCHA**

Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene. Blessed Sister Josaphata Hordashevskia, Foundress of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Note: The Typica begins. Festal Tone. Paschal Order. Dismissal with the Holy Cross.

Festal Service for Sunday of St. Thomas.

Scripture readings for Thomas Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §14 [5:12-20].

Gospel: John §65 [20:19-31].

Note: Artos is distributed today with Myrovannia.

Paschal Order after Thomas Sunday

With Thomas Sunday we revert to the proper order of Antiphons. The Typica on Sundays and stipulated days; Festal Antiphons when proper, and Daily Antiphons on all other days. The final Kondak of Easter (except in Thomas Week and during the Feast of Mid-Pentecost); Himnos: *The angel exclaimed*.

Monday, April 8

The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and Hermas.

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday. Tropar of St. Thomas; Glory: Now: Kondak of St. Thomas. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of St. Thomas.

Scripture readings for Monday of Thomas Week:

Epistle: Acts §9 [3:19-26].

Gospel: John §6 [2:1-11].

Tuesday, April 9

The Holy Martyr Euppsychius.

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday.

Scripture readings for Tuesday of Thomas Week:

Epistle: Acts §10 [4:1-10].

Gospel: John §10 [3:16-21].

Wednesday, April 10

Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and those with them.

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday.

Scripture readings for Wednesday of Thomas Week:

Epistle: Acts §11 [4:13-22].

Gospel: John §15 [5:17-24].

Thursday, April 11

The Holy Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamun in Asia.

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday.

Scripture readings for Thursday of Thomas Week:

Epistle: Acts §12 [4:23-31].

Gospel: John §16 [5:24-30].

Friday, April 12

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium.

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday.

Scripture readings for Friday of Thomas Week:

Epistle: Acts §13 [5:1-11].

Gospel: John §17 [5:30-6:2].

Saturday, April 13

The Hieromartyr Artemon and his companions.

Paschal Order. Service for Thomas Sunday.

Scripture readings for Saturday of Thomas Week:

Epistle: Acts §15 [5:21-33].

Gospel: John §19 [6:14-27].

Sunday, April 14 **Sunday of the Myrrhbearers**

Our Father among the Saints Martin, Confessor, Pope of Rome; and the New Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius.

Paschal Order. Festal Service for Sunday of the Myrrhbearers. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); Tropar “The noble Joseph”; Glory: Kondak of the Myrrh-bearing Women; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Myrrh-bearing Women. Dismissal with the Cross.

Scripture readings for the Third Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §16 [6:1-7].

Gospel: Mark §69 [15:43-16:8].

Monday, April 15

The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus.

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrhbearers. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); Tropar “The noble Joseph”; Glory: Kondak of the Myrrh-bearing Women; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokeimenon, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Myrrh-bearing Women.

Scripture readings for the Third Monday:

Epistle: Acts §17 [6:8-7:5; 47-60].

Gospel: John §13 [4:46-54].

Tuesday, April 16

The Holy Virgin Martyr Agapia, Irene and Chionia.

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrhbearers Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Third Tuesday:

Epistle: Acts §18 [8:5-17].

Gospel: John §20 [6:27-33].

Wednesday, April 17

Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia. The Venerable Acacius, bishop of Melitene.

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrhbearers Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Third Wednesday:

Epistle: Acts §19 [8:18-25].

Gospel: John §21 [6:35-39].

Thursday, April 18

Our Venerable Father John, disciple of Saint Gregory the Decapelite.

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrhbearers Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Third Thursday:

Epistle: Acts §20 [8:26-39].

Gospel: John §22 [6:40-44].

Friday, April 19

Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Caves.

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrhbearers Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Third Friday:

Epistle: Acts §21 [8:40-9:19].

Gospel: John §23 [6:48-54].

Saturday, April 20

Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas.

Paschal Order. Service for Myrrhbearers Sunday.

Scripture readings for the Third Saturday:

Epistle: Acts §22 [9:19-31].

Gospel: John §22 [15:17-16:2].

Sunday, April 21 **Sunday of the Paralytic.**

The Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and others.

Paschal Order. Service for Sunday of the Paralytic.

Sunday Tropar (Tone 3); Glory: Kondak of the Paralytic; Now: Kondak of Pascha. Prokeimenon and Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Sunday of the Paralytic. Dismissal with the Cross. Scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday:

Epistle: Acts §23 [9:32-42].

Gospel: John §14 [5:1-15].

Paschal Order after Thomas Sunday

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Monday, April 22

Our Venerable Father Theodore of Sykeota.

Paschal Order. Service for Sunday of the Paralytic.

Scripture readings for the Fourth Monday:

Epistle: Acts §24 [10:1-16].

Gospel: John §24 [6:56-69].

Tuesday, April 23

The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr George the Triumphant, Wonderworker.

Sunday Tropar (Tone 3); Tropar of St. Gregory; Glory: Kondak of St. Gregory; Now: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia verses and Communion hymn of the Feast and the Saint. Instead of *It is truly right* – Imos of Pascha.

Scripture readings for St. George:

Epistle: Acts §29 [12:1-11].

Gospel: John §52 [15:17-16:2].

Wednesday, April 24 **Mid-Pentecost**

The Holy Martyr Sabbas the Goth.

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 Mid-Pentecost (only on the Feast itself and its Apodosis). Paschal Dismissal with the Cross.

Scripture readings for the Mid-Pentecost:

Epistle: Acts §34 [14:6-18].

Gospel: John §26 [7:14-36].

Thursday, April 25

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of St. Mark; Glory; Kondak of St. Mark; 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 the St. Mark:

Epistle: 1 Peter §63 [5:6-14].

Gospel: Mark §23 [6:7-13].

Friday, April 26

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.

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 Friday:

Epistle: Acts §27 [10:44-11:10].

Gospel: John §30 [8:21-30].

Saturday, April 27

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

The Holy Priest Martyr Simeon, relative of Our Lord. The Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volyn.

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 Saturday:

Epistle: Acts §29 [12:1-11].

Gospel: John §31 [8:31-42].

Sunday, April 28

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Post Feast of the Mid-Pentecost

Apostle Jason, and Sosipater. 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].

