

November, 2013

Sunday, November 24 Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Presentation Postfeast.
The Holy Great Martyr Catherine; and the Holy Great Martyr Mercurius.
Bright vestments. Tone 2. Matins Gospel IV. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 2); Tropar of the Feast; GLORY: Resurrection Kondak; NOW: Kondak of the Feast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Feast, including proper himnos.
Scripture readings of the Twenty-seventh Sunday:
Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].
Gospel: Luke §71 [13:10-17].

Monday, November 25

Leave-taking of the Presentation in the Temple of the Most Holy Mother of God.
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 of the Twenty-eight Monday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §294 [2:20-26].
Gospel: Luke §97 [19:37-44].

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday.
Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Tuesday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §297 [3:16-4:4].
Gospel: Luke §98 [19:45-48].

Wednesday, November 27

The Holy Martyr James the Persian; and Our Venerable Father Palladius.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings of the Twenty-eight Wednesday:
Epistle: 2 Timothy §299 [4:9-22].
Gospel: Luke §99 [20:1-8].

Thursday, November 28

Civil Holiday: Thanksgiving Day.
The Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger; and the Holy Martyr Irenarchus.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Thursday.
Scripture readings of the Twentieth-eight Thursday:
Epistle: Titus §300 [1:5-2:1].
Gospel: Luke §100 [20:9-18].

For a Thanksgiving Day Liturgy:

Propers for Thanksgiving. Including Thanksgiving petitions in the Ektenia. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (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 29

The Holy Martyr Paramon; and the Holy Martyr Philomenus and his Companions; and Our Venerable Father Acacius, who is mentioned in "The Ladder."
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Friday.
Scripture readings of the Twentieth-eight Friday:
Epistle: Titus §301 [2:1:15-2:10].
Gospel: Luke §101 [20:19-26].

Saturday, November 30

The Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew, the First-Called.
Bright vestments. Service for November 30.
Scripture readings from the Common for an Apostle:
Epistle: 1 Corinthians §131 [4:9-16].
Gospel: John §4 [1:35-51].

December, 2013

Sunday, December 1 Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Prophet Nahum.
Bright vestments. Tone 3. Matins Gospel VI. Resurrection Service in Tone 3.
Scripture readings of the Twentieth-eight Sunday:
Epistle: Colossians §250 [1:12-18].
Gospel: Luke §91 [18:18-27].

Monday, December 2

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Monday.
Scripture readings of the Twentieth-ninth Monday:
Epistle: Hebrew §308 [3:5-11; 17-19].
Gospel: Luke §102 [20:27-44].

Tuesday, December 3

The Holy Prophet Sophonias.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.
Scripture readings of the Twentieth-ninth Tuesday:
Epistle: Hebrew §310 [4:1-13].
Gospel: Luke §106 [21:12-18].

Wednesday, December 4

The Holy Martyr Barbara; and Our Venerable Father John Damascene.
Bright vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
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, December 5

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified.
Bright vestments. Service for December 5.
Scripture readings for St. Sabbas:
Epistle: Galatians §213 [5:22-6:2].
Gospel: Mathews §43 [11:27-30].

Friday, December 6

Our Father Among the Saints Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Wonderworker.
Bright vestments. Service for December 6.
Scripture readings for St. Nicholas:
Epistle: Hebrews §335 [13:17-21].
Gospel: Luke §24 [6:17-23].

Saturday, December 7

Our Father Among the Saints Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.
Bright vestments. Weekday Service for Saturday.
Scripture readings of the Twentieth-ninth Saturday:
Epistle: Ephesians §Mid-220 [2:11-13].
Gospel: Luke §72 [13:18-29].

Sunday, December 8 Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Father Patapius of Thebes.
Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel VII. Resurrection Service in Tone 4.
Scripture readings of the Twenty-ninth Sunday:
Epistle: Colossians §257 [3:4-11].
Gospel: Luke §85 [17:12-19].

Monday, December 9

The Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos by St. Anne.
Blue vestments. Service for the Feast, including proper Imnos.
Scripture readings for the Feast:
Epistle: Galatians §211 [4:22-31].
Gospel: Luke §36 [8:16-21].

Tuesday, December 10

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.
Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Tuesday:
Epistle: Hebrews §321 [9:8-10; 15-23].
Gospel: Mark §34 [8:22-26].

Wednesday, December 11

Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Wednesday.
Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Wednesday:
Epistle: Hebrews §323 [10:1-18].
Gospel: Mark §36 [8:30-34].

Thursday, December 12

Our Venerable Father Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremitus.
Dark 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, December 13

The Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes; and the Holy Virgin Martyr Lucy.
Dark vestments. Service for December 13.
Scripture readings from the Common for Martyrs:
Epistle: Ephesians §233 [6:10-17].
Gospel: Luke §106 [21:12-19].

Saturday, December 14

The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Apolonius and Callinicus.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Saturday.
Scripture readings of the Thirtieth Saturday:
Epistle: Ephesians §228 [5:1-8].
Gospel: Luke §74 [14:1-11].

Sunday, December 15

Sunday of the Forefathers
The Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; and Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra; and Our Holy Father Stephen, Archbishop of Surozh, confessor.
Bright vestments. Tone 4. Matins Gospel VIII. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5); Tropar of the Ancestors; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Ancestors. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Ancestors.
Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Ancestors:
Epistle: Colossians §257 [3:4-11].
Gospel: Luke §76 [14:16-24].

Monday, December 16

The Holy Prophet Haggai.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Monday.
Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Monday:
Epistle: Hebrews §329 [11:17-23; 27-31].
Gospel: Mark §42 [9:42-10:1].

Tuesday, December 17

The Holy Prophet Daniel; and the Three Holy Youths.
Dark vestments. Weekday service for Tuesday.
Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Tuesday:
Epistle: Hebrews §333 [12:25-26; 13:22-25].
Gospel: Mark §43 [10:2-12].

Wednesday, December 18

The Holy Martyr Sebastian and his Companions.
Dark 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, December 19

The Holy Martyr Boniface.
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, December 20 Prefeast of the Nativity

The Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch.
Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Friday.
Scripture readings of the Thirty-first Friday:
Epistle: James §52 [2:1-13].
Gospel: Mark §46 [10:23-32].

Saturday, December 21 Saturday before Christmas

The Holy Martyr Julian.
Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Saturday.
Scripture readings for Saturday before Christmas:
Epistle: Galatians §205 [3:8-12].
Gospel: Luke §72 [13:18-29].

Sunday, December 22 Sunday before Christmas Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The Holy Great Martyr Anastasia.
Bright vestments. Tone 6. Matins Gospel IX. Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of the Holy Fathers; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Holy Fathers. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses of the Holy Fathers; Communion Hymn of Sunday and the Holy Fathers.
Scripture readings of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers:
Epistle: Hebrews §328 [11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40].
Gospel: Matthew §1 [1:1-25].

Monday, December 23 Prefeast of the Nativity

The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete.
Dark vestments. Tropar of the Prefeast; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of the Prefeast. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses, and Communion Hymn of Monday.
Scripture readings of the Thirty-second Monday:
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Epistle: James §53 [2:14-26].
Gospel: Mark §48 [10:46-52].

Tuesday, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity

The Holy Venerable Martyr Eugenia.
Dark vestments.

Note: Today is a day of abstinence.

In the morning: Royal Hours are celebrated today.
In the afternoon: Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; instead of "It is truly right" – "In you, O woman full of grace ...".

Scripture readings for the Vigil of the Nativity:

Epistle: Hebrew §303 [1:1-12].

Gospel: Luke §5 [2:1-20].

In the evening: Great Compline with Lita.

Wednesday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Note: Holy day of obligation.

Bright vestments. Festal Service for Nativity, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Himnos. Instead of Trisagion, take "All those who have been baptized..." Dismissal of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Nativity:

Epistle: Galatians §209 [4:4-7].

Gospel: Matthew §3 [2:1-12].

Note: There is no fasting until leave-taking of the Theophany.

Thursday, December 26

SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; Commemoration of the Holy and Just Joseph, Spouse of the Holy Theotokos; and the Holy Hieromartyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis.

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 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. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of the Feast:

Epistle: Hebrew §306 [2:11-18].

Gospel: Matthew §4 [2:13-23].

Friday, December 27 Postfeast of the Nativity

The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Branded.

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 St. Stephen; GLORY/NOW: Kondak of St. Stephen. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of St. Stephen. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal.

Scripture readings of St. Stephen:

Epistle: Acts §17 [6:8-15; 7:1-5 & 47-60].

Gospel: Mathew §87 [21:33-42].

Saturday, December 28

Saturday after the Nativity

The Holy Twenty Thousand Martyrs Burned in Nicomedia.

Bright vestments. Follow *Typikon* for December 28. Prokimen, Alleluia Verses and Communion Hymn of the Saturday after the Nativity. Instead of "It is Truly right..." take Himnos of the Feast. Festal Dismissal. Scripture readings of the Saturday after the Nativity:
Epistle: 1 Timothy §288 [6:11-16].
Gospel: Matthew §46 [12:15-21].

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].

