

2019

THE TIPIC FOR
JANUARY

1 TUESDAY

Circumcision of Our Lord. St. Basil the Great. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria of Feast and Saint. Gos. John 10:9–16. Katavasia of Theophany. In place of “More Honorable,” sing Irmos of Ode 9 from Menaion. Great Doxology. Tropar of Saint (Tone 1), “Glory... Now and Ever...”, Tropar of Feast. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Normal Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Colossians 2: 8–12. Gos. Luke 2:20– 21, 40–52. Axion: “In you o woman full of grace”. **After the Divine Liturgy, Thanksgiving Service for the New Year.**

4 FRIDAY

Royal Hours for Theophany. Vespers.

5 SATURDAY

Eve of Theophany. Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. **Blessing of Waters.** Evening: **Great Compline with Litia:** Sing “God is with us...”. After the first “Holy God” sing the tropar for Theophany. After the second “Holy God” sing the Kontakion of Theophany. After reading the Doxology, begin the Litia, followed by the Aposticha, Prayers of St. Simeon, censing around the table with the loaves of bread, singing the Troparion of the Feast three times, then the Dismissal.

6 SUNDAY

Holy Theophany. Follow Menaion. **Matins:** “God is the Lord.” Festal Troparion (3 times). Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Festal Antiphons. Gos. Mark 1:9-11. Katavasia of Theophany. In place of “More honorable...”, sing Irmos of Ode 9. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. Basil the Great:** Festal Antiphons. In place of “Holy God,” sing “All baptized”. Epis. Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7. Gos. Matthew 3:13–17. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. After the Prayer behind the Ambon, the priest goes in procession out of the Altar to the middle of the church for the **Great Blessing of Waters.** The Liturgy ends with “Blessed be the name...” and the Dismissal. Until the Leave-taking of the Feast (January 14), the faithful drink the blessed water before receiving antidoron.

7 MONDAY

St. John the Forerunner and Baptizer. Follow Menaion, combining the service for Theophany with service for Saint according to the instructions. **Great Vespers:** “Blessed is the man.” At “Lord I have called...” sing 8 sticheras (of the Feast and the Saint); “Glory” for the Saint, “Now and ever” the Dogmatikon of the Feast. After Entrance, Great Prokeimenon: “Our God in heaven and on earth has done everything He willed.” No Old Testament readings. Aposticha of the Feast, “Glory” for the Saint, “Now and ever” for the Feast. After Aposticha, sing Tropar of Saint and end with Tropar of Feast. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent of the Feast. Gos. Mark 1:9-11. Katavasia of Theophany. At 9th Ode, sing “More honorable”. At Praises, sing sticheras of the Feast, “Glory” for Saint, “Now and ever” for Feast. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God”. Epis. Acts 19:1–8. Gos. John 1:29–34. Axion of Theophany. Dismissal begins with “May he who was baptized in the Jordan by John...”.

13 SUNDAY

Sunday after Theophany. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Octoechos with Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Theophany. At Ode 9, sing “More honorable.” **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 4:7-13. Gos. Matthew 4:12-17. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Theophany Canon.

20 SUNDAY

29th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 1. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 1:12-18 (of the 28th Sunday). Gos. Luke 17:12–19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

27 SUNDAY

31st Sunday after Pentecost. Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 1:15-17; 1 Corinthians 12:7–11. Gos. Luke 18:35-43; John 10:9–16. Axion: “It is truly right.”

30 WEDNESDAY

Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John the Golden-mouth. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. John 10:9–16. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 13:7–16. Gos. Matthew 5:14–19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

THE TIPIC FOR

FEBRUARY

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 21, 23, 28

2 SATURDAY

Presentation of our Lord. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Gos.: Luke 2:25-32. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. Special verse at the Small Entrance. “Holy God.” Epis.: Hebrews 7:7-17. Gos.: Luke 2:22-40. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Dismissal: “May He who was carried in the arms of the Righteous Simeon...”

3 SUNDAY

32nd Sunday after Pentecost. (*Zacchaeus*). Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 3. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 4:9–15. Gos. Luke 19:1–10). Axion: “It is truly right”. Dismal of Sunday, even though we are in the period of the Feast of the Presentation.

10 SUNDAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost (*Canaanite woman*). Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 4. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1, Gos. Matthew 15:21–28. Axion: “It is truly right.”

17 SUNDAY

33rd Sunday after Pentecost. (*Publican and Pharisee – Triodion begins*). Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 5. Combine Triodion and Octoechos. (*General Rule:* On all Sundays of Triodion and Pentecostarion, service of saint of day is not observed except on Annunciation). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** After Ps. 50, sing “Open the doors,” “Guide my steps,” “Reflecting on the multitude”. Katavasia from Triodion. Praises and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Timothy 3:10–15. Gos. Luke 18:10–14. Axion: “It is truly right”.

24 SUNDAY

34th Sunday after Pentecost. (*Prodigal Son*). Tone 6. Matins Gospel 6. Follow the Triodion. **Great Vespers** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos and add: “By the waters of Babylon.” (This Psalm is sung on 2 Sundays only - the Prodigal Son and the Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise). Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. After Psalm 50, sing “Open the doors of repentance.” Katavasia from Triodion. Praises and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Gos.: Luke 15:11-32. Axion: “It is truly right.” Dismissal of Sundays: “May He who is risen from the dead.”

THE TIPIC FOR MARCH

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30

2 SATURDAY

Memorial Saturday. Follow Triodion. **Vespers:** In place of the Prokeimenon sing “Alleluia”. No entrance. Troparion of the Dead. **Matins:** In place of “God is the Lord” sing “Alleluia”. Kathisma 17 in two stases. After the first stasis: Litany of the Dead, and after the second stasis: “Funeral Hymns of Blessings (Evlogetaria)” followed by the Litany of the Dead. No Gospel reading. Canon and Katavasia for the Dead. The Doxology and the rest of Matins is read. **Liturgy:** Epis.: 1 Corinthians 10:23-38; Thessalonians 4:13-17. Gos.: Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36; John 5:24-39. Axion: “It is truly right.” After the Liturgy, General Memorial Service for all the departed.

3 SUNDAY

35th Sunday after Pentecost. Last Judgement. Farewell to Meat. Tone 7. Matins Gospel 7. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Matins Gospel. After Psalm 50 sing: *Open the doors of repentance...* and the rest, Katavasia from Triodion. Praises and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2. Gos.: Matthew 25:31-46. Axion: “It is truly right.” We have dispensation for eggs and dairy for the entire following week.

9 SATURDAY

Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste. Saturday of Souls. Liturgy of St John: Epis.: Hebrews 12:1-10. Gos.: Matthew 20:1-16.

10 SUNDAY

36th Sunday after Pentecost. Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Forgiveness Sunday. Farewell to Dairy. Tone 8. Matins Gospel 8. Combine Octoechos and Triodion **Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos plus add “By the waters of Babylon.” Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Matins Gospel. After Psalm 50, “Open the doors of repentance”. Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy: Reminder:** if the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated next week, additional Lambs are to be consecrated. Epis.: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4. Gos.: Matthew 6:14-21. Axion: “It is truly right.” In the evening, **Forgiveness Vespers** with prostrations and the Prayer of St. Ephraim. **Memorial service for Martyrs of Communist Persecution.**

11 MONDAY

Great Lent Begins. The Great Typikon prescribes the celebration of the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** 5 days per week, not only on Wednesdays and Fridays. From Monday until Thursday of the First Week we read **Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.** The Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian is said with four great prostrations and twelve small prostrations during the Hours and whenever the Triodion prescribes. Monday and Tuesday are non liturgical days, meaning that no liturgy is celebrated, and on Wednesday, March 13, the first Presanctified Liturgy is celebrated.

16 SATURDAY

St. Theodore of Tyre. Vespers on Friday morning: Entrance and Old Testament Readings done during the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.** Friday evening: **Great Compline,** with the Canon of St Theodore.

Liturgy of St. John: Epis.: Hebrews 1:1-12, 2. Gos.: Mark 2:23-3:5. Axion: “It is truly right.” The Memorial service and **Blessing of Coliva for St. Theodore** is done immediately after the Liturgy.

17 SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Great Lent: of Orthodoxy. Tone 1. Matins Gospel 9. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Resurrectional Tropar and Tropar of the Icons: “We venerate Your most pure Image.” **Matins:** After Psalm 50, “Open the doors of repentance.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis.: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40. Gos.: John 1:43-51. Axion: “*In you, o woman full of grace...*”

24 SUNDAY

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory Palamas. Tone 2. Matins Gospel 10. Follow the Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. Sing both the Resurrectional Tropar of the Tone and the Tropar of the Saint. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 1:10–14; 2:1–3 and Hebrews 7: 26-28; 8:1-2. Gos. Mark 2:1–12; John 10:9–16. Axion: “*In you o woman full of grace.*”

25 MONDAY

Annunciation of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God & Ever-Virgin Mary. **Great Vespers** celebrated Sunday evening: Entrance, Old Testament Readings, Litia. **Matins in the morning:** *God is the Lord...* then the Troparion of the Feast 3 times, Polyeleos and Megalitaria, then immediately: Little Litany, Ipakoe, Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Gospel of the Feast, read from the Royal Doors: Luke 1:39-56. Psalm 50. Combine the Canon of Annunciation with that of the Triodion. Katavasia of Annunciation. Instead of “More honorable...” sing Ode 9 from the Canon. Praises with the sticheras. Read the small Doxology. **Liturgy of St. St John combined with Vespers (the Vespers of the next day, March 26):** Being with: *Blessed is the Kingdom...* Psalm 103, Great Litany, *Lord I have Called...*, Small entrance with the Gospel Book, Gladsome Light, Prokemenon of the day, Old Testament Readings, Small Litany with the Ekphonesis: *For your are holy our God...* then *Holy God...* and the rest of the Liturgy of St John. Epis. Hebrews 2:11–18, Gos. Luke 1:24–38. Axion of the Feast: Irmos of 9th Ode of Annunciation Canon. Today, we have dispensation for fish.

31 SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Adoration of the Holy Cross. Tone 3. Matins Gospel 11. Combine Octoechos & Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Matins Gospel. Psalm 50. “Open the doors of repentance.” Katavasia from Triodion. At Great Doxology, the priest, in full vestments, censes around the Holy Table, and during the 3rd “Holy God,” he takes the Cross in procession from the Altar through the north door to a stand in the middle of the church for veneration by the faithful. During the procession, sing the Tropar and Kontakion of the Cross, then venerate the Cross with great prostrations, singing the hymn: “Before your Cross.” The Cross *is not raised and lowered* toward the four cardinal points as on the day of the Lifting Up of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14), but it is placed on a stand, and we bow down in front of it. Then we venerate the Cross with great prostrations, singing the hymn: “Before your Cross”. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** In place of “Holy God”, sing “Before your cross”. Epis.: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6. Gos.: Mark 8:34-9:1. Axion: “*In you, o woman full of grace.*”

THE TIPIC FOR

APRIL

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24

7 SUNDAY

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John of the Ladder. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 1. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. In addition to Resurrectional Troparion include the Troparion of St. John of the Ladder at Vespers, Matins and Liturgy. **Matins:** Polyeleos, Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Matins Gospel, After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 6:13–20 and Ephes. 5: 8-19. Gos. Mark 9:17–32 and Matt. 4:25-5:1-12. Axion: “*In you o woman full of grace.*”

10 WEDNESDAY

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. See the Triodion.

12 FRIDAY

Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Birthgiver of God. See the Triodion.

14 SUNDAY

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. In addition to Resurrectional Troparion include the Troparion of St. Mary at Vespers, Matins and Liturgy. **Matins:** Polyeleos, Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Matins Gospel, After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil the Great:** Epis. Hebrews 9:11-14. Gos. Mark 10:32-45. Axion: “*In you o woman full of grace.*”

20 SATURDAY

Raising of Lazarus. Follow Triodion. **Vespers** for Lazarus celebrated on the eve (Friday morning) together with the **Presanctified Liturgy.** **Matins:** No Polyeleos, no Megalitaria nor Gospel reading. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. We do say “Seeing the Resurrection.” Katavasia from Triodion. In place of “More honorable” sing Irmos of Ode 9 from the Canon of the Triodion. “Holy is the Lord” without Hymn of Light. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. At Small Entrance with the Gospel we sing, “Come let us worship... Save us O, Son of God Risen from the dead...” Tropar of the Feast. In place of “Holy God” sing “All baptized.” Epis. Hebrews 12:28–13:8. Gos. John 11:1–45. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Lazarus Canon: “Let us honor and glorify, O peoples ...” Instead of “We have seen the true light” sing the Tropar of the Feast. Dismissal: “May He who is risen from the dead...”

21 SUNDAY

6th Sunday of Lent. Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Follow Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Lita. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Matthew 21:1–11, 15–17. After Ps. 50, the blessing and distribution of palms. Palm Sunday Canon and the rest the Matins. **Liturgy of St. John:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. “Holy God.” Epis. Philippians 4:4–9. Gos. John 12:1–18. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Palm Sunday Canon. Dispensation for fish. **With the evening, Bridegroom Matins, Holy Week begins.**

22-24 GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Holy Week. Follow Triodion. **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** each morning. Each evening, **Bridegroom Matins** with Gospel readings, “Behold the Bridegroom comes” and “Your Bridal Chamber.” Wednesday morning we cease the recitation of the prayer of St Ephraim and the ritual of the great prostrations. In the parishes, on Wednesday afternoon/evening, we celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Unction.**

25 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Commemoration of the Last Supper. Follow Triodion. **Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil.** Begin: “Blessed is the Kingdom...” then Psalm 103 and the others of Vespers from Triodion, The Sticheras at the Lord I have called with censuring, Glory and now..., Entrance with Gospel. Old Testament readings. After the final Old Testament reading, Little Litany with exclamation: “For holy is our God...” and then the rest of the the Liturgy with “Holy God.” Epis. 1 Corinthians 11:23–32. Gos. (see Gospel book for combined readings from all Evangelists): Matthew 26:2–20 ; John 13:3–17; Matthew 26:21–39; Luke 22:43–44; Matthew 26:40; 27:1–2. In place of the Cherubic Hymn and “Let our mouths be filled,” sing “At your Mystical Supper.” Axion of Holy Thursday: “Come o faithful, let us feast at the Master’s banquet.” Eucharist for the sick is prepared. **Evening: Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels** - between the 5th and 6th Gospels, the Cross is carried out from the Altar to the middle of the church.

26 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Follow the Triodion. **Royal Hours** with Gospel readings. **Great Vespers with the bringing out of the Epitaphion from the Holy Altar:** Entrance with Gospel book. Gladsome Light. Old Testament Readings. Epistle and The Gospel reading of the removal from the Cross. Taking the Body down from the Cross (during mid-point of Gospel). *Bringing out of the Holy Shroud (Epitaphion):* According to the Byzantine tradition, the Shroud is brought out of the Altar at the time of the “Glory” at the Aposticha. **Evening: Matins of Holy Saturday. Lamentations.** At “God is the Lord...” sing the Troparia: “the Noble Joseph...” and the rest, as the priest censures the entire church and retuning to the front remains in front of the shroud and begins the Lamentations. Follow the order from the Triodion. At the Great Doxology, *the priest fully vested (just like for the Liturgy)*, at “Holy God” the priest comes outside of the Altar to the shroud, censures three times around it and then goes in procession around the church with the Epitaphion, making the 4 stops with the proper litanies. After entering the church, the priest takes the Epitaphion and comes in front facing the Royal Doors, raises it saying “Wisdom! Arise!...” then enters the Altar and places the Epitaphion on the Holy Altar table, where it remains until Ascension, while the troparia are sung: “the Noble Joseph.” The Matins continue with the Old Testament Readings, the Epistle, the Gospel, litanies and the Dismissal: “*May He who for us and our salvation endured...*”

27 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Follow Triodion. **Hours, Typika and Liturgy of St. Basil combined with Vespers (see the structure from Holy Thursday).** “All baptized in Christ” in place of “Holy God.” Epis. Romans 6:3–11. Gos. Matthew 28:1–20. We sing a special Cherubic Hymn and a special Axion of Holy Saturday, as prescribed in the Triodion. The use of the Triodion ceases after this service, and we start using the Pentecostarion until the Sunday of All Saints.

28 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (PASCHA)

Follow Pentecostarion. **Resurrection Service with Matins:** Procession with candles around the church three times, followed by Matins of Pascha. The Gospel is read outside: Matthew 28:1-15. During all of Bright Week, Matins begins as on the Pascha night: “Glory to the holy...”, then the censuring around the Holy Table

with the Paschal sticheras. The remainder of Matins is celebrated in the church. **Liturgy of St. John:** In the altar in place of “Heavenly King” the priest says “Christ is risen” and the following until Ascension. The Liturgy begins with “Blessed is the Kingdom...” then “Christ is risen” (3 times) and censing interspersed with the Paschal sticheras (“Let God arise”) then Great Litany. From Thomas Sunday until Wednesday of 6th Week after Pascha, the priest sings “Christ is risen” (3 times) without the censing and Paschal sticheras. In place of “Holy God”, sing “All baptized in Christ.” Epis. Acts 1:1-8. Gos. John 1:1-17. Axion of Pascha: “The angel cried out”. Instead of “Blessed is He that comes,” “We have seen the true light,” “Let our mouths be filled,” and “Blessed be the name of the Lord,” sing “Christ is risen.” **After Liturgy, blessing of the Artos (Paschal bread), meats, eggs and dairy products.** (All the doors of the altar remain open until “Lord I have called” at Bright Saturday’s St Thomas Vespers). In the afternoon or evening: **Agape Vespers:** Begins with “Glory to the Holy Consubstantial...” Christ is Risen (3 times) with censing and the Paschal sticheras and Christ is Risen, Entrance with Gospel. Gladsome Light, Prokimenon, Reading of Gospel (John 20: 19-25) in many languages. During Bright Week, Vespers, Matins, Hours and Liturgy are the same as on Pascha, changing only the Tone, Epistle and Gospel readings.

29 BRIGHT MONDAY

Matins & Liturgy: See Pentecostarion. Today we celebrate St George also, see Menion for the service that is to be combined with the Paschal feast. Epis.: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 and Acts 12:1-11. Gos.: John 1:18-28. John 15:17-27, 16:1-2. Katavasia and Axion of Pascha and the rest as it is indicated in the Matins of Pascha for each day of this week. At the Liturgies the regular beginning: “Blessed is the Kingdom...” then add “Christ is risen” (3 times) and censing interspersed with the Paschal sticheras (“Let God arise”) then Great Litany. In place of “Holy God”, sing “All baptized in Christ.” Axion of Pascha: “The angel cried out”. Instead of “Blessed is He that comes,” “We have seen the true light,” “Let our mouths be filled,” and “Blessed be the name of the Lord,” sing “Christ is risen.” The special Dismissal of Pascha as it is prescribed in the Resurrection Matins.

30 BRIGHT TUESDAY

Matins & Liturgy, same as above. Epis.: Acts 2:14-21. Gos.: Luke 24:12-35. Axion of Pascha.

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3 BRIGHT FRIDAY

Lifegiving Fount of the Mother of God. Vespers, Matins and Liturgy as on Pascha day. Epis. Acts 3:1-8. Gos. John 2:12-22. Axion of Pascha. **Small Blessing of water**

5 SUNDAY

2nd Sunday of Pascha: St. Thomas Sunday. Tone 1. Matins Gospel 1. Beginning today, all the services start with “Christ is risen” (3 times) followed by “Holy God” until the Leave-taking of Pascha. Until Ascension, Matins begins with “Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial...” and “Christ is risen” (3 times), during which time the whole church is censed. See Pentecostarion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Lita. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Pascha. At the 9th Ode sing “More honorable.” Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis.: Acts 5:12-20. Gos.: John 20:19-31. Axion of Pascha. Dismissal: “*May He who through the closed doors...*”

12 SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Pascha: Myrrhbearing Women. Tone 2. Matins Gospel 4. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Pascha. At the 9th Ode sing “More honorable”. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Acts 6:1-7. Gos.: Mark 15:43-16:8. Axion of Pascha.

19 SUNDAY

4th Sunday of Pascha: the Paralytic. Tone 3. Matins Gospel 5. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Pascha. At the 9th Ode sing “More honorable”. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Acts 9:32-42. Gos.: John 5:1-15. Axion of Pascha.

21 TUESDAY

Sts. Constantine and Helen. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Lita. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. John 10:9-16. Katavasia of Pascha. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 9:19-31. Gos. John 10:1-9. Axion of Pascha.

22 WEDNESDAY

Midfeast of Pentecost. The entire service from the Pentecostarion. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 14:6-18. Gos. John 7:14-30. Axion of Pascha.

26 SUNDAY

5th Sunday of Pascha: the Samaritan Woman. Tone 4. Matins Gospel 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Pascha. At the 9th Ode sing “More honorable”. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis.: Acts 11:19-30. Gos.: John 4:5-42. Axion of Pascha.

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2 SUNDAY

6th Sunday of Pascha: the Blind Man. Tone 5. Matins Gospel 8. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Pascha. At the 9th Ode sing “More honorable”. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 16:16-34. Gos. John 9:1-38. Axion of Pascha.

6 THURSDAY

Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Follow Pentecostarion. No more singing of “Christ is Risen,” all services begin directly with “Holy God” until Pentecost (we don’t say “Heavenly King”). On Wednesday evening, celebrate **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. Litia and the Tropar of Ascension (3 times). **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent of the Feast. Gos.: Mark 16:9-20. Katavasia of Pentecost. Exapostilar and Praises are combined from the Menaion and Pentecostarion as explained in the Menaion. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance hymn. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 1:1-12. Gos. Luke 24:36-53. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Ascension Canon. In place of “We have seen the true light”, sing Tropar of Ascension.

9 SUNDAY

7th Sunday of Pascha: the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council. Tone 6. Matins Gospel 10. Follow the Pentecostarion. Combine the service for the Ascension with that of the Holy Fathers. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Matins Gospel. Katavasia of Pentecost. At the 9th Ode we sing “More honorable.” Great Doxology. **Liturgy: *Only in this Sunday, at the beginning of the Liturgy, we do not recite neither “Christ is Risen” nor “Heavenly King” but we say only “Glory to God in the highest...” (twice) and “O Lord open my lips...”*** After entrance: Tropar of the Resurrection, of the Ascension and of the Fathers, Glory...Kontakion of the Fathers, Now...Kontakion of the Feast. Epis. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. Gos. John 17:1-13. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Ascension Canon. In place of “We have seen the true light”, sing Tropar of Ascension

15 SATURDAY

Memorial Saturday. On Friday at Vespers and Saturday at Matins and Liturgy we sing the service for the dead, as it was shown above of the Saturday of Souls, March 2. Follow Pentecostarion. **Vespers and Matins:** we sing “Funeral Hymns of Blessings” like at the memorial service. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 28:1-31 and of the dead: 1 Thess. 4:13-17. Gos. John 21:15-25 and of the dead: John 5:24–30. Axion: “It is truly right.” After the Liturgy, we celebrate a **General Memorial Service** for **all** the departed.

16 SUNDAY

8th Sunday after Pascha. Pentecost: Descent of the Holy Spirit. Follow Pentecostarion. Everything is of the feast. All services begin from now on with “Heavenly King.” **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. No Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings or Hymns of Ascent of Tone – instead, sing Hymns of Ascent of Feast. Gos. John 20:19-23. Do **not** sing “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Pentecost. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. “All baptized in Christ” in place of “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 2:1-11. Gos. John 7:37-53; 8:12. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Pentecost Canon. **After Liturgy, Great Vespers with Kneeling Prayers as it is shown in the Pentecostarion.**

17 MONDAY

Holy Trinity Day. Matins: No Polyeleos or Gospel. Katavasia of Pentecost. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Ephesians 5:8-19. Gos.: Matthew 18:10-20. Axion of the Feast.

23 SUNDAY

1st Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints. Follow Pentecostarion. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 1. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation sung until August 1. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2. Gos. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30. Axion: “It is truly right.”

24 MONDAY

Birth of St. John the Forerunner & Baptizer. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Matins Gospel of the Saint. Katavasia of the Annunciation. Liturgy: Epis. Romans 13:1-14; 14:1-4. Gos. Luke 1:1-25; 57-68, 76, 80. Axion: “It is truly right.”

29 SATURDAY

Holy Apostles Peter & Paul. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. John 21:1-14. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9. Gos. Matthew 16:13-19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

30 SUNDAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints of America & Romania. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings (3 from the previous Sunday Old Testament Readings). Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Gospel of Resurrection. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises – “Glory” for Saints, “Now and ever” – “You are most blessed”. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 2:10-16. Gos. Matthew 4:18-23. Axion: “It is truly right.”

**THE TIPIC FOR
JULY**

7 SUNDAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 3. **Great Vespers:** Entrance and no Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone, Katavasia of Annunciation. At 9th Ode: “More honorable.” Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. Epis. Romans 5:1-10;. Gos. Matthew 6: 22-33; Axion: “It is truly right.”

14 SUNDAY

4th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council). Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine the Octoechos with the Service for the Holy Fathers from Menaion between July 13 & 19. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gos. Katavasia of Annunciation. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Romans 6:18-23; Titus 3:8-15. Gos.: Matthew 8:5-13; John 17:1-13. Axion: “It is truly right.”

20 SATURDAY

Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 4:22-30. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. James 5:10-20. Gos. Luke 4:22-30. Axion: “It is truly right.”

21 SUNDAY

5th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 5. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Mat. Gos. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 10:1-10. Gos. Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1. Axion: “It is truly right.”

27 SATURDAY

Great Martyr & Healer Panteleimon. St. Jacob of Alaska. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 21:12-19. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Timothy 2:1-10. Gos. John 15:17-26; 16:1-2. Axion: “It is truly right.”

28 SUNDAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 6. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Matins Gos. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Romans 12:6-14. Gos.: Matthew 9:1-8. Axion: “It is truly right.”

THE TIPIC FOR AUGUST

1 THURSDAY

Procession of the Cross. 7 Maccabean Youths. (*Beginning of Dormition Fast*). Follow Menaion. **Vespers:** Lord I have called - 6 Sticheras. No Entrance. No Old Testament readings. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. No Gospel. Katavasia of Cross until September 22. After Great Doxology, priest (in full vestments) brings the cross in procession to the middle of the church for veneration. **Lesser Blessing of Water. Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. Gos. Matthew 10:16-22, 32-36; 11:1. Axion: "It is truly right." After Liturgy, the cross is taken back into the altar while the Tropar of the Cross is being sung. Until August 15, the **Vespers and Paraclis of the Birthgiver of God** is read each evening.

4 SUNDAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Prokimenon. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalinaría. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of the Cross. Lauds and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Romans 15:1-7;. Gos.: Matthew 9:27-35; Axion: "It is truly right."

6 MONDAY

Transfiguration of our Lord, God & Savior, Jesus Christ. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance, Old Testament Readings, Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalinaría. Gos.: Luke 9:28-36. Katavasia of the Cross. Sing Irmos of Ode 9 of the Festal Canon in place of "More honorable". The exapostilarion of the Feast. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis.: 2 Peter 1:10-19. Gos.: Matthew 17:1-9. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. After the Prayer behind the Ambon, the **Blessing of New Fruits.** Dispensation to eat fish.

11 SUNDAY

8th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 8. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalinaría. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Matins Gos. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of the Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Gos. Matthew 14:14-22. Axion: "It is truly right."

15 THURSDAY

Falling Asleep of the Birthgiver of God. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalinaría. Gos. Luke 1:39-49, 56. Katavasia of Dormition. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis. Philippians 2:5-11. Gos. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Dormition Canon.

18 SUNDAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 9. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalinaría. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Matins Gos. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of the Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Gos. Matthew 14:22-34. Axion: "It is truly right".

25 SUNDAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 10. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Gos. Matthew 17:14-23. Axion: "It is truly right."

29 THURSDAY

Beheading of St. John the Baptizer (*Strict Fast*). Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Lita. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Matthew 14:1-13. Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis. Acts 13:25-33. Gos. Mark 6:14-30. Axion: "It is truly right."

THE TIPIC FOR SEPTEMBER

1 SUNDAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost. Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gospel. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 9:2-12. Gos. Matthew 18:23-35. Axion: “It is truly right.”

8 SUNDAY

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Nativity of Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. Tone 3. Matins Gospel 1. Combine the Octoechos with the Menaion. **Vespers.** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gospel of the Resurrection. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18 and Philippians 2:5-11. Gos. John 3:13-17 and Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon of the Nativity of the Mother of God.

14 SATURDAY

Exaltation of the Precious & Life-giving Cross. (*Strict Fast.*) Follow the Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. Before the beginning of Vespers, the Cross is moved from the Proskomedia table to the Holy Table. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent of Feast (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Gospel of Feast: Gos. John 12:28-36. Sing “Seeing the Resurrection” according to the special melody. Katavasia of the Cross. In place of “More honorable” sing Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Exapostilar. Praises. During the Great Doxology, the priest, fully vested, censes around the Holy Table, and when “Holy God” is sung, he takes the Cross in procession through the south Deacon’s door and stops before the Royal Doors and says: “Wisdom, Let us be attentive.” The Tropar of the Cross is sung (3 times), during which time the priest places the Cross on a stand in the middle of the church, and censes around the Cross (3 times). The priest raises the Cross toward the north, south, east and west, saying the litanies prescribed in the Menaion, while the faithful sing “Lord have mercy” (usually 100 times for each). After the final prayer of the litany, the priest puts the Cross back on the stand. During the singing of the tropar “We venerate your cross”, everyone makes 3 prostrations and venerates the Cross. The Cross stays on the stand for 8 days, until the leave-taking of the Feast on September 21. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. In place of “Holy God” sing “We venerate your Cross”. Epis.: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. Gos.: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 31-35. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon of the Cross. This is a strict fast day, regardless of what day the Feast falls upon.

15 SUNDAY

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis.: Galatians 2:16-20. Gos.: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon of the Cross.

22 SUNDAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Mat. Gos 3. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps.

50. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Gos. Luke 5:1-11. Axion: "It is truly right."

30 SUNDAY

19th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos 4. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9. Gos. Luke 6:31-36. Axion: "It is truly right."

THE TIPIC FOR OCTOBER

1 WEDNESDAY

Protection of the Mother of God. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-49; 56. Katavasia of Annunciation. At the 9th Ode, “More honorable” is chanted. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 9:1-7. Gos. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. Axion: “It is truly right.”

6 SUNDAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Matins Gospel 5. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 1:11-19. Gos. Luke 7:11-16. Axion: “It is truly right.”

13 SUNDAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Tone 8. Mat. Gos 6. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and no Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gosel of Resurrection. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 2:16-20; Titus 3:8-15. Gos. Luke 8:5-15; John 17:1-13. Axion: “It is truly right.”

14 MONDAY

St. Parascheva. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis.: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12. Gospel: Luke 7:36-50. Axion: “It is truly right.”

20 SUNDAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Mat Gos 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gospel. “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Ephesians 2:4-10. Gos.: Luke 8:26-39. Axion: “It is truly right.”

26 SATURDAY

Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streaming of Thessalonica. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Gos. Matthew 10:16-22. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Hebrews 12:11-13, 25-27. Gos. Matthew 8:23-27; John 15:17-27; 16:1-2. Axion: “It is truly right.”

27 SUNDAY

24th Sunday after Pentecost. St. Dimitrie Basarabov. Tone 2. Mat Gos 8. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:14-22 and Ephesians 4:7-13. Gos.: Luke 8:41-56 and Gos. Luke 10:16-22. Axion: “It is truly right.”

THE TIPIC FOR NOVEMBER

3 SUNDAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Matins Gospel 9. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gospel. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18. Gos. Luke 16:19-31. Axion: "It is truly right." (In the Romanian Tropic, the readings for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost always fall between October 30 and November 5).

8 FRIDAY

Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel and all the Bodiless Powers. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Gos. Matthew 13:24-30; 34-43. Katavasia of Annunciation. At Ode 9 of the Canon, sing "More honorable". Lauds and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Hebrews 2:2-10. Gos.: Luke 10:16-21. Axion: "It is truly right."

10 SUNDAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Matins Gospel 10. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 4:1-7. Gos. Luke 10:25-37. Axion: "It is truly right."

13 WEDNESDAY

St. John Chrysostom. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Gos. John 10:1-9. Katavasia of Annunciation. Lauds and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2. Gos.: John 10:9-16. Axion: "It is truly right."

15 FRIDAY

Beginning of the Nativity Fast.

17 SUNDAY

26th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Matins Gospel 11. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Katavasia of Annunciation. At Ode 9, "More honorable." **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 5:8-19. Gos. Luke 12:16-21. Axion: "It is truly right."

21 THURSDAY

Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-49, 56. Beginning today, sing Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. In place of "More honorable" sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. Beatitudes. "Holy God." Epis.: Hebrews 9:1-7. Gos.: Luke 10:25-37; 11:27-28. Axion of the Feast.

24 SUNDAY

30th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Matins Gospel 1. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:12-16. Gos.: Luke 18:18-27. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Entrance of Mother of God Canon.

30 SATURDAY

Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called and Holy Hierarch Andrei Saguna, Metropolitan of Transylvania. Follow the Menaion. **Vespers.** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Lita **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Antiphon 1 of the 4th Tone. Gos.: Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel reading of the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost). Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. Lauds and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. of the Saint: ! Cor. 4: 9-16, of the day: 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (the reading of the Monday of the 27th week after Pentecost). Gos. of the saint: John 1:35-51 and of the day: Luke 7: 20-25. Axion: "It is truly right."

THE TIPIC FOR DECEMBER

2 SUNDAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Matins Gospel 2. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Matins Gospel “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of the Nativity of Christ. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Gos. Matthew 25:14-30. Axion: “It is truly right.”

6 FRIDAY

St. Nicholas. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Gos. John 10:9-16. Katavasia of the Nativity of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Hebrews 13:17-21; Gos.: Luke 6:17-23. Axion: “It is truly right.”

8 SUNDAY

27th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Matins Gospel 3. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 6:10-17. Gos. Luke 13:10-17. Axion: “It is truly right.”

15 SUNDAY

28th Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday of Righteous Forefathers & Patriarchs. Tone 1. Matins Gospel 4. The service of the Octoechos is combined with that of the Sunday of the Forefathers & Patriarchs, as found in the Menaion between December 11 and 17. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. No Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. No Megalitaria. Katavasia of the Nativity of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Colossians 3:4-11. Gos. Luke 14:16-24. Axion: “It is truly right.”

22 SUNDAY

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ: The Genealogy of Christ the Savior. Tone 5. Matins Gospel 8. Combine Octoechos and Menaion (for Ancestors) – explanation found in the Menaion on December 17. Same order of service as for the preceding Sunday. Beginning with December 20 in the Menaion, the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ has its own “Glory”, Sticheras and a special Tropar (see the rubrics in Menaion). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40. Gos. Matthew 1:1-25. Axion: “It is truly right.”

24 TUESDAY

Eve of Nativity of Christ. Everything of the Feast. Follow only the Menaion. Strict Fast. **Royal Hours:** Each with own Old Testament readings, Epistle and Gospel. **Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great:** Begin with: “Blessed is if the Kingdom...” then Psalm 103 and the rest of Vespers, Small Entrance with Gospel, Small Litany and then “Holy God”. Epis. Hebrews 1:1-12. Gos. Luke 1:1-20. Axion specific to St. Basil’s Liturgy: “In you o woman full of grace, all creation rejoices.” **Evening :** Great Compline & Litia.

25 WEDNESDAY

Nativity of our Lord, God & Savior, Jesus Christ. Follow the Menaion. **Festal Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st antiphon of Tone 4). Gos. Matthew 1:18-25. Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. At the 9th Ode, in place of “More honorable,” sing 9th Ode from the Canon of the Feast. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. In place of “Holy God” sing “All baptized in Christ”. Epis. Galatians 4:4-7. Gos. Matthew 2:1-12. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

26 THURSDAY

Synaxis of the Holy Birthgiver of God. St. Nicodim of Tismana. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Great Prokemenon. Old Testament readings. Litia for the Saint. **Matins:** No Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Gospel for Saint. Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. In place of “More honorable”, sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Canon for the Nativity of Christ. Praises and Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:** Sperial Entrance hymn (same as Christmas Day). Instead of “Holy God” we sing “All baptized in Christ.” Epis. Galatians 1:11-19, Hebrews 2:11-18. Gos. Matthew 2:13-23 and Matthew 11:27-30. Axion of the Nativity.

27 THURSDAY

St. Stephen the Apostle, First Martyr & Archdeacon. Combine the service for the Saint with the Feast from the Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st antiphon of Tone 4). Gos. Luke 21:12-19. Katavasia of the Nativity of Christ. In place of “More honorable” sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Canon for the Nativity of Christ. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60. Gos.: Matthew 21:33-44; 12:15-21. Axion of the Nativity.

29 SUNDAY

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ. On this Sunday we commemorate the Forefather: David, the King, Joseph the Bethrothed and James, the Brother of the Lord. Tone 6. Matins Gospel 9. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Katavasia of Nativity of Christ. Instead of “More honorable” as sind the 9th Ode of the Canon. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis.: Galatians 1:11-19. Gos.: Matthew 2:13-23. Axion of the Nativity.

31 TUESDAY

Leave-taking of the Nativity of Christ. New Year’s Eve.