

DECEMBER

Monday

Fast Day.

1/14 Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

Pr. Nahum. R Philaret the Merciful of Amnia in Paphlagonia. M Ananias of Arbela in Persia. St. Tudwal of Lan Pabu, bp. of Tréguier (Brittany). St. Eligius (Eloy), bp of Noyon-Tournai in Flanders (†659). **GC:** St. Onesimus, abp. of Ephesus. SS Ananias and Solochoch (or Solomon), abps. of Ephesus. St. Anthony the New, monk of Cios in Bithynia.

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **Pr. Nahum** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1327).

Little Compline

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Typica

Epistle: •II Tim §294 (2:20-26). **Gospel:** •Luke §97 (19:37-44).

Or, if the rector so direct, a simple service to **R Philaret** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1115). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Nahum are transferred to Little Compline.

Little Compline

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Nahum

Typica

Epistle: •II Tim §294 (2:20-26). **Gospel:** •Luke §97 (19:37-44).

Tuesday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

2/15 Tuesday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

Pr. Habakkuk (Abbacum). M Myrope of Chios. SS John, Heraclemon, Andrew and Theophilus of Egypt (also 12 Jun). St. Athanasius, recluse of the Kiev Caves, whose relics lie in the Near Caves. St. Cyril of Philea in Thrace. St. Jesse (Ise), bp. of Tsilkani in Georgia. St. Stephen-Urosh V, tsar of Serbia. St. Athanasius, another recluse of the Kiev Caves, whose relics lie in the Far Caves. St. Joannicius, monk of Devich in Serbia. **GC:** M Abibus (Habib) the New, deacon of Edessa (also 15 Nov).

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **Pr. Habakkuk** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1334).

Typica

Epistle: •II Tim §297 (3:16-4:4). **Gospel:** •Luke §98 (19:45-48).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **M Myrope** (§2E). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habakkuk are transferred to Little Compline. *Fish allowed.*

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Isa 43:9-14a, (2) Wis 3:1-9, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone II)

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habbakuk

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Martyr

Matins**Gospel:** Mark §21 (5:24b-34)**Katavasia** of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** •II Tim §297 (3:16-4:4) & II Cor §181 (6:1-10)**Gospel:** •Luke §98 (19:45-48) & Luke §33 (7:36-50)

Or a simple service to **SS John, Heraclemon, Andrew & Theophilus** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1197). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habakkuk are transferred to Great Compline.

Great Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone II)

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habbakuk

Typica**Epistle:** •II Tim §297 (3:16-4:4). **Gospel:** •Luke §98 (19:45-48).**Wednesday****Fast Day.****3/16** Wednesday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

Pr. Zephaniah (Sophonias). NM Angelis of Argos in the Peloponnesus, at Chios. St. Sabbas, abbot of Zvenigorod Monastery, disciple of St. Sergius of Radonezh. St. Theodulus, stylite of Edessa, former prefect of Constantinople. St. John the Silent of St. Sabbas Monastery, bp. of Colonia in Armenia (also 30 Mar and 7 Dec) (L: IX 6:12). HM Theodore, abp. of Alexandria. NHM Gabriel, bp. of Ganos and Chora, at Prusa. St. Lucius, king of Britain who requested missionaries for his people in A.D. 187. St. Birinus, bp. of Dorchester-on-Thames and enlightener of Wessex. **GC:** MM Agapius, Seleucus and Mamas.

Rep. King Magnus II of Sweden (in the schema, Gregory of Valaam) (†1371). Rep. Archimandrite Theophanes of New Lake (Novoezersk) Monastery (†1832).

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **Pr. Zephaniah** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1116).

Typica**Epistle:** •II Tim §299 (4:9-22). **Gospel:** •Luke §99 (20:1-8).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **NM Angelis** (§2E). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Zephaniah are transferred to Little Compline. *Wine and oil allowed.*

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Isa 43:9-14a, (2) Wis 3:1-9, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone II)

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Zephaniah

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the New-martyr

Matins**Gospel:** Luke §63 (12:2-12)**Katavasia** of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •II Tim §299 (4:9-22) & II Tim §292 (2:1-10)

Gospel: •Luke §99 (20:1-8) & John §52 (15:17-16:2)

Thursday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

4/17 Thursday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

GM Barbara (Ak:1074) and M Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria. St. John Damascene (L: VIII 6). St. John, bp. of Polybotus in Phrygia. Rep. St. Gennadius, abp. of Novgorod. NHM Seraphim, bp. of Phanarion in Greece (L: OL 81:4). NHMM Protopriest Alexis Saburov, Protopriest John Pyankov, Priest Alexander Posokhin and Priest Nicholas Yakhontov, who were drowned in the Kama River (Perm) (1918). NHM Deacon Basil Kashin and 10 martyrs with him in Perm (1918).
GC: MM Christodula and Christodulus.

A double service to **GM Barbara** and **St. John** (§2B; S:1256).

Liturgy

Epistle: •Titus §300 from the midpoint (1:5-2:1), •Titus §301 (1:15-2-10) (transferred from the following day) & Gal §208 (3:23-29)

Gospel: •Luke §100 (20:9-18), •Luke §101 (20:19-26) (transferred from the following day) & Mark §21 (5:24b-34)

Friday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

5/18 Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

St. Sabbas the Sanctified (Ak:1127). SS Carion and his son, Zacharias, of Scetis in Egypt. M Anastasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia (also 25 Oct). St. Gurias, first abp. of Kazan. St. Nectarius of Bitol in Macedonia and his elder, St. Philotheus, of Karyes on Mt. Athos. Comm. monks of Karyes martyred by the Latinizers (c. 1276). NHM Priest Elias Chetverukhin (†1932). St. Nicetius, bp. of Trier (Trèves) in Gaul. M-hermit Justinian of Ramsey Island (L: XVII 6). **GC:** M Diogenes. M Abercius. St. Nonnus, monk. St. Gratus, monk.

A vigil-rank service to **St. Sabbas** (§2F; S:1140).

Little Vespers is performed as set forth in the Menaion.

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Wis 3:1-9, (2) Wis 5:15-6:3, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Matins

Gospel: Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

After each ode of the canon, the irmos of Canon II of the Nativity is sung as the katavasia.

Liturgy

Epistle: Gal §213 (5:22-6:2). **Gospel:** Matt §43 (11:27-30).

The readings from the daily lectionary [•Titus §301 (1:15-2:10); •Luke §101 (20:19-26)] are transferred to the preceding day.

Saturday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

6/19 Saturday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, abp. of Myra in Lycia (L:OL 87:3). Rep. Bl. Maximus, met. of Kiev. NM Nicholas of Caramania, at Smyrna.

A vigil-rank service to **St. Nicholas** (§2F; S:1423).

Little Vespers

The service is performed as set forth in the Menaion.

After the Trisagion Prayers:

Troparion of the Hierarch

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Great Vespers

At *Lord, I have cried...: Now & ever...*, idiomelon of the forefeast, Tone VI, *Adorn thyself well, O cave...* The dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week is *not* sung.

Three readings: (1) see the Menaion, (2) Prov 10:31-11:12, (3) Wis 4:7-15

At the **Litia**:

Now & ever...

Idiomelon of the forefeast, Tone VI, *Hold festival, O Sion...*

At the **Aposticha**:

Now & ever...

Idiomelon of the forefeast, Tone VI, *O Virgin who knewest not wedlock...*

Matins

At *God is the Lord...*:

Troparion of the Hierarch, twice

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Gospel: John §36 (10:9-16)

Canons:

In a temple of the Lord or the Theotokos –

Irmos (twice) and 4 troparia from the canon of the temple

4 troparia from Canon I of the Hierarch

4 troparia from Canon II of the Hierarch

After each ode, the katavasia of the Nativity is sung.

In a temple of a saint –

Irmos (twice) and 4 troparia from the canon to the Theotokos from Matins of the preceding Sunday

4 troparia from Canon I of the Hierarch

4 troparia from Canon II of the Hierarch

After each ode, the katavasia of the Nativity is sung.

After the **Great Doxology**:

Troparion of the Hierarch

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Liturgy

Epistle: Heb §335 (13:17-21). **Gospel:** Luke §24 (6:17-23a).

The readings from the daily lectionary [•Eph §218 (1:16-23); •Luke §67 (12:32-40)] are transferred to Monday, 8 December.

Sunday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

7/20 Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone III.

St. Ambrose, bp. of Milan (L: XXVII 6). St. Nilus of Stolbny Island. St. Anthony, abbot of Siya Monastery (Novgorod). St. Paul the Obedient. St. John the Silent of St. Sabbas Monastery, bp. of Colonia in Armenia (also 30 Mar and 3 Dec). St. John, faster of the Kiev Caves. M Athenodorus of Mesopotamia. St. Gregory the Hesychast, disciple of St. Gregory the Sinaite and founder of the Monastery of St. Nicholas (Gregoriou) on Mt. Athos and of the Gorniak Monastery in Serbia. St. Diuma, bp. of the Mercians and Middle Angles. **GC:** M Neophytus. M Dometius. MM Isidore, Acepshimas and Leo. St. Ignatius, monk, whose relics lay near Blachernæ in Constantinople.

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **St. Ambrose** (§1A; S:1117).

Little Vespers is performed as set forth in the Octoechos.

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel VI: Luke §114 (24:36-53)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Col §250 (1:12-18). **Gospel:** •Luke §85 (17:12-19).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Nilus** (§1D). The canon and prosomoia of St. Ambrose are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 8 December.

Little Vespers

At Lord, I have cried...:

4 stichera of the resurrection from the Octoechos, repeating the first of three

Glory...

Doxasticon of the Saint, Tone VIII, *O our venerable and God-bearing father Nilus...* (from *Lord, I have cried...* in Little Vespers)

Now & ever...

Dogmatic theotokion of Little Vespers from the Octoechos

At the **Aposticha**:

4 stichera –

1 sticheron of the resurrection from the Octoechos

3 prosomoia of the Saint (from the Aposticha of Great Vespers, with their psalm verses)

Glory...

Idiomelon of the Saint , Tone VIII, *O venerable father Nilus...* (idiomelon appointed after Psalm 50 in Matins)

Now & ever...

Theotokion, Tone VIII, *O Mistress, accept the supplications of thy servants, and deliver us from all want and grief.*

After the Trisagion Prayers:

Troparion of the resurrection from the Octoechos

Glory...

Troparion of the Saint

Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the troparion of the Saint

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Wis 3:1-9, (2) Wis 5:15-6:3, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel VI: Luke §114 (24:36-53)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Col §250 (1:12-18) & II Cor §176 (4:6-15)

Gospel: •Luke §85 (17:12-19) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Monday

Fast Day.

8/21 Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

St. Patapius of Thebes in Egypt, who dwelt in Blachernæ of Constantinople (L: OL 83:6). App. of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar and Onesiphorus. Holy 362 MM of North Africa, martyred by the Arian Vandals. M Anthusa, at Rome, by Arians. St. Cyril, abbot of Mount Chelma. St. Budoc, bp. of Dol (Brittany).

A simple service to **St. Patapius** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1198).

Little Compline

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

If a polyeleos-rank service was performed to St. Nilus on 7 December:

Canon and prosomoia of St. Ambrose (transferred from 7 December)

Typica

Epistle: •Heb §308 (3:5-11, 17-19) & •Eph §218 (1:16-23) (transferred from 6 December)

Gospel: •Luke §102 (20:27-44) & •Luke §67 (12:32-40) (transferred from 6 December)

Tuesday**Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.****9/22** Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos by St. Anna. Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, "Unexpected Joy" (Ak:1573). Pr. Anna (Hannah), mother of Pr. Samuel. St. Stephen "the New Light" of Constantinople. St. Sophronius, abp. of Cyprus.
GC: MM Sositheus, Narses and Isaac, of Persia.

According to the Typicon, a doxology-rank service for the **Conception of the Theotokos** (S:1263). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 61-63.

Liturgy**Epistle:** •Heb §310 (4:1-13) & Gal §210 from the midpoint (4:22a-31)**Gospel:** •Luke §106 (21:12-19) & Luke §36 (8:16-21)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service for the **Icon, "Unexpected Joy"** (Appendix A-V in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1456). The service for the Conception of the Theotokos is transferred to the nearest convenient day.

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Gen 28:10-17, (2) Ezek 43:27-44:4a, (3) Prov 9:1-11

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone III)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Icon

Matins**Gospel:** Luke §4 (1:39-49, 56)**Katavasia of the Nativity****Liturgy****Epistle:** •Heb §310 (4:1-13) & Heb §320 (9:1-7)**Gospel:** •Luke §106 (21:12-19) & Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**Wednesday****Fast Day.****10/23** Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

MM Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus, of Alexandria. St. Joasaph, bp. of Belgorod (also 4 Sep) (L: XIII 6; S:1080; Ak:1085). M Gemellus of Paphlagonia, at Edessa. St. Thomas of Bithynia. Bl. Serbian Despots: John and his parents, Stephen and Angelina Brancovich. **GC:** HM Theotecnus. M Marianus. M Eugene.

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **MM Menas, Hermogenes & Eugraphus** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1199).

Typica**Epistle:** •Heb §312 (5:11-6:8) & Eph §233 (6:10-17)**Gospel:** •Luke §104 (21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24) & Luke §106 (21:12-19)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Joasaph** (§2E; S:1080). The canons and prosomoia of Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus are transferred to Little Compline. *Wine and oil allowed.*

The service to St. Joseph is printed in the Menaion under 4 September, on which day the translation of his relics is commemorated.

Great Vespers

Three readings: see the Menaion

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone III)

Canon and prosomoia of Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Hierarch

Matins

Gospel: John §36 (10:9-16)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Heb §312 (5:11-6:8) & Heb §318 (7:26-8:2)

Gospel: •Luke §104 (21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24) & John §36 (10:9-16)

Thursday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.**

11/24 Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

St. Daniel the Stylite, at Anaplus on the Bosphorus (near Constantinople). M Mirax of Tanis in Egypt (L: VII 6). St. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon. St. Nikon the Withered of the Kiev Caves. MM Acepisus and Æithalas, at Arbela in Persia. St. Leontius of Monembasia in the Peloponnesus, founder of the Monastery of the Archangels on Mt. Klokos in Achaia. M Barsabas, in Persia. NHM Theophan, bp. of Solikamsk (†1918). **GC:** MM Terence, Vincent, Æmilian and Bebaia.

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **St. Daniel** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1200).

Typica

Epistle: •Heb §315 (7:1-6). **Gospel:** •Luke §107 (21:28-33).

If a vigil-rank service is to be performed to St. Herman of Alaska on 12 December, the readings from the daily lectionary appointed for that day [•Heb §317 (7:18-25); •Luke §108 (21:37-22:8)] are read immediately after the readings from the daily lectionary appointed for this day.

Or, if the rector so direct, a simple service to **M Mirax** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1424). The canon and prosomoia of St. Daniel are transferred to Great Compline.

Great Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone III)

Canon and prosomoia of St. Daniel

Typica

Epistle: •Heb §315 (7:1-6). **Gospel:** •Luke §107 (21:28-33).

If a vigil-rank service is to be performed to St. Herman of Alaska on 12 December, the readings from the daily lectionary appointed for that day [•Heb §317 (7:18-25); •Luke §108 (21:37-22:8)] are read immediately after the readings from the daily lectionary appointed for this day.

Friday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****12/25** Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

St. Spyridon, wonderworker of Trimythous (Ak:1155). St. Herman, wonderworker of Alaska (Ak:1496). Syn. of the first martyrs of the American land: HM Juvenal and M Peter the Aleut (L/S XXXII 6:4; OL 81:1). HM Alexander, bp. of Jerusalem. M Synesius (Razumnik) the reader of Rome. St. Therapon, abbot of Monza. St. Finian (Fionan), founder of Clonard Abbey and Skellig Michael in Ireland (†549). **GC:** St. Amonathas, hermit at Pelusium in Egypt. St. Anthus, hermit in Palestine. St. John, met. of Zichna, founder of the Monastery of the Forerunner on Mt. Menikion.

Rep. desert-dweller Phlegon, of Moksha River in the Penza Governorate (†1869).

According to the Typicon, a six-stichera service to **St. Spyridon** (§2C; S:1144).

Liturgy**Epistle:** •Heb §317 (7:18-25) & Heb §335 (13:17-21)**Gospel:** •Luke §108 (21:37-22:8) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Or, if the rector so direct, a vigil-rank service to **St. Herman** (§2F; S:1497). The canon and prosomoia of St. Spyridon are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 13 December. *Fish allowed.*

Little Vespers is performed as set forth in the Menaion.

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Wis 3:1-9, (2) Wis 5:15-6:3, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Matins**Gospel:** Matt §43 (11:27-30)**Katavasia** of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** Gal §213 (5:22-6:2). **Gospel:** Luke §24 (6:17-23a).

The readings from the daily lectionary [•Heb §317 (7:18-25); •Luke §108 (21:37-22:8)] are transferred to the preceding day.

Saturday**Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.****13/26** Saturday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

MM Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes, at Sebaste in Armenia (L:OL 88:6). VM Lucy (Lucia) of Syracuse (L/S: XXIV 6). St. Arsenius of Mt. Latros in Asia Minor (L:OL 84:6). St. Arcadius, monk of Novotorzhok. HM Gabriel, patriarch of Serbia, at Prusa. St. Mardarius, recluse of the Kiev Caves. St. Judoc (Josse), hermit of Ponthieu. **GC:** St. Ares, Egyptian monk.

Schema-monk Panteleimon of Glinsk Hermitage (1895). St. Edburga, abbess of Minster-in-Thanel.

A polyeleos-rank service to **MM Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius & Orestes** (§2E; S:1427).

The service to Martyr Lucy, should the rector desire to perform it, is transferred to the nearest convenient day or to Compline.

Great Vespers

At *Lord, I have cried...: Now & ever...*, dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week

Three readings: (1) Isa 43:9-14a, (2) Wis 3:1-9, (3) Wis 5:15-6:3

After the Trisagion Prayers:

Troparion of the Martyrs

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone III)

Canon for the departed from Saturday Matins in the Octoechos (Tone III)

If a vigil-rank service was performed to St. Herman of Alaska on 12 December:

The canon of the Theotokos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Canon of St. Sypridon (transferred from 12 December)

After, *It is truly meet...:*

3 prosomoia of St. Spyridon, Tone V

Glory... Now & ever..., theotokion prosomoion, Tone V, to the melody, "Rejoice...": As higher than created things, thou didst truly become a cherubic throne; for the divine Word, wishing to fashion our form anew, dwelt in thee, and bearing flesh, He came forth from thee; as compassionate, He accepted the Cross and passion for us; and as God, He granted the resurrection. Wherefore, giving thanks unto thee, as the one who reconciled our condemned nature with this the Fashioner, we cry aloud: By thy prayers, grant us the forgiveness of offenses and mercy.

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Martyrs

Matins

At *God is the Lord...:*

Troparion of the Martyrs, twice

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Gospel: Matt §36 (10:16-22)

Canons:

In a temple of the Lord or the Theotokos –

Irmos (twice) and 4 troparia from the canon of the temple

4 troparia from Canon I of the Martyrs

4 troparia from Canon II of the Martyrs

After each ode, the katavasia of the Nativity is sung.

In a temple of a saint –

Irmos (twice) and 4 troparia from the canon of the Theotokos from Matins of the preceding Sunday

4 troparia from Canon I of the Martyrs

4 troparia from Canon II of the Martyrs

After each ode, the katavasia of the Nativity is sung.

After the **Great Doxology**:

Troparion of the Martyrs

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Liturgy

Epistle: Eph §233 (6:10-17) & •Eph §220 from the midpoint (2:11-13)

Gospel: Luke §106 (21:12-19) & •Luke §74 (14:1-11)

Sunday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

14/27 Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone IV. *Sunday of the Holy Forefathers.*

MM Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus, in Bithynia. MM Apollonius and Philemon, with Arrian and four body-guards, including Theotychus, at Antinoë in Egypt. MM Fingar and Phiala, brother and sister, in Cornwall. St. Hybald, abbot in Lincolnshire.

Rep. Bl. John, recluse of Sezenovo Convent (†1839).

A vigil-rank service to the **Holy Forefathers** (S:1118). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 64-66. The canon and prosomoia of Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 15 December.

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel VII: John §63 (20:1-10)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: Col §257 (3:4-11). **Gospel:** Luke §76 (14:16-24).

Monday

Fast Day.

15/28 Monday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV.

HM Eleutherius, bp. of Illyria, and his mother, M Anthia, at Rome (L: IV 6). St. Paul of Mt. Latros. St. Tryphon, abbot of Pechenga or Kola, and his martyred disciple, St. Jonah. St. Stephen the Confessor, abp. of Sougdaia (Surozh) in the Crimea (L: VIII 6). M Eleutherius the Chamberlain of Byzantium (also 4 Aug). St. Pardus, hermit of Palestine. M Bacchus the New of Palestine. M Susanna, deaconess of Palestine. NHM Hilarion (Troitsky), abp. of Vereya (†1929). NHM Protopriest Victorin Dobronravov (†1937) (L:OL 2007:5). **GC:** M Coremon the Prefect and two executioners martyred with him, at Rome.

St. Offa, king of Essex, who died as a monk in Rome.

According to the Typicon, a double service to **HM Eleutherius** and **St. Paul** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S: 1429).

Little Compline

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Canon and prosomoia of Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus (transferred from 14 December)

Typica

Epistle: •Heb §319 (8:7-13). **Gospel:** •Mark §33 (8:11-21).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Tryphon** (§2E; S:1498). The canons and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius and St. Paul are transferred to Little Compline. *Fish allowed.*

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Wis 3:1-9, (2) Wis 5:15-6:3, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Little Compline

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Canon and prosomoia of Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus (transferred from 14 December)

Canon and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius

Canon and prosomoia of St. Paul

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Saint

Matins

Gospel: Matt §10 (4:25-5:12a)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: Gal §213 (5:22-6:2). **Gospel:** Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

The Epistle reading and Gospel reading from the daily lectionary [•Heb §319 (8:7-13); •Mark §33 (8:11-21)] are omitted. They will be read later in the lectionary cycle.

Or a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Stephen** (§2E; S:1544). The canons and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius and St. Paul are transferred to Little Compline. *Fish allowed.*

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) see the Menaion, (2) Prov 10:31-11:12, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Little Compline

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Canon and prosomoia of Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus (transferred from 14 December)

Canon and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius

Canon and prosomoia of St. Paul

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Hierarch

Matins

Gospel: John §35 from the midpoint (10:1-9)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: Heb §318 (7:26-8:2). **Gospel:** Matt §11 (5:14-19)

The Epistle reading and Gospel reading from the daily lectionary [•Heb §319 (8:7-13); •Mark §33 (8:11-21)] are omitted. They will be read later in the lectionary cycle.

Tuesday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****16/29** Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV.

Pr. Haggai. Bl. Theophania the Empress. M Marinus of Rome. St. Memnon, abp. of Ephesus. St. Nicholas Chrysoberges, pat. of Constantinople. St. Sophia, nun of Suzdal (Princess Solomonia, wife of Great Prince Basil III of Moscow). NHM Arcadius, bp. of Bezhetk (†1937). **GC:** MM Promus and Hilarion. St. Modestus, abp. of Jerusalem (L: VIII 1).

Typica**Epistle:** •Heb §321 (9:8-10, 15-23). **Gospel:** •Mark §34 (8:22-26).

Or, if the rector so direct, a simple service to **Bl. Theophania** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1201). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Haggai are transferred to Great Compline.

Great Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone IV)

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Haggai

Typica**Epistle:** •Heb §321 (9:8-10, 15-23). **Gospel:** •Mark §34 (8:22-26).

The service to Bl. Theophania has two canons; however, since only one canon is prescribed for a simple service, one canon should be omitted.

Wednesday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****17/30** Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV.

Pr. Daniel. Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael. St. Daniel the Confessor (in the schema, Stephen) of Spain and Egypt. St. Dionysius of Zakynthos, abp. of Ægina (L: XXI 6). NMM Païsius, abbot of Trnava, and his deacon, Habakkuk, at Belgrade in Serbia. **GC:** M Bacchus. NM Nicetas of Ancyra, at Nyssa.

A double service to **Pr. Daniel** and the **Three Holy Youths** (§2B; S:1328).**Vespers**At *Lord, I have cried...*: *Now & ever...*: idiomelon of the forefeastAt the **Aposticha**: *Glory...* *Now & ever...*: idiomelon of the forefeast**Matins**At the **Aposticha**: *Glory...* *Now & ever...*: idiomelon of the forefeast**Liturgy**At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of Prophet Daniel and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Three Holy Youths**Epistle:** Heb §330 (11:33-40). **Gospel:** Luke §62 (11:47-12:1)

The Epistle reading and Gospel reading from the daily lectionary [•Heb §323 (10:1-18); •Mark §36 (8:30-34)] are omitted. They will be read later in the lectionary cycle.

Thursday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****18/31** Thursday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV.

M Sebastian and with him at Rome: MM Nicostratus, Zoë, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius and Castulus. R Symeon, wonderworker of Verkhoturye (L:OL 74:5). St. Modestus, abp. of Jerusalem. St. Florus, bp. of Amisus. St. Michael the Syncellus, confessor at Constantinople (L:OL 86:6). M Eubiotus at Cyzicus. St. Sebastian, abbot of Poshekhonye (Vologda). St. Winnibald, abbot of Heidenheim. MM Zacchæus the deacon of Gadara, and Alphæus the reader of Eleutheropolis, at Cæsarea in Palestine. St. Sophia the Wonderworker.

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **M Sebastian** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1431).

Typica

Epistle: •Heb §326 (10:35-11:7). **Gospel:** •Mark §39 (9:10-16).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **R Symeon** (§2E). The canon and prosomoia of Martyr Sebastian are transferred to Little Compline. *Fish allowed.*

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Isa 35:1-10, (2) see the Menaion, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone IV)

Canon and prosomoia of Martyr Sebastian

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Saint

Matins

Gospel: Matt §43 (11:27-30)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Heb §326 (10:35-11:7) & Gal §213 (5:22-6:2)

Gospel: •Mark §39 (9:10-16) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Or a doxology-rank service to **St. Modestus** (§2D; S:1545). The canon and prosomoia of Martyr Sebastian are transferred to Little Compline. *Fish allowed.*

Little Compline

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone IV)

Canon and prosomoia of Martyr Sebastian

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Hierarch

Matins

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Heb §326 (10:35-11:7) & Heb §318 (7:26-8:2)

Gospel: •Mark §39 (9:10-16) & Matt §11 (5:14-19)

Friday**Fast Day.****19/1** Friday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV.

M Boniface, at Tarsus in Cilicia (L: IX 6; L/S XXX 6:3; Ak:1546), and R Aglais (Aglaida) of Rome. MM Elias, Probus and Ares of Egypt, at Ascalon in Palestine. MM Polyeuctus, at Cæsarea in Cappadocia, and Timothy the deacon, in Mauretania. St. Boniface the Merciful, bp. of Ferentum in Tuscany. St. Gregory (Gregentius), abp. of Zafar in Himyar (Homer) (L: XVII 6). St. Elias of Murom, wonderworker of the Kiev Caves. MM Hermylus and Phocas. HM Capito, bp. of Cherson. **GC:** MM Eutyches and Thessalonica and 200 men and 70 women martyred with them. M Tryphon.

Rep. Schema-hieromonk Hermogenes, founder of the Kirensk and Albazin Monasteries in Eastern Siberia (†1690).

A simple service to **M Boniface** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1432).

Typica

Epistle: •Heb §327 (11:8, 11-16). **Gospel:** •Mark §41 (9:33-41).

From 20 December to 14 January, the canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted at Little Compline, two kathismata from the Psalter (instead of three) are read at Matins on weekdays, Psalm 118 is chanted at Matins on Sundays instead of the polyeleos (unless a commemoration of polyeleos-rank coincides) and the Interhours are omitted.

Saturday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****20/2** Saturday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV. *Saturday before the Nativity.*

Forefeast of the Nativity. HM Ignatius the God-bearer, bp. of Antioch (also 29 Jan). Rep. R John of Kronstadt (also 19 Oct) (Ak:1175; L: I 1 *et seq*; OL76:5). St. Philogonius, bp. Antioch. St. Daniel II, abp. of Serbia. St. Ignatius, archimandrite of the Kiev Caves. NM John the Tailor of the Isle of Thasos, at Constantinople.

Rep. Anthony, abp. of Voronezh and Zadonsk (1846; L: I 5). Rep. Met. Philaret (in the schema, Theodosius) of Kiev (1857).

According to the Typicon, a six-stichera service to **HM Ignatius** (§2G1; S:1433).

Vespers

At *Lord, I have cried...: Now & ever...*, idiomelon of the forefeast. The dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week is *not* sung.

Little Compline

The three-ode canon and the two-ode canon of the forefeast appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline on the eve of 20 December and the three-ode canon appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline on the eve of 21 December –

Ode I: Irmos (twice) of Canon I (the three-ode canon) appointed on 20 December and 6 troparia from the same canon. After the ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia.

Ode III: Irmos (twice) of the three-ode canon appointed on 21 December and 6 troparia from the same canon. After the ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia.

Ode VIII and Ode IX: Irmos (twice) of Canon I (the three-ode canon) appointed on 20 December, 3 troparia from the same canon, 3 troparia from Canon II (the two-ode canon) appointed on 20 December and 4 troparia from the three-ode canon appointed on 21 December. After each ode, the irmos of the canon appointed on 21 December is sung as the katavasia.

The kontakion of the forefeast is not chanted during the canon, as erroneously indicated in earlier editions of the Menaion, but after the Trisagion Prayers.

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the forefeast

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of the forefeast and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Hieromartyr

Prokimenon, Alleluia and Communion Verse of the Hieromartyr

Epistle: •Gal §205 (3:8-12) & Heb §311 (4:14-5:6)

Gospel: •Luke §72 (13:18-29) & Mark §41 (9:33-41)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **R John of Kronstadt** (§2G2; S:1174). The canon and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Ignatius are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 30 December.

Great Vespers

At *Lord, I have cried...*: *Now & ever...*, idiomelon of the forefeast. The dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week is *not* sung.

Three readings: (1) Joel 2:12-26, (2) Joel 2:27-32, (3) I John 4:20-5:5

Little Compline

The three-ode canon and the two-ode canon of the forefeast appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline on the eve of 20 December and the three-ode canon appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline on the eve of 21 December –

Ode I: Irmos (twice) of Canon I (the three-ode canon) appointed on 20 December and 6 troparia from the same canon. After the ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia.

Ode III: Irmos (twice) of the three-canon appointed on 21 December and 6 troparia from the same canon. After the ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia.

Ode VIII and Ode IX: Irmos (twice) of Canon I (the three-ode canon) appointed on 20 December, 3 troparia from the same canon, 3 troparia from Canon II (the two-ode canon) appointed on 20 December and 4 troparia from the three-ode canon appointed on 23 December. After each ode, the irmos of the canon appointed on 21 December is sung as the katavasia.

The kontakion of the forefeast is not chanted during the canon, as erroneously indicated in earlier editions of the Menaion, but after the Trisagion Prayers.

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Saint; *Glory... Now & ever...*, kontakion of the forefeast

Matins

Gospel: Luke §24 (6:17-23a). The entry in the Menaion is in error.

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of the forefeast and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Saint

Prokeimenon, Alleluia and Communion Verse of the Saint

Epistle: •Gal §205 (3:8-12) & I John (4:7-11)

Gospel: •Luke §72 (13:18-29) & Luke §26 (6:31-36)

Sunday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

21/3 Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone V. *Sunday before the Nativity. Sunday of the Holy Fathers.*

Forefeast of the Nativity. VM Juliana of Nicomedia and 500 men and 130 women with her. Rep. St. Peter, met. of Kiev and All Russia (L:OL 79:4). M Themistocles of Myra in Lycia. St. Juliana, princess of Vyazma. Bl. Procopius, fool-for-Christ of Vyatka.

Rep. Schema-monk Michael of Harbin (†1939). Blessed Peter "the Nose" of Kama (†1938?).

According to the Typicon, a vigil-rank service to the **Holy Fathers** (S:1120). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 74-77. The canon and prosomoia of Virgin-martyr Juliana are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 27 December.

The canon of the forefeast appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline is transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 20 December.

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Gen 14:14-20; (2) Deut 1:8-11, 15-17a; (3) Deut 10:14-21

Matins

Psalm 118

Matins Gospel VIII: John §64 (20:11-18)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Heb §328 (11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40). **Gospel:** •Matt §1 (1:1-25).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Peter** (S:1547) combined with the service to the **Holy Fathers** (S:1120), as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 77-80, with the correction indicated below. The canon and prosomoia of Virgin-martyr Juliana are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 27 December.

The three-ode canon of the forefeast appointed at Little Compline is transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 20 December.

Great Vespers

Six readings –

Three for the Fathers: (1) Gen 14:14-20; (2) Deut 1:8-11, 15-17a; (3) Deut 10:14-21

Three for the Hierarch: (1) and (2) see the Menaion, (3) Prov 10:31-11:12

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel VIII: John §64 (20:11-18)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

After the **Little Entrance:**

Troparion of the resurrection from the Octoechos

Troparion of the Fathers, Tone II, *Great are the accomplishments of faith...*

Troparion of the Forefeast, Tone IV, *Make ready, O Bethlehem...* (from the service of the Hierarch)

Troparia of the Hierarch

Kontakion of the Fathers, Tone I, *Be glad O Bethlehem...*

Glory...

Kontakion of the Hierarch

Now & ever...

Kontakion of the forefeast, Tone III, *Today the Virgin...* (from the service of the Hierarch)

Epistle: •Heb §328 (11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40) & Heb §318 (7:26-8:2)

Gospel: •Matt §1 (1:1-25) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Monday**Fast Day.****22/4** Monday of the Thirty-first Week after Pentecost. Tone V.

Forefeast of the Nativity. GM Anastasia the Deliverer from Bonds, her teacher, M Chrysogonus, and with them: MM Theodota, Euodus, Eutychian and others, who suffered under Diocletian. **GC:** M Zoilus.

Rep. Dositheus, hermit of Roslavl forests and Optina (†1828).

A six-stichera service to **GM Anastasia** (§2G1; S:1205).

Little Compline

Full canon of the forefeast:

Irmos (twice) and 6 troparia

After each ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia.

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the forefeast

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of the forefeast and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Great-martyr

Prokeimenon, Alleluia and Communion Verse of the Great-martyr

Epistle: •Heb §329 (11:17-23, 27-31) & Gal §208 (3:23-29)

Gospel: •Mark §42 (9:42-10:1) & Luke §33 (7:36-50)

Tuesday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****23/5** Tuesday of the Thirty-first Week after Pentecost. Tone V.

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy 10 MM of Crete: Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompeius (Pompey), Agathopus, Basilides and Evarestus. Holy Equal to the Apostles Nahum of Ochrid, enlightener of the Slavs and wonderworker of Bulgaria. St. Paul, bp. of Neocæsarea. St. Niphon, bp. of Constantia (Salamis) on Cyprus. St. Theoctistus, abp. of Novgorod. M David of Echmiadzin in Armenia. **GC:** M Schinon.

St. Frithebert, bp. of Hexham.

According to the Typicon, a six-stichera service to the **Ten MM of Crete** (§2G1; S:1435).

Little Compline

Three-ode canon of the forefeast:

Irmos (twice) and 6 troparia

After each ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia.

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the forefeast

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of the forefeast and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Martyrs

Prokeimenon, Alleluia and Communion Verse of the Martyrs

Epistle: •Heb §333 (12:25-26; 13:22-25) & Eph §233 (6:10-17)

Gospel: •Mark §43 (10:2-12) & Luke §106 (21:12-19)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Nahum** (§2G2; S:1548). The canon and prosomoia of the Ten Martyrs of Crete are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 31 December.

Great Vespers

Three readings: (1) Wis 3:1-9, (2) Wis 5:15-6:3, (3) Wis 4:7-15

Little Compline

Three-ode canon of the forefeast:

Irmos (twice) and 6 troparia

After each ode, the irmos is repeated as the katavasia

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Saint; *Glory... Now & ever...*, kontakion of the forefeast

Matins

Gospel: Matt §43 (11:27-30)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of the forefeast and 4 from Ode VI of the Canon II of the Saint

Prokeimenon, Alleluia and **Communion Verse** of the Saint

Epistle: •Heb §333 (12:25-26; 13:22-25) & Heb §335 (13:17-21)

Gospel: •Mark §43 (10:2-12) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Wednesday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

24/6 Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week after Pentecost. Tone V.

Eve of the Nativity. Venerable-martyr Eugenia of Rome; her father, M Philip; her mother, M Claudia; and MM Protus, Hyacinth and Basilla. St. Nicholas the monk, the former soldier. St. Antiochus, monk of Palestine. St. Bitimius of Scetis in Egypt. St. Aphrodisius, monk of Palestine and disciple of St. Sabbas the Sanctified. NM Achmed (Ahmet) the Calligrapher, at Constantinople. **GC:** M Achaicus.

A simple service to **Venerable-martyr Eugenia** (S:1436). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 83-85.

Royal Hours and Typica

The service is performed as set forth in the Menaion (S:1499) and also in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 88-94.

First Hour: Micah 5:2-4, Heb §303 (1:1-12), Matt §2 (1:18-25)

Third Hour: Baruch 3:35-4:4, Gal §208 (3:23-29), Luke §5 (2:1-20)

Sixth Hour: Is 7:10-16a; 8:1-4, 8b-10; Heb §304 (1:10-2:3); Matt §3 (2:1-12)

Ninth Hour: Is 9:6-7, Heb §306 (2:11-18), Matt §4 (2:13-23)

The Epistle reading and Gospel reading from the daily lectionary [•Jas §50 (1:1-18); •Mark §44 (10:11b-16)] are omitted. They will be read later in the lectionary cycle.

Thursday**Fast-free Period.****25/7** Thursday of the Thirty-first Week after Pentecost. Tone V.

NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Ak:1618). Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar. Comm. of the shepherds in Bethlehem, who were watching their flocks and came to see the Lord. Massacre of Venerable-martyr Jonah and 50 monks and 65 laymen with him, at St. Tryphon of Pechenga Monastery, by the Swedes (1590).

St. Alburga, abbess of Wilton.

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

The services for the **Nativity of Christ** are performed as set forth in the Menaion (S:1500) and also in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 95-98.

Great Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil

Eight Old Testament readings:

- (1) Gen 1:1-13
- (2) Num 24:2b-3a, 5-9, 17b-18
- (3) Micah 4:6-7; 5:2-4
- (4) Isa 11:1-10
- (5) Baruch 3:35-4:4
- (6) Dan 2:31-36, 44-45
- (7) Isa 9:6-7
- (8) Isa 7:10-16a; 8:1-4, 8b-10

Epistle: Heb §303 (1-12). **Gospel:** Luke §5 (2:1-20).

Matins

Gospel: Matt §2 (1:18-25)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Gal §209 (4:4-7). **Gospel:** Matt §3 (2:1-12).

The Epistle reading and Gospel reading from the daily lectionary [•Jas §51 (1:19-27); •Mark §45 (10:17-27)] are omitted. They will be read later in the lectionary cycle.

Friday**Fast-free Period.****26/8** Friday of the Thirty-first Week after Pentecost. Tone V.

Afterfeast of the Nativity. Synaxis of the All-holy Theotokos. HM Euthymius, bp. of Sardis. St. Evarestus of the Studion Monastery. St. Constantine, monk of Synnada in Phrygia. NHM Constantius the Russian, at Constantinople. St. Nicodemus of Serbia, founder of the Tismana Monastery in Romania. St. Tathai, abbot of Llantathan in Wales. New Venerable-martyr Isaacius II, elder of Optina (†1938). Icon of the All-holy Theotokos, "Helper Amid the Pangs of Birth" (L/Ak XXXII 6:22).

Rep. Abbot Barlaam of Valaam (1849).

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

A doxology-rank service for the **Synaxis of the Theotokos** (S:1335). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 101-104.

Liturgy

Epistle: •Jas §52 (2:1-13) & Heb §306 (2:11-18)

Gospel: •Mark §46 (10:23b-32a) & Matt §4 (2:13-23)

Saturday

Fast-free Period.

27/9 Saturday of the Thirty-first Week after Pentecost. Tone V. *Saturday after the Nativity.*

Afterfeast of the Nativity. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen. St. Theodore Graptus ("the Branded"), confessor and brother of St. Theophanes Graptus the Hymnographer, at Apamea in Bithynia (L: X 1). St. Theodore, abp. of Constantinople. St. Luke, monk of Triglia. NHMM Tikhon, abp. of Voronezh, and 160 priests martyred with him (†1919). Martyrdom of St. Maurice and the Theban Legion (L:OL 75:6)

Rep. Athanasius of Gregoriou Monastery on Mt. Athos (†1953).

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

A double service to **Protomartyr Stephen** and **St. Theodore** (§2G1; S:1119).

Vespers

At *Lord, I have cried....: Now & Ever...*, idiomelon of the feast. The dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week is *not* sung.

Little Compline

Canon of Virgin-martyr Juliana (transferred from 21 December)

After *It is truly meet...*:

3 prosomoia of Virgin-martyr Juliana, Tone IV

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomoion, Tone IV, *I lie upon the bed of despondency...* (from *Lord, I have cried...* at Vespers in the service to Martyr Boniface on 19 December in the Menaion)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 2 (including the irmos) from Ode I of Canon I of the Nativity, 2 from Ode I of Canon II of the Nativity and 4 from Ode III of the canon of the Protomartyr

At the **Little Entrance:** *O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.*

Epistle: I Tim §288 (6:11b-16) & Acts §17 (6:8-7:5a, 47-60)

Gospel: Matt §46 from the midpoint (12:15b-21) & Matt §87 (21:33-42)

Instead of *It is truly meet...*: first refrain of Ode IX of Canon I of the Nativity and irmos of Ode IX of Canon II of the Nativity

Sunday

Fast-free Period.

28/10 Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost. Tone VI. *Sunday after the Nativity. Commemoration of the Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed (L:OL 78:6; Ak:1036), David the King (Ak:1571) and James the Brother of the Lord.*

Afterfeast of the Nativity. 20,000 MM burned alive in Nicomedia, and others who were martyred through other torments, including: Glycerius the presbyter, Zeno, Theophilus the deacon, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Mygdonius, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius; and the virgins Agatha (Agape), Domna and Theophila. Ap. Nicanor of the Seventy, one of the seven

deacons. St. Ignatius, monk of Lom (Vologda). St. Simon the Myrrh-gusher, founder of Simonopetra Monastery on Mt. Athos. St. Babylas of Tarsus in Cilicia. NHM Nicodemus, bp. of Belgorod (†1918). **GC:** M Secundus.

Rep. Bl. Cornelius, monk of Krypetsy Monastery in Pskov (†1903).

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who rose from the dead...*

A vigil-rank service to the **Righteous Ones** (S:1121). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 104-107. The canon and prosomoia of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia are transferred to Little Compline on the 29 December.

Matins

Psalm 118

Matins Gospel IX: John §65 (20:19-31)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 12 troparia: 4 of the resurrection from the Octoechos, 1 from Ode IV of Canon I of the Nativity, 1 from Ode IV of Canon II of the Nativity, 1 from Ode V of Canon I of the Nativity, 1 from Ode V of Canon II of the Nativity and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Righteous Ones

Epistle: Gal §200 (1:11-19). **Gospel:** Matt §4 (2:13-23)

Monday

Fast-free Period.

29/11 Monday of the Thirty-second Week after Pentecost. Tone VI.

Afterfeast of the Nativity. Holy 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem. St. Marcellus, abbot of the Monastery of the Unsleeping Ones. Pr. Nathan (S: XXVIII 6). St. Thaddæus the Confessor, monk of the Studion Monastery (L: XI 4). St. Benjamin, monk of Nitria in Egypt. St. Athenodorus, disciple of St. Pachomius the Great. St. George the Hymnographer, bp. of Nicomedia. St. Mark the Grave-digger of the Kiev Caves. SS Theophilus and John, of the Kiev Caves. St. Theophilus of Omucha (also 21 Oct). St. Evroult (Ebrulf), abbot of Ouche in Normandy (France) (L: XX 6). Comm. of all Orthodox Christians who died from hunger, thirst, the sword or freezing.

Rep. Elder Basiliscus of Siberia (†1824).

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

A double service to the **Holy Innocents** and **St. Marcellus** (§2G1; S:1262).

Little Compline

Canon of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia (transferred from 28 December)

After It is truly meet...:

3 prosomoia of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, Tone IV

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomoion, Tone IV, *Ten thousands of times...* (from *Lord, I have cried...* at Vespers in the service to Prophet Habbakuk on 2 December in the Menaion)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 2 (including the irmos) from Ode VII of Canon I of the Nativity, 2 from Ode VII of Canon II of the Nativity and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Holy Innocents

At the **Little Entrance**: *O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.*

Epistle: II Cor §180 (5:15-21). **Gospel**: Matt §4 (2:13-23)

The Epistle reading and Gospel reading from the daily lectionary [•Jas §53 (2:14-26); •Mark §48 (10:46-52)] are omitted. They will be read later in the lectionary cycle.

Instead of *It is truly meet...*: first refrain of Ode IX of Canon I of the Nativity and irmos of Ode IX of Canon II of the Nativity

Tuesday

Fast-free Period.

30/12 Tuesday of the Thirty-second Week after Pentecost. Tone VI.

Afterfeast of the Nativity. VM Anysia, at Thessalonica (L:OL 71:6). St. Melania the Younger, nun of Rome (transferred from 31 Dec). M Zoticus the Feeder of Orphans, presbyter of Constantinople. M Philoterus (Philetærus) of Nicomedia, and with him the Count of Nicæa and six soldiers. St. Theodora, nun of Cæsarea in Cappadocia. St. Theodora, nun of Constantinople. Ap. Timon of the Seventy, one of the seven deacons. MM Magistrian, Paulinus, Umbrius, Verus, Severus, Callistratus, Florentius, Arian, Anthimus, Ubricius, Isidore, Euculus, Sampson, Studius and Thespesius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate. New Venerable-martyr Gideon of Karakalou Monastery on Mt. Athos, at Tynabos. Op rel St. Daniel of Pereyaslavl. St. Egwin, bp. of Worcester (XXV 6). **GC**: St. Leo the Archimandrite.

St. Peter, abbot of Canterbury.

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

A double service to **VM Anysia** and **St. Melania** (§2G1; S:1337).

Little Compline

Canon and prosomoia of St. Zoticus

If a polyeleos-rank service was performed to St. John of Kronstadt on 20 December, the canon and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Ignatius (transferred from 20 December) are chanted before those of St. Zoticus.

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 6 troparia: 3 (including the irmos) from Ode VIII of Canon I of the Nativity and 3 from Ode VIII of Canon II of the Nativity

At the **Little Entrance**: *O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.*

Epistle: •Jas §54 (3:1-10). **Gospel**: •Mark §50 (11:11-23).

Instead of *It is truly meet...*: first refrain of Ode IX of Canon I of the Nativity and irmos of Ode IX of Canon II of the Nativity

Wednesday

Fast-free Period.

31/13 Wednesday of the Thirty-second Week after Pentecost. Tone VI.

Apodosis of the Nativity. St. Melania the Younger, nun of Rome. St. Gelasius, monk of Palestine. St. Gaius, monk. St. Theophylactus, abp. of Ochrid. **GC**: 10 VMM of Nicomedia. M Busiris. M Gaudentius. M Nema. M Zoticus the Feeder of Orphans, presbyter of Constantinople.

Rep. Met. Peter Mogila of Kiev (†1646).

Dismissal: *May Christ our true God, who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

A doxology-rank service for the **Apodosis of the Nativity** (§2G3).

Little Compline

If the polyeleos-rank service was performed to St. Nahum on 23 December:

Canon and prosomoia of the Ten Martyrs of Crete (transferred from 23 December)

After *It is truly meet...*:

3 prosomoia of the Ten Martyrs of Crete, Tone IV

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomion, Tone IV, *Ten thousands of times...* (from *Lord, I have cried...* at Vespers in the service to Prophet Habbakuk on 2 December in the Menaion)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Nativity

Matins

Canons:

Irmos (twice) and 6 troparia from Canon I of the Nativity

Irmos (twice) and 4 troparia from Canon II of the Nativity

After each ode the katavasia of the Nativity is sung.

After **Ode VIII**, the Magnificat is *not* sung, but immediately **Ode IX** is sung as follows:

Irmos of Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, the all-pure Virgin Theotokos, who is more honorable and more glorious than the armies on high.*

The refrain and the irmos are repeated.

First troparion from Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, God Who was born in the flesh of the Virgin.*

First troparion from Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, the King Who was born in the cave.*

Second troparion from Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, God Who is worshipped by the magi.*

Second troparion from Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, Him Who was proclaimed to the magi by the star.*

Third troparion from Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, the only pure Virgin Theotokos, who gave birth to Christ the King.*

Third troparion from Canon I of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *The magi and shepherds have come to worship Christ Who hath been born in the city of Bethlehem.*

Irmos of Canon II of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Master within the cave.*

Irmos of Canon II of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Today the Master is born as a babe of the Virgin Mother.*

First troparion from Canon II of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Today the shepherds see the Savior wrapped in swaddling-bands and lying in a manger.*

First troparion from Canon II of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Today the Master, Who is intangible, is wrapped in rags as a babe.*

Second troparion from Canon II of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *Today all creation rejoiceth and is glad, for Christ is born of the Virgin Maiden.*

Second troparion from Canon II of the Nativity, preceded by the refrain, *The heavenly hosts proclaim to the world the Savior, Lord and Master Who hath been born.*

Katavasia, preceded by the refrain, *Magnify, O my soul, the all-pure Virgin Theotokos, who is more honorable and more glorious than the armies on high.*

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 8 troparia: 4 (including the irmos) from Ode IX of Canon I of the Nativity and 4 from Ode IX of Canon II of the Nativity

At the **Little Entrance**: *O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.*

Epistle: •Jas §55 (3:11-4:6). **Gospel:** •Mark §51 (11:22b-26).

The end of the *Liturgical Calendar* for 2020.

Glory be to our God.