

DECEMBER

Saturday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

1/14 Saturday of the Twenty-fifth Week after Pentecost. Tone VII.

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-III in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1327).

Little Compline on Friday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone VII)

If a Pannychida is not performed after Vespers:

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

Liturgy

Epistle: •Gal §199 (1:3-10) & I Thess §270 (4:13-17)

Gospel: •Luke §67 (12:32-40) & John §16 (5:24-30)

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

Little Compline on Friday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone VII)

If a Pannychida is not performed after Vespers:

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

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Nahum (S:1327)

Liturgy

Epistle: •Gal §199 (1:3-10) & I Thess §270 (4:13-17)

Gospel: •Luke §67 (12:32-40) & John §16 (5:24-30)

Sunday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

2/15 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

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 (Abbacum)** (§1A; S:1334).

Little Vespers on Saturday Evening

The service is performed as set forth in the Octoechos.

Matins**Polyeleos****Matins Gospel III:** Mark §71 (16:9-20)**Katavasia** of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** •Eph §224 (4:1-6). **Gospel:** •Luke §91 (18:18-27)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **M Myrope of Chios** (§1D). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habakkuk are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 3 December.

Little Vespers on Saturday Evening*At Lord, I have cried...:*

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

Glory... 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 Martyr (from the Aposticha of Great Vespers, with their psalm verses)

*Glory...*Idiomelon of the Martyr, Tone III, *Standing before the tyrant...* (idiomelon appointed after Psalm 50 in Matins)*Now & ever...*Theotokion, Tone III, *Without seed thou didst conceive of the Holy Spirit; and glorifying thee, we chant: Rejoice, O all-holy Virgin!*

After the Trisagion Prayers

Troparion of the resurrection from the Octoechos

Glory...

Troparion of the Martyr

Now & ever...

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

Great Vespers on Saturday Evening

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

Matins**Polyeleos****Matins Gospel III:** Mark §71 (16:9-20)**Katavasia** of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** •Eph §224 (4:1-6) & II Cor §181 (6:1-10)**Gospel:** •Luke §91 (18:18-27) & Luke §33 (7:36-50)

Or a simple service to **SS John, Heraclemon, Andrew & Theophilus of Egypt** (§1A; S:1197). The canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habbakuk are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 3 December.

Little Vespers on Saturday Evening

The service is performed as set forth in the Octoechos.

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel III: Mark §71 (16:9-20)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Eph §224 (4:1-6). **Gospel:** •Luke §91 (18:18-27)

Monday

Fast Day.

3/16 Monday of the Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

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).

Little Compline on Sunday Evening

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

If either a polyeleos-rank service to Martyr Myrope of Chios or a simple service to Saints John, Heraclemon, Andrew and Theophilus of Egypt was performed on 2 December:

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habbakuk (S:1334) (transferred from 2 December)

Typica

Epistle: •I Tim §278 (1:1-7). **Gospel:** •Luke §102 (20:27-44).

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

Great Vespers on Sunday Evening

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

Little Compline on Sunday Evening

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

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Zephaniah (S:1116)

If either a polyeleos-rank service to Martyr Myrope of Chios or a simple service to Saints John, Heraclemon, Andrew and Theophilus of Egypt was performed on 2 December:

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Habbakuk (S:1334) (transferred from 2 December)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the New-martyr

Matins

Gospel: Luke §63 (12:2-12)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •I Tim §278 (1:1-7) & II Tim §292 (2:1-10)

Gospel: •Luke §102 (20:27-44) & John §52 (15:17-16:2)

Tuesday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

4/17 Tuesday of the Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

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 Damascene** (§2B; S:1256).

Liturgy

Epistle: •I Tim §279 (1:8-14), •I Tim §281 (1:18-20, 2:8-15) (transferred from the following day) & Gal §208 (3:23-29)

Gospel: •Luke §106 (21:12-19), •Luke §104 (21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24) (transferred from the following day) & Mark §21 (5:24b-34)

In order to preserve the sequence of the two Gospel readings from the daily lectionary, the following order may be followed: Luke 21:5-7, 10-24.

Wednesday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

5/18 Wednesday of the Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

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 the Sanctified** (§2F; S:1140).

Little Vespers on Tuesday Evening

The service is performed as set forth in the Menaion.

Great Vespers on Tuesday Evening

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)**Katavasia:** irmoi of Canon II of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** Gal §213 (5:22-6:2). **Gospel:** Matt §43 (11:27-30).*The readings from the daily lectionary [•I Tim §281 (1:18-20, 2:8-15); •Luke §104 (21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24)] are transferred to the preceding day.***Thursday****Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.****6/19** Thursday of the Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

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 the Wonderworker**, (§2F; S:1423).**Little Vespers on Wednesday Evening**

The service is performed as set forth in the Menaion.

Great Vespers on Wednesday Evening*At Lord, I have cried....:**Now & ever...*Idiomelon of the forefeast, Tone VI, *Adorn thyself well, O cave...*

Three readings: (1) composite reading – 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****Gospel:** John §36 (10:9-16)**Katavasia** of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** Heb §335 (13:17-21). **Gospel:** Luke §24 (6:17-23a).*The readings from the daily lectionary [•I Tim §283 (3:1-13); •Luke §107 (21:28-33)] are transferred to the following day.***Friday****Fast Day.****7/20** Friday of the Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

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 of

Sinai (and Mt. Athos) 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, Aceptsimas and Leo. St. Ignatius, monk, whose relics lay near Blachernæ in Constantinople.

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **St. Ambrose of Milan** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1117).

Vespers on Thursday Evening

The reading of the kathisma from the Psalter is omitted because of the vigil the preceding night.

Great Compline on Thursday Evening

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

Typica

Epistle: •I Tim §283 (3:1-13) (transferred from the preceding day) & •I Tim §285 (4:4-8, 16)

Gospel: •Luke §107 (21:28-33) (transferred from the preceding day) & •Luke §108 (21:37-22:8)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Nilus of Stolbny Island** (§2E). The canon and prosomoia of St. Ambrose of Milan are transferred to Little Compline. *Wine and oil allowed.*

Great Vespers on Thursday Evening

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

Little Compline on Thursday Evening

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

Canon and prosomoia of St. Ambrose of Milan (S:1117)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Saint

Matins

Gospel: Matt §43 (11:27-30)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •I Tim §283 (3:1-13) (transferred from the preceding day), •I Tim §285 (4:4-8, 16) & II Cor §176 (4:6-15)

Gospel: •Luke §107 (21:28-33) (transferred from the preceding day), •Luke §108 (21:37-22:8) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Saturday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

8/21 Saturday of the Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost. Tone VIII.

St. Patapius of Thebes in Egypt, who dwelt in Blachernæ of Constantinople (L: OL 83:6). App. Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar and Onesiphorus, of the Seventy. 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 of Thebes** (Appendix A-III in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1198).

Little Compline on Friday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone VIII)

If a Pannychida is not performed after Vespers:

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

Liturgy

Epistle: •Eph §218 (1:16-23) & I Thess §270 (4:13-17)

Gospel: •Luke §81 (16:10-15) & John §16 (5:24-30)

Sunday**Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.**

9/22 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone I.

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 59-61.

Matins**Polyeleos**

Matins Gospel IV: Luke §112 (24:1-12)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 10 troparia: 6 of the resurrection from the Octoechos and 4 from Ode III of Canon I of the Conception (the entry in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services* is in error).

Epistle: •Eph §229 (5:8b-19) & Gal §210 from the midpoint (4:22b-31)

Gospel: •Luke §85 (17:12-19) & Luke §36 (8:16-21)

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

Little Vespers on Saturday Evening

At *Lord, I have cried...*:

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

Glory...

Idiomelon of the Icon, Tone IV, *Let the assembly of the faithful rejoice...*

Now & ever...

Dogmatic theotokion of Little Vespers from the Octoechos

At the **Aposticha**:

4 stichera –

1 sticheron of the resurrection from the Octoechos

3 idiomela of the Icon, Tone IV (from the Aposticha of Great Vespers, with their psalm verses)

Glory... Now & ever...

Idiomelon of the Icon, Tone VI, *All the noetic ranks rejoice...* (idiomelon appointed after Psalm 50 in Matins)

After the Prayer of St. Symeon and the Trisagion Prayers:

Troparion of the resurrection from the Octoechos

Glory... Now & ever...

Troparion of the Icon

Great Vespers on Saturday Evening

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

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel IV: Luke §112 (24:1-12)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Eph §229 (5:8b-19) & Heb §320 (9:1-7)

Gospel: •Luke §85 (17:12-19) & Luke §54 (10:38-42, 11:27-28)

Monday

Fast Day.

10/23 Monday of the Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost. Tone I.

MM Menas, Hermogenes and Egraphus, 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 & Egraphus of Alexandria** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1199).

Little Compline on Sunday Evening

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

Typica

Epistle: •I Tim §285 from the midpoint (5:1-10) & Eph §233 (6:10-17)

Gospel: •Mark §21 (5:24b-34) & Luke §106 (21:12-19)

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

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

Great Vespers on Sunday Evening

Three readings: composite readings – see the Menaion

Little Compline on Sunday Evening

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

Canon and prosomoia of Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Egraphus of Alexandria (S:1199)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Hierarch

Matins**Gospel:** John §36 (10:9-16)**Katavasia** of the Nativity**Liturgy****Epistle:** •I Tim §285 from the midpoint (5:1-10) & Heb §318 (7:26-8:2)**Gospel:** •Mark §21 (5:24b-34) & John §36 (10:9-16)**Tuesday****Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****11/24** Tuesday of the Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost. Tone I.

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. Nicon 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 the Stylite** (Appendix A-II; S:1200).**Typica****Epistle:** •I Tim §286 (5:11-21). **Gospel:** •Mark §22 (6:1-7).

If a vigil-rank service is to be performed to St. Herman of Alaska on 12 December, the readings from the daily lectionary for that day [•I Tim §287 (5:22-6:11a); •Mark §23 (6:7-13)] are transferred to this day and read after the daily readings appointed for today.

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

Great Compline on Monday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone I)

Canon and prosomoia of St. Daniel the Stylite (S:1200)

Typica**Epistle:** •I Tim §286 (5:11-21). **Gospel:** •Mark §22 (6:1-7).

If a vigil-rank service is to be performed to St. Herman of Alaska on 12 December, the readings from the daily lectionary for that day [•I Tim §287 (5:22-6:11a); •Mark §23 (6:7-13)] are transferred to this day and read after the daily readings appointed for today.

Wednesday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****12/25** Wednesday of the Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost. Tone I.

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 of Trimythous** (§2C; S:1144).

Liturgy

Epistle: •I Tim §287 (5:22-6:11a) & Heb §335 (13:17-21)

Gospel: •Mark §23 (6:7-13) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

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

Little Vespers on Tuesday Evening

The service is performed as set forth in the Menaion.

Great Vespers on Tuesday Evening

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 [•I Tim §287 (5:22-6:11a); •Mark §23 (6:7-13)] are transferred to the preceding day.

Thursday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

13/26 Thursday of the Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost. Tone I.

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 Virgin-martyr Lucy of Syracuse, should the rector desire to perform it, may be transferred to 14 December and combined with the service to Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus as prescribed in the Menaion; or it may be transferred to Little Compline.

Great Vespers on Wednesday

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

Little Compline on Wednesday

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone I)

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

The canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted.

The canon of St. Spyridon of Trimythous (S:1144) (transferred from 12 December)

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

3 prosomoia of St. Spyridon of Trimythous, Tone V

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomoion, Tone V, to the melody, "*Rejoice...*": *As higher than created things, thou hast truly become a cherubic throne; for the divine Word, wishing to fashion our form anew, dwelt in thee, and bearing flesh, He hath come 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 offenses and mercy.*

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Martyrs

Matins

Gospel: Matt §36 (10:16-22)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •I Tim §289 (6:17-21) & Eph §233 (6:10-17)

Gospel: •Mark §25 (6:30-45) & Luke §106 (21:12-19)

Friday

Fast Day.

14/27 Friday of the Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost. Tone I.

MM Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus, in Bithynia; MM Apollonius and Philemon, with Arrian and four body-guards, including Theotychnus, 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).

According to the Typicon, a simple service to **M Thyrsus et al.** (Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1428).

Typica

Epistle: •II Tim §290 (1:1-2, 8-18). **Gospel:** •Mark §26 (6:45-53).

Or, if the rector so direct, a double service to **M Thyrsus et al.** (S:1428) and **VM Lucy of Syracuse** (transferred from 13 December). The two services are combined as set forth in the service to Virgin-martyr Lucy in the Menaion in accordance with the rubrics for the Lenten service prescribed in Appendix A-II in *The Order of Divine Services*.

Typica

Epistle: •II Tim §290 (1:1-2, 8-18) & II Cor §181 (6:1-10)

Gospel: •Mark §26 (6:45-53) & Matt §104 (25:1-13)

Saturday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

15/28 Saturday of the Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost. Tone I.

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 of Illyria** and **St. Paul of Mt. Latros** (Appendix A-III in *The Order of Divine Services*; S:1429).

Little Compline on Friday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone I)

If a Pannychida is not performed after Vespers:

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

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Haggai (S:1430) (transferred from 16 December)

Liturgy

Epistle: •Gal §213 (5:22-6:2) & I Thess §270 (4:13-17)

Gospel: •Luke §74 (14:1-11) & John §16 (5:24-30)

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Tryphon of Pechenga** (§2E; S:1498). The canons and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius and St. Paul of Mt. Latros are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 17 December.

Great Vespers on Friday Evening

At Lord, I have cried...:

Now & ever...

Dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week

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

After the Prayer of St. Symeon and the Trisagion Prayers:

Troparion of the Saint

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Little Compline on Friday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone I)

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

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Haggai (S:1430) (transferred from 16 December)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Saint

Matins

At God is the Lord...:

Troparion of the Saint, twice

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Gospel: Matt §10 (4:25-5:12a)

Canons:

In a temple of the Lord or the Theotokos –
 Irmos (twice) and 4 troparia from the canon of the temple
 8 troparia from the canon of the Saint
 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
 8 troparia from the canon of the Saint
 After each ode, the katavasia of the Nativity is sung.

After the **Great Doxology:**

Troparion of the Saint

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Liturgy**Epistle:** Gal §213 (5:22-6:2)**Gospel:** Luke §24 (6:17-23a) & •Luke §74 (14:1-11)*The Epistle reading appointed in the daily lectionary and for the Saint are the same pericope, i.e., Gal §213 (5:22-6:2).*

Or a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Stephen of Sougdaia (Surozh)** (§2E; S:1544). The canons and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius and St. Paul of Mt. Latros are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 17 December.

Great Vespers on Friday Evening*At Lord, I have cried...:**Now & ever...*

Dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week

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

After the Prayer of St. Symeon and the Trisagion Prayers:

Troparion of the Hierarch

Glory... Now & ever...

Dismissal theotokion of the resurrection in the tone of the week

Little Compline on Friday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone I)

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

Canon and prosomoia of Prophet Haggai (S:1430) (transferred from 16 December)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Hierarch

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 §35 from the midpoint (10:1-9)

Canons:

In a temple of the Lord or the Theotokos –

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

4 troparia from the Canon I of the Hierarch

4 troparia from the 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 of the Theotokos from Matins of the preceding Sunday

4 troparia from the Canon I of the Hierarch

4 troparia from the 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 §318 (7:26-8:2) & •Gal §213 (5:22-6:2)

Gospel: Matt §11 (5:14-19) & •Luke §74 (14:1-11)

Sunday

Fast Day: Fish, Wine & Oil allowed.

16/29 Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Tone II. *Sunday of the Holy Forefathers.*

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

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 Prophet Haggai are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 15 December.

The service to Blessed Theophania the Empress, should the rector desire to perform it, may be transferred to another convenient day or chanted at Compline.

Matins

Polyeleos

Matins Gospel V: Luke §113 (24:12-35)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

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

Monday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

17/30 Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

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 on Sunday Evening

At Lord, I have cried...:

Now & ever...

Idiomelon of the forefeast

At the **Aposticha:**

Glory... Now & ever...

Idiomelon of the forefeast

Little Compline on Sunday Evening

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

Canon and prosomoia of Hieromartyr Eleutherius (S:1429) (transferred from 15 December)

Canon and prosomoia of St. Paul of Mt. Latros (S:1429) (transferred from 15 December)

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: •II Tim §294 (2:20-26) & Heb §330 (11:33-40)

Gospel: •Mark §27 (6:54-7:8a) & Luke §62 (11:47-12:1)

Tuesday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****18/31** Tuesday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

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: •II Tim §297 (3:16-4:4). **Gospel:** •Mark §28 (7:5-16).

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

Great Vespers on Monday Evening

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

Little Compline on Monday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone II)

Canon and prosomoia of Martyr Sebastian (S:1431)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of Righteous Symeon of Verkhoturye

Matins

Gospel: Matt §43 (11:27-30)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •II Tim §297 (3:16-4:4) & Gal §213 (5:22-6:2)

Gospel: •Mark §28 (7:5-16) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

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

Little Compline on Monday Evening

Canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos (Tone II)

Canon and prosomoia of Martyr Sebastian (S:1431)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Hierarch

Matins

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •II Tim §297 (3:16-4:4) & Heb §318 (7:26-8:2)

Gospel: •Mark §28 (7:5-16) & Matt §11 (5:14-19)

Wednesday**Fast Day.****19/1** Wednesday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

M Boniface, at Tarsus in Cilicia (L: IX 6; L/S XXX 6:3; Ak:1546), and R Aglaïs (Aglaïda) 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: •II Tim §299 (4:9-22). **Gospel:** •Mark §29 (7:14-24a).

From 20 December to 14 January, 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 or vigil-rank coincides), the canon of the Theotokos from the Octoechos is omitted at Little Compline and the Interhours are omitted. The usual Litia for the Dead appointed after Vespers and after the First Hour is not performed.

Thursday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****20/2** Thursday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

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 the God-bearer of Antioch** (§2G1; S:1433).

Little Compline on Wednesday Evening

The three-ode canon and the two-ode canon of the forefeast –

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

Ode VIII and Ode IX: Irmos (twice) of Canon I (the three-ode canon), 3 troparia from the same canon, 3 troparia from Canon II (the two-ode canon). After each ode, the irmos of Canon II (the two-ode canon) 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: •Titus §300 from the midpoint (1:5-2:1) & Heb §311 (4:14-5:6)

Gospel: •Mark §30 (7:24-30) & 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 the God-bearer of Antioch are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 28 December.

Great Vespers on Wednesday Evening

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

Little Compline on Wednesday Evening

The three-ode canon and the two-ode canon of the forefeast –

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

Ode VIII and Ode IX: Irmos (twice) of Canon I (the three-ode canon), 3 troparia from the same canon, 3 troparia from Canon II (the two-ode canon). After each ode, the irmos of Canon II (the two-ode canon) 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 Righteous John of Kronstadt

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 Righteous John of Kronstadt

Prokeimenon, Alleluia and Communion Verse of Righteous John of Kronstadt

Epistle: •Titus §300 from the midpoint (1:5-2:1) & I John (4:7-11)

Gospel: •Mark §30 (7:24-30) & Luke §26 (6:31-36)

Friday

Fast Day.

21/3 Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II.

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 simple service to **VM Juliana of Nicomedia** (§2G1; S:1434).

Little Compline on Thursday Evening

Two three-ode canons of the forefeast (appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline on 21 December and on 23 December) –

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

Ode V: Irmos (twice) of the canon appointed on 23 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 the canon appointed on 21 December, 3 troparia from the same canon and 4 troparia from the canon appointed on 23 December. After each ode, the irmos of the canon appointed on 23 December is sung 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 forefeast

Epistle: •Titus §301 (1:15-2:10). **Gospel**: •Mark §32 (8:1-10).

Or, if the rector so direct, a polyeleos-rank service to **St. Peter** (§2G2; S:1547). The canon and prosomoia of Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 29 December. *Wine and oil allowed*.

Great Vespers on Thursday Evening

Three readings: (1) and (2) composite readings – see the Menaion, (3) Prov 10:31-11:12

Little Compline on Thursday Evening

Two three-ode canons of the forefeast (appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline on 21 December and on 23 December) –

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

Ode V: Irmos (twice) of the canon appointed on 23 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 the canon appointed on 21 December, 3 troparia from the same canon and 4 troparia from the canon appointed on 23 December. After each ode, the irmos of the canon appointed on 23 December is sung as the *katavasia*.

After the Trisagion Prayers:

Kontakion of the Hierarch

Glory... Now & ever...

Kontakion of the forefeast

Matins

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

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 Canon II of the Hierarch

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

Epistle: •Titus §301 (1:15-2:10) & Heb §318 (7:26-8:2)

Gospel: •Mark §32 (8:1-10) & Luke §24 (6:17-23a)

Saturday**Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****22/4** Saturday of the Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost. Tone II. *Saturday before the Nativity.**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).*According to the Typicon, a six-stichera service to **GM Anastasia the Deliverer from Bonds** (§2G1; S:1205).**Vespers on Friday Evening***At Lord, I have cried...:**Glory...**Doxasticon of the Great-martyr, Tone II, Having suffered at the tribunal...**Now & ever...**Idiomelon of the forefeast, Tone IV, Adorn thyself, O Bethlehem...**The dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week is not sung.***Little Compline on Friday Evening**

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

LiturgyAt 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:** •Gal §205 (3:8-12) & Gal §208 (3:23-29)**Gospel:** •Luke §72 (13:18-29) & Luke §33 (7:36-50)**Sunday****Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.****23/5** Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone III. *Sunday before the Nativity. Sunday of the Holy Fathers.**Forefeast of the Nativity.* Holy Ten MM of Crete: Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompus (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 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 the Ten Martyrs of Crete are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 27 December.

The three-ode canon of the forefeast appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline is transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 21 December.

Great Vespers on Saturday Evening

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

Matins

Psalm 118

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

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. Nahum of Ochrid** (S:1548) combined with the service to the **Holy Fathers** (S:1548). The services are performed as set forth in Volume III of *The Order of Divine Services*, pages 77-80.

The canon and prosomoia of the Ten Martyrs of Crete are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 27 December.

The three-ode canon of the forefeast appointed in the Menaion at Little Compline is transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 21 December.

Great Vespers on Saturday Evening

Six readings –

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

Three for the Saint: (4) Wis 3:1-9, (5) Wis 5:15-6:3, (6) Wis 4:7-15

Matins

Polyeleos

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

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

Epistle: •Heb §328 (11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40) & Heb §335 (13:17-21)

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

Monday

Fast Day: Wine & Oil allowed.

24/6 Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

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 of Rome** (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: Isa 7:10-16a, 8:1-4, 8b-10; Heb §304 (1:10-2:3); Matt §3 (2:1-12)

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

The readings from the daily lectionary [•Heb §308 (3:5-11, 17-19); •Mark §33 (8:11-21)] are transferred to 26 December.

Tuesday

Fast-free Period.

25/7 Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

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 the Great

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 readings from the daily lectionary [•Heb §310 (4:1-13); •Mark §34 (8:22-26)] are transferred to 26 December.

Wednesday**Fast-free Period.****26/8** Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

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 Most 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: •Heb §308 (3:5-11, 17-19) (transferred from 24 December), •Heb §310 (4:1-13) (transferred from 25 December), •Heb §312 (5:11-6:8) & Heb §306 (2:11-18)

Gospel: •Mark §33 (8:11-21) (transferred from 24 December), •Mark §34 (8:22-26) (transferred from 25 December), •Mark §36 (8:30-34) & Matt §4 (2:13-23)

Thursday**Fast-free Period.****27/9** Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

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 Graptus** (§2G1; S:1119).

Little Compline on Wednesday Evening

Canon of the Ten Martyrs of Crete (S:1435) (transferred from 23 December)

After It is truly meet...:

3 prosomoia of the Ten Martyrs of Crete, Tone IV

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomoion, Tone IV, *Ten thousand 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 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: •Heb §315 (7:1-6) & Acts §17 (6:8-7:5a, 47-60)

Gospel: •Mark §39 (9:10-16) & 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

Friday

Fast-free Period.

28/10 Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III.

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 was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation...*

A simple service to the **20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia** (§2G1; S:1336).

Little Compline on Thursday Evening

If a polyeleos-rank service was performed to St. John of Kronstadt on 20 December:

Canon of Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch (S:1433) (transferred from 20 December)

After *It is truly meet...*:

3 prosomoia of Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch, Tone IV

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomoion, Tone IV, *In that I have fallen...* (from *Lord, I have cried...* at Vespers in the service to Prophet Zephaniah on 3 December in the Menaion)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 6 troparia: 2 (including the irmos) from Ode IV of Canon I of the Nativity, 1 from Ode IV of Canon II of the Nativity, 2 from Ode V of Canon I of the Nativity and 1 from Ode V 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: •Heb §317 (7:18-25) & Rom §96 from the midpoint (8:3-9)

Gospel: •Mark §41 (9:33-41) & Luke §51 from the midpoint (10:19-21)

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

Saturday

Fast-free Period.

29/11 Saturday of the Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost. Tone III. *Saturday after the Nativity.*

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).

Vespers on Friday Evening

At Lord, I have cried....:

Glory...

Doxasticon of the Holy Innocents, Tone VIII, *The all-iniquitous Herod...*

Now & ever...

Idiomelon of the forefeast, Tone VIII, *An all-glorious mystery...*

The dogmatic theotokion in the tone of the week is not sung.

Little Compline on Friday Evening

The canon for the departed from Saturday Matins in the Octoechos (Tone III) is omitted.

Canon and prosomoia of Martyr Zoticus of Constantinople (S:1337) (transferred from 30 December)

If a polyeleos-rank service was performed to St. Peter on 21 December, the canon and prosomoia of Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (transferred from 21 December) are chanted before those of Martyr Zoticus.

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 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: I Tim §288 (6:11b-16), II Cor §180 (5:15-21) & •Eph §220 from the midpoint (2:11-13)

Gospel: Matt §46 from the midpoint (12:15b-21), Matt §4 (2:13-23) & •Matt §97 (24:1-13)

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.

30/12 Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone IV. *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. VM Anysia, at Thessalonica (L:OL 71:6). 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 Magistran, Paulinus, Umbrius, Verus, Severus, Callistratus, Florentius, Arian, Anthimus, Ubrius, Isidore, Euculus, Sampson, Studius and Thespesius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate. New Venerable-martyr Gideon of Karakalou Monastery on Mt. Athos, at Tyrnabos. Op rel St. Daniel of Pereyaslav. St. Egwin, bp. of Worcester (XXV 6). **GC:** St. Leo the Archimandrite.

St. Peter, abbot of Canterbury.

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 Martyr Zoticus of Constantinople are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 29 December.

The canon and prosomoia of Virgin-martyr Anysia are transferred to Little Compline on the eve of 31 December.

Matins

Psalm 118

Matins Gospel VII: John §63 (20:1-10)

Katavasia of the Nativity

Liturgy

At the **Beatitudes**, 12 troparia: 4 of the resurrection from the Octoechos, 2 from Ode VIII of Canon I of the Nativity, 2 from Ode VIII of Canon II of the Nativity and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Saints

Epistle: Gal §200 (1:11-19) & •Eph §233 (6:10-17)

Gospel: Matt §4 (2:13-23) & •Luke §93 (18:35-43)

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

Monday

Fast-free Period.

31/13 Monday of the Thirtieth Week after Pentecost. Tone IV.

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). The canon and prosomoia of St. Melania the Younger (printed in the Menaion under 30 December) are transferred to Little Compline.

Little Compline on Sunday Evening

Canon of Virgin-martyr Anysia (S:1337) (transferred from 30 December)

Canon of St. Melania the Younger (S:1337) (printed in the Menaion under 30 December)

After *It is truly meet...*:

3 prosomoia of Virgin-Martyr Anysia, Tone IV

3 prosomoia of St. Melania the Younger, Tone IV

Glory... Now & ever...

Theotokion prosomoion, Tone IV, *In that I have fallen...* (from *Lord, I have cried...* at Vespers in the service to Prophet Zephaniah on 3 December in the Menaion)

After the Trisagion Prayers: kontakion of the Nativity

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:

Immos 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.*

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

Immos 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: •Heb §319 (8:7-13) & •Heb §321 (9:8-10, 15-23) (transferred from the following day)

Gospel: •Mark §42 (9:42-10:1) & •Mark §43 (10:2-12) (transferred from the following day)

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

The end of the Liturgical Calendar for 2024.

Glory be to our God!