

March 2016

Tuesday, 1 / Feb. 17

Week of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6

Great Martyr Theodore of Tyro (306); Ven. *Theodore the silent of the Far Kyivan Caves* (13th C); St. Mariam, sister of the Apostle Philip (1st C); Uncovering of the relics (867-869) of Martyr Menas the Melodius of Alexandria (ca. 313). **Readings: Epistle:** 1 John 3:11-20, per. 72, **Gospel:** Mark 14:10-42, per. 16.

Wednesday, 2 / Feb. 18

Week of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6. Fast. Fish

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461); St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada (4th C); St. Flavian the confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449). Martyrs Victor, Dorotheus, Theodulous, and Agrippa (4th C).

Readings: Epistle: 1 John 3:21-4:6, per. 73, **Gospel:** Mark 14:43-15:1, per. 65.

Thursday, 3 / Feb. 19

Week of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6

Archippus and Philemon of the Seventy, and Martyr Apphia (1st C); Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesy chius, and Asclepiodota (305-311); Ven. Eugene and Macarius, confessors at Antioch (363); Ven. Dositheus (6th C), disciple of the abbot Dorotheus; St. Rabulas (530); Ven. Conon, abbot in Palestine (555); St. Mesrop the Translator of Armenia (439).

Readings: Epistle: 1 John 4:20-5:21, per. 74, **Gospel:** Mark 15:1-15, per. 66.

Friday, 4 / Feb. 20

Week of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6. Fast. Fish.

St. Leo, Bishop of Catania (c. 780); Ven. Agatho of the Far Kyivan Caves (XIII-XIV). Blessed prince of Kyiv Yaroslav the Wise (1054).; Hieromartyr Sadoc, Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342); St. Agatho, pope of Rome (682); Hieromartyr Eleutherius, bishop in Byzantium (2nd C).

Readings: Epistle: 2 John 1:1-13, per. 75, **Gospel:** Mark 15:22-25, 33-41, per. 68.

Saturday, 5 / Feb. 21

Saturday of the Dead. Tone 6

All reposed Orthodox Christians of all ages, our forefathers and ancestors are commemorated. Ven. Timothy of Symbola (795); St. Eustace, Archbishop of Antioch (337); St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (805); Kozelshchanska icon of the Mother of God (1881); St. John the Scholastic, patriarch of Constantinople (577); St. Zachariah, patriarch of Jerusalem (633); Hieromartyr Severian, bishop of Scythopolis (452).

Readings: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28, per. 146, **Gospel:** Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36, per. 105, **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, per. 270 Departed, **Gospel:** John 5:24-30, per. 16 Departed.

After the Liturgy a general *Panakhya* is served for all reposed Orthodox Christians.

Sunday, 6 / Feb. 22

Sunday of the Last Judgment. Meatfare. Tone 7

Uncovering of Relics of the holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423); Martyrs Maurice and his son Photinus, and Martyrs Theodore, Philip, and 70 soldiers, at Apamea in Syria (ca. 305); Sts. Thalassius, Limnaeus, and Baradates, hermits in Syria (5th C); St. Athanasius the confessor of Constantinople (826).

Readings: 7th Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10, per. 63, **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2, per. 140, **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46, per. 106.

Monday, 7 / Feb. 23

Week of the Last Judgment. Tone 7. Cheese-fare Week. Cheese-fare. Meat excluded.

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167); Sts. John, Antioch, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, ascetics of the Syrian Desert (5th C); St. Alexander, founder of the order of the Unsleeping Ones (430); St. Gorgonia, sister of St. Gregory the Theologian (372).

Readings: Epistle: 3 John 1:1-14, per. 76, **Gospel:** Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39, per. 96

Tuesday, 8 / Feb. 24

Week of the Last Judgment. Tone 7. Cheese-fare. Meat excluded.

First (4th C) and Second (452) Findings of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist. Ven. Erasmus of the Near Kyivan Caves (1160); Martyrs Montanus, Lucias, Julian, Victorius, Flavian and their companions at Carthage (259).

Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 7:17-30, per. 31, **Epistle:** Jude 1:1-10, per. 77, **Gospel:** Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1, per. 109, **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15, per. 170 Forerunner, **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-15, per. 40 Forerunner. **Vespers Forerunner:** (1) Isaiah 40:1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1, (2) Malachi 3:1-3, 5-7, 12, 17; 4:4-6, (3) Wisdom of Solomon 4:7, 16, 17, 19, 20; 5:1-7.

Wednesday, 9 / Feb. 25

Week of the Last Judgment. Tone 7. Cheese-fare. Meat excluded.

St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806); Hieromartyr Reginus, Bishop of the isle of Skopelos (355); Ven. Erasmua and Paphnutius of Kephala (4th C); Martyrs Alexander at Marcionopolis (305) and Hypatius.

Readings: Joel 2:12-26, 6th Hour, Joel 3:12-21, Vespers
Divine Liturgy not served.

Thursday, 10 / Feb. 26

Week of the Last Judgment. Tone 7, Cheese-fare. Meat excluded.

St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420); Martyrs Sebastian and Christodoulos (66); Martyrs Sebastian and Christodoulos (66); Ven. Shio Mgvime of Georgia (6th C) (movable feast day on Thursday of Cheese-fare Week).

Readings: Epistle: Jude 1:11-25, per. 78, **Gospel:** Luke 23:1-34, 44-56, per. 110.

Friday, 11 / Feb. 27

Week of the Last Judgment. Tone 7. Cheese-fare. Meat excluded.

Ven. Procopius the Confessor, of Decapolis (c. 750); Ven. Titus, presbyter of the Near Kyivan Caves (1190); Ven. Titus the soldier, monk of the Far Kyivan Caves (14th C); St. Thalelaeus, hermit of Gabala in Syria (ca. 460); Martyr Helasius of Heliopolis (297); Martyrs Julian and his disciple Chroniun at Alexandria (250-252); St. Macarius, bishop of Jerusalem (333).

Readings: Zachariah 8:7-17 6th Hour, Zachariah 8:19-23 Vespers.

Divine Liturgy not served.

Saturday, 12 / Feb. 28

Week of the Last Judgment. Tone 7. Cheese-fare. Meat excluded.

All of the Venerable Fathers, lit up with great deeds (movable holiday on Saturday of Cheese-fare Week). Ven. Basil the Confessor (747); Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457); Hieromartyr Nestor, bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250); Sts. Marana, Cyanna (Kyra) and Domnica (Domnina), nuns of Syria (450).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27, per. 115, **Gospel:** Matthew 6:1-13, per. 16,

Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2, per. 213 Departed, **Gospel:** Matthew 11:27-30, per. 43 Departed.

Sunday, 13 / Feb. 29

Sunday of Forgiveness. Tone 8. Cheese-Fare Sunday. Meat excluded.

Commemoration of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. Ven. John Cassian the Roman (435); St. Cassian, faster of the Kyiv Caves (12th C); St. John, called Barsanuphius, of Nitria in Egypt (5th C); St. Theosterictus the Confessor, abbot of Pelecete Monastery near Prusa (826).

Readings: 8th Matins Gospel John 20:11-18, per. 64, **Epistle:** Romans 13:11-14:4, per. 112;

Gospel: St. Matthew 6:14-21, per. 17.

At the Proskomidia three Lambs are prepared: one for the Sunday Liturgy, and two for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday and Friday. This is done on every Sunday of the Great Fast.

Forgiveness Vespers: Served after the Liturgy or in the evening, if possible. Psalm 103. No Kathisma. At Lord, I have cried 10 stykhyry; 4 penitential stykhyry: Oktoikh; 3 Triodion; 3 saint. Glory: Both now: Theotokion of the Menaion. Entrance with censer. Great Prokeimen: Turn not away Thy face x4.5. When the Prokeimen is sung the last time the priest closes the Royal Doors, takes off the phelon, and dons a black (Lenten) epitrahil', and proceeds to the ambon. During the singing of the Prokeimen the altar cloths are changed from bright to dark. Before the service the dark cloths are put on the altar, tetrapod, etc., then the bright cloths are put over them in such a way that they can easily be removed. Vouchsafe, O Lord with prostrations. Litany of supplication (Lenten melody). Aposticha: Triodion. After the song of Symeon Tropars with prostrations: Rejoice, O virgin Theotokos: Glory: O baptizer of Christ: Both now: O Holy Apostles; then Beneath your protection (no prostration). Lord, have mercy x40. Glory: Both now: More honourable. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless. Priest: Christ our God, the existing One. Reader: O King of heaven. The priest reads the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian: prostrations x3. Priest: reads the prayer for the beginning of the Great Fast. Glory to You. Dismissal. The priest offers a teaching about mutual forgiveness. He asks forgiveness of the faithful, and then the faithful proceed forward, venerate the icons and cross, and ask forgiveness

of the priest and of one another. The usual order for the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness: the person approaching says “forgive me father/brother/sister”; the respondent says, “God forgives. Forgive me, and pray for me.” The first person asks forgiveness of the celebrant, then stands to his right, the next person of the celebrant and the first person, then stands at their right, etc. While the rite of mutual forgiveness occurs, the chanters traditionally chant quietly the Paschal Verses “Let God arise”.

BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT

During the week, during Great Lent, the services are served with their own particularities, as indicated in the Horologion (Chasoslov), according to the Menaion and Triodion, without the Oktoikh. The Divine Liturgy is not served during the week, except for Wednesday and Friday when the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served.

Monday, 14 / 1

Clean Monday. Beginning of Great Lent. Tone 8. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Full abstention from food.

Venerable Martyr Eudocia of Heliopolis (152); Martyrs Nestor, Tribimius, Marcellus and Anthony in Pamphylia (3rd C); Martyr Antoninia of Nicaea (284-305); Virgin Domnina of Syria (450-460).

Readings: Isaiah 1:1-20 6th Hour, Genesis 1:1-13 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 1:1-20 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete: On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the first week of Great Lent, the Penitential Canon of St. Andrew is read at Great Compline. The priest in a dark (black) epitrichil: Blessed is our God. Reader: Amen. Glory to You, our God, glory to You. O Heavenly King: Trisagion. Our Father; Psalm 69. Then, the Great Canon is read in four parts, one part on each of the first four days of the week, to complete the Canon on Thursday. At every Tropar, the refrain: Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me; with a great prostration. After the 6th Ode, Kondak: My soul. After the 9th Ode, Irmos: Ineffable is the childbearing. Remainder of Great Compline: When I called upon You; until: He that dwells. God is with us. Having passed through the day. The bodiless natures. I believe. Then the priest: O All-Holy Lady Theotokos; and the choir repeats this twice, and a prostration. The remaining verses are intoned by the priest once, and the choir repeats them once. Trisagion. Our Father, enlighten mine eyes; Lord, have mercy x40. And the rest according to the order. After: Glory to God in the highest, Trisagion. Our Father: Lord of the hosts. Then: At all times, and the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian with 16 bows. The final Trisagion, after the Our Father, Lord, have mercy x12. The prayer: O undefiled; And grant unto us; Most glorious; My Hope; Glory: Both now. Lord, have mercy (x3); Bless. In place of the Dismissal the priest reads the prayer: O most merciful Master (during which the faithful bow down to the ground). The Forgiveness Litany: Let us pray. The faithful approach, venerate the icons, receive a blessing from the priest, and depart.

Tuesday, 15 / 2

Clean Tuesday. First Week of Great Lent. Tone 8. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruit, vegetables.

Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (315); Virgin-Martyr Euthalia of Sicily (257); Martyr Troadius of Neocaesarea (3rd C); St. Agatho of Egypt, monk (5th C); 440 Martyrs slain by the Lombards (579); Hieromartyrs Nestor the bishop, and Tribimius the deacon of Pamphylia (250); Martyr Hesychius of Antioch (304).

Readings: Isaiah 1:19-2:3 6th Hour, Genesis 1:14-23 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 1:20-33 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Great Compline with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

Wednesday, 16 / 3

Clean Wednesday. First Week of Great Lent. Tone 8. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruit, vegetables.

Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus and Basiliscus (308); St. Piama the Virgin (337); St. Alexandra of Alexandria (4th C); Sts. Zeno and Zoilus; Volokolamsk icon of the Mother of God (1572).

Readings: Isaiah 2:3-11 6th Hour, Genesis 1:24-2:3 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 2:1-22 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Great Compline with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

Thursday, 17 / 4

Clean Thursday. First Week of Great Lent. Tone 8. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruit, vegetables.

Ven. Gerasimus of Jordan (475); Martyrs Paul and his sister Juliana, and Quadratus, Acacius, and Stratonicus of Syria (273); St. James the Faster of Phoenicia (6th C); St. Gregory, Bishop of Constantia in Cyprus; St. Julian, patriarch of Alexandria (189); Ven. Joseph of Snetnogorsk Monastery of Pskov (1299).

Readings: Isaiah 2:11-21 6th Hour, Genesis 2:4-19 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 3:1-18 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Great Compline with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

Friday, 18 / 5

Clean Friday. First Week of Great Lent. Tone 8. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruit, vegetables.

Martyr Conon of Isauria (2nd C); St. Conon the Gardener of Pamphylia (251); Martyr Onisius of Isauria (2nd C); Virgin Martyr Irais (Rhais) of Egypt (3rd C), and with her Martyr Archelaus and 152 Martyrs in Egypt; St. Eulogius of Palestine; Martyr Eulampius of Palestine; St. Mark the Faster of Egypt (5th C); Ven. Hesychius the faster of Bithynia (790).

Readings: Isaiah 3:1-14 6th Hour, Genesis 2:20-3:20 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 3:19-34 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, 19 / 6

First Saturday of Great Lent. Tone 8. Great Lent. Food with oil.

Great Martyr Theodore Tyro (306) (movable holiday on Saturday of the First Week of Great Lent); The 42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia, including: Constantine, Aetius, Theophilus, Theodore, Melissenus, Callistus, Basoes and others (845); Finding of the Precious Cross and Precious Nails by St. Helen (326); Monk-Martyrs Conon and his son Conon of Iconium (270-275); St. Arcadius, monk, of Cyprus (361) and his disciples Julian and Bulius; Chenstokhovska icon of the Mother of God

Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12, per. 303, **Gospel:** Mark 2:23-3:5, per. 10, **Epistle:** 2 Timothy 2:1-10, per. 292 St. Theodore, **Gospel:** St. John 15:17-16:2, per. 52 St. Theodore.

Sunday, 20 / 7

First Sunday of the Great Fast: **Triumph of Orthodoxy**. Tone 1. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil. The Hieromartyrs of Kherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius and Agathodrus (4th C); Venerable Paul the Simple (4th C); St. Paul the Confessor, Bishop of Prusias in Bithynia (850); Ven. Emilian of Rome; Surety of Sinners icon of the Mother of God in Korets (1622); St. Ephraim, patriarch of Antioch (546).

Readings: 9th Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31, per. 65, **Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2, per. 329, **Gospel:** John 1:43-51, per. 5.

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

Monday, 21 / 8

Second Week of Great Lent. Tone 1. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (845); Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st C); Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (361); St. Dometius, monk (363).

Readings: Isaiah 4:2-5:7 6th Hour, Genesis 3:21-4:7 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 3:34-4:22 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Tuesday, 22 / 9

Second Week of Great Lent. Tone 1. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste: Cyrion, Candidus, Domnus, Hesychius, Heraclius, Smaragdus, Eunoicus, Valens, Vivianus, Claudius, Priscus, Theodulus, Eutychius, John, Xantius, Helianus, Sisinus, Angus, Aetius, Flavius, Acacius, Ecdicius, Lysimachus, Alexander, Elias, Gorgonius, Theophilus, Dometian, Gaius, Leontius, Athanasius, Cyril, Sacerdon, Nicholas, Valerius, Philoctimon, Severian, Chudion, Aglaius, and Meliton (320); Martyr Urpasianus of Nicomedia (295); Righteous Caesarius, brother of St. Gregory the Theologian (369); St. Tarasius of Lyconium.

Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 21:12-19, per. 106, Isaiah 5:7-16 6th Hour, Genesis 4:8-15 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 5:1-15 Vespers, 2nd Reading, **Epistle:** Hebrews 12:1-10, per. 331 40 Martyrs, **Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16, per. 80 40 Martyrs.

Wednesday, 23 / 10

Second Week of Great Lent. Tone 1. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.
Martyr Quadratus and with him: Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, Dionysius, Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nice, Galla, Galina, Theodora, and others at Corinth (258); Martyrs Codratus, Saturninus, and Rufinus of Nicomedia (3rd C); Ven. Anastasia of Alexandria (567).
Readings: Isaiah 5:16-25 6th Hour, Genesis 4:16-26 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 5:15-6:4 Vespers, 2nd Reading
Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, 24 / 11

Second Week of Great Lent. Tone 1. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.
St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638-644); Ven. Sophronius recluse of the Far Kyivan Caves (13th C); Hieromartyr Pionius, priest of Smyrna, and those with him: Asclepiades, Macedonia, Linus and Sabina (250); Translation of the relics of Martyr Epimachus of Pelusium to Constantinople (250); Ven. George, abbot of Sinai, brother of St. John Climacus (7th C).
The Scripture Readings: Isaiah 6:1-12 6th Hour, Genesis 5:1-24 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 6:3-20 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Friday, 25 / 12

Second Week of Great Lent. Tone 1. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.
Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (818); Ven. Symeon the New Theologian (1021) and his elder Symeon the Reverent of the Studium (987); St. Gregory the Dialogist, pope of Rome (604); Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron (1500 B.C.).
Readings: Isaiah 7:1-15 6th Hour; Genesis 5:32-6:8 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 6:20-7:1 Vespers, 2nd Reading.
Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Saturday, 26 / 13

Second Saturday of Great Lent. Tone 1. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.
Ancestors' Saturday. Remembrance of the departed. First Saturday of the Souls.
Translation of the Relics of St. Nicephorus, patriarch of Constantinople (846); Martyr Sabinus (Abibus) of Egypt (303); Martyr Alexander of Macedonia (305); Martyrs Africanus, Publius, and Terence of Carthage (3rd C); Martyr Christina of Persia (4th C); Ven. Aninas the presbyter of the Euphrates; Hieromartyr Publius, bishop of Athens (2nd C).
Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-16, per. 309, **Gospel:** Mark 1:35-44, per. 6, **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, per. 270 Departed, **Gospel:** John 5:24-30, per. 16 Departed.

Sunday, 27 / 14

Second Sunday of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica (movable holiday on the 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent). **Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves** (movable holiday on the 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent). Ven. Benedict of Nursia (543); St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kyiv and all Kyivan-Rus' (1353); St. Rostislav-Michael, Prince of Kyiv (1167); St. Euschemon, Bishop of Lampsacus (9th C); Martyr Eustathius and his company in Mesopotamia (741); St. Theodore (Feodorivska) icon of the Mother of God (1613).

Readings: 10th Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14, 36-53, per. 66, **Epistle:** Hebrews 1:10-2:3, per. 304, **Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12, per. 7, **Epistle:** Hebrews 7:26-8:2, per. 318 Saint, **Gospel:** John 10:9-16, per. 36 Saint.

Monday, 28 / 15

Third Week of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius, and two named Alexander, at Caesarea in Palestine (303); Hieromartyr Alexander of Side in Pamphylia (270-275); Martyr Nicander of Egypt (302).

Readings: Isaiah 8:13-9:7 6th Hour, Genesis 6:9-22 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 8:1-21 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Tuesday, 29 / 16

Third Week of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Martyr Sabinas of Egypt (303); Martyr Papas of Lyconia (305); Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain (1st C); Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome (119); Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (305); Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thalys, priests of Laodicea (300); Ven. Christodulus, wonderworker of Patmos (1093).

Readings: Isaiah 9:9-10:4 6th Hour, Genesis 7:1-5 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 8:32-9:11 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Wednesday, 30 / 17

Third Week of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Alexis the Man of God (411); Martyr Marinus, soldier, at Caesarea in Palestine (260); Monk-Martyr Paul of Crete (767).

Readings: Isaiah 10:12-20 6th Hour, Genesis 7:6-9 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 9:12-18 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, 31 / 18

Third Week of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386); Martyrs Trophimus and Eucarpus of Nicomedia (300);

St. Aninas, priest and monk, of the Euphrates; The 10,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia.; Ven. Daniel, monk of Egypt (6th C).

Readings: Isaiah 11:10-12:2 6th Hour, Genesis 7:11-8:3 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 10:1-22 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

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Friday, 1 / Mar. 19

Third Week of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them in Rome: Claudius the Tribune, his wife Hilaria, their sons Jason and Maurus, Diodorus the presbyter and Marianus the deacon (283); Martyr Pancharius at Nicomedia (302); Smolensk Tenderness icon of the Mother of God (1103).

Readings: Isaiah 13:2-13 6th Hour, Genesis 8:4-21 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 10:31-11:12 Vespers, 2nd Reading

Saturday, 2 / Mar. 20

Third Saturday of Great Lent. Tone 2. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Ancestors' Saturday. Remembrance of the departed. Second Saturday of the Souls. Holy Fathers slain at St. Sabbas Monastery: Sts. John, Sergius, Patrick, and others (796); Martyr Photina (Svitlana), the Samaritan Woman and her sons Victor and Josiah with Anatolia, Photo, Photida, Paraskeva, Kyriakia, Domnina and Sebastian (66); Seven Virgin-martyrs of Amisus: Alexandra, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia, and Theodosia (310); St. Nicetas the Confessor, Bishop of Apollonias in Bithynia (813); Righteous Abel, first martyr in history of humankind; Martyr Michael the Sabbaite of Jerusalem (691).

Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 10:32-38, per. 325, **Gospel:** Mark 2:14-17, per. 8, **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, per. 270 Departed, **Gospel:** John 5:24-30, per. 16 Departed.

Sunday, 3 / Mar. 21

Third Sunday of Great Lent. **Adoration of the Cross.** Tone 3. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil. St. James the Confessor, bishop of Catania (8th C); St. Cyril, bishop of Catania (1st – 2nd C); St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (610); Ven. Serapion, bishop of Thmuis in Lower Egypt (358); St. Beryllus, bishop of Catania (2nd C); St. Sophronius (542); St. Serapion of Egypt (542).

Readings: 11th Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25, per. 67, **Epistle:** Hebrews 4:14-5:6, per. 311, **Gospel:** Mark 8:34-9:1, per. 37.

Monday, 4 / Mar. 22

Fourth Week of Great Lent. **Adoration of Cross.** Tone 3. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (362); Martyr Drosida of Antioch and the five nuns with her (104); St. Isaac, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (383); Martyrs Callinica and Basilissa of Rome (2nd C); Ven. Euthymius of Constantinople.

Readings: Isaiah 14:24-32 6th Hour, Genesis 8:21-9:7 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 11:19-12:6 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Tuesday, 5 / Mar. 23

Fourth Week of Great Lent. **Adoration of Cross.** Tone 3. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Martyr Nikon and with him 199 disciples in Sicily (251); Ven. Nikon, abbot of the Kyivan Caves Monastery (1088); Martyr Philetas the Senator, his wife Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepus, the notary Cronides, and Amphilocheus the Captain, in Illyria (125); Martyr Dometius the Persian (ca. 360-361).

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9 6th Hour, Genesis 9:8-17 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 12:8-22 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Wednesday, 6 / Mar. 24

Fourth Week of Great Lent. **Adoration of Cross.** Tone 3. Great Lent. Fast: Oil.

Forefeast of the Annunciation. Ven. Zachariah the Recluse of Egypt (4th C); St. Artemon, bishop of Seleucia (1st C); Ven. Zachariah of the Kyivan Caves (13th); Martyrs Stephen and Peter of Kazan (1552); Ven. James the Confessor, bishop of Catania (802-811); Hieromartyr Parthenius, Patriarch of Constantinople (1657); The Clouded Mount icon of the Mother of God.

Readings: Isaiah 26:21-27:9 6th Hour, Genesis 9:18-10:1 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 12:23-13:9 Vespers, 2nd Reading; **Vespers Theotokos:** Genesis 28:10-17, Ezekiel 43:27-44:4, Proverbs 9:1-11.

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, 7 / Mar. 25

Fourth Week of Great Lent. **Adoration of Cross.** Tone 3. Great Lent. Fast: Fish.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. Martyrs Pelagia, Theodosia, and Dula of Nikomedia (4th C); Annunciation icon of the Mother of God (16th C); Martyrs Pelagia, Theodosia and Dula of Nicomedia.

Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56, per. 4, Isaiah 28:14-22 6th Hour, Genesis 10:32-11:9 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 13:19-14:6 Vespers, 2nd Reading; Exodus 3:1-8 Theotokos, Proverbs 8:22-30 Theotokos, **Epistle:** Hebrews 2:11-18, per. 306 Theotokos, **Gospel:** Luke 1:24-38, per. 3 Theotokos.

Friday, 8 / Mar. 26

Fourth Week of Great Lent. **Adoration of Cross.** Tone 3. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Syria (304); Martyrs Bathusius and Bercus the priests, monk Arpilus, laymen Abibus, Agnus, Reasus, Igathrax, Isoeus, Silas, Signicus, Sonerilas, Suimbalus, Thermus, Phillus, and the women Anna, Alia, Larissa, Monco, Mamica, Uirko, Animais, Gaatha the queen of the Goths, and Duklida, in Crimea (375); St. Malchus of Syria (4th C); St. Basil the Younger, anchorite near Constantinople (944); Martyr Quadratus and with him 40 Martyrs; Martyr MONTANUS the priest and his wife Maxima at Sirmium (4th C); St. Eutycheus, subdeacon of Alexandria (356).

Readings: Isaiah 29:13-23 6th Hour, Genesis 12:1-7 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 14:15-26 Vespers, 2nd Reading.
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Saturday, 9 / Mar. 27

Fourth Saturday of Great Lent. Tone 3. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Ancestors' Saturday. Remembrance of the departed. Second Saturday of the Souls. Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (3rd - 4th C); Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius (304); St. John the Clairvoyant of Lycopolis (394); St. Paul, Bishop of Corinth (ca. 925); Ven. Quiricus, monk of Thrace; Prophet Ananias; Ven. Paul, bishop of Corinth (ca. 925), Ven. Paphnutius, disciple of St. Anthony the Great (4th C).

Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 6:9-12, per. 313, **Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37, per. 31, **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:47-57, per. 163 Departed, **Gospel:** John 5:24-30, per. 16 Departed.

Sunday, 10 / Mar. 28

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent. Tone 4. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Ven. John Climacus (Listvichnik) (movable holiday on the 4th Sunday of the Great Fast). Ven. Ilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete (754); Ven. Stephen the Wonderworker, abbot of Tryglia (815); Ven. Martyr Eustratius of the Near Kyivan Caves (1096); Martyrs Johan and Barachisius and those with them in Persia: Zanithas, Lazarus, Maruthas, Narses, Elias, Marinus, Abibus, Sembeeth, and Sabbas (330); St. Hesychius the Theologian of Jerusalem, disciple of St. Gregory the Theologian (434); St. Hesychius the Theologian of Jerusalem, disciple of St. Gregory the Theologian (434); Sts. Priscus, Malchus, and Alexander in Caesaria of Palestine (259).

Readings: 1st Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20, per. 116, **Epistle:** Hebrews 6:13-20, per. 314, **Gospel:** Mark 9:17-31, per. 40, **Epistle:** Ephesians 5:9-19, per. 229 St. John Climacus, **Gospel:** Matthew 4:25-5:12, per. 10 St. John Climacus.

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Monday, 11 / Mar. 29

Fifth Week of Great Lent. Tone 4. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Hieromartyr Mark, bishop of Arethusa, and with him Cyril the deacon of Heliopolis and others with him (364); St. John Anchorite of Egypt (4th C); Ven. Eustathius the Confessor, bishop of Kios in Bithynia (9th C).

Readings: Isaiah 37:33-38:6 6th Hour, Genesis 13:12-18 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 14:27-15:4 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Tuesday, 12 / Mar. 30

Fifth Week of Great Lent. Tone 4. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Meeting of the Mother of God and St. Elizabeth (movable feast on March 30. If March 30 falls between Lazarus Saturday and Pascha, the feast is transferred to Bright Friday). Ven. John Climacus of Sinai, author of The Ladder (649); Prophet Joad (10th C B.C.); Holy Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Caesar, and Epaphroditus, of the Seventy (1st C); St. Eubula,

mother of St. Panteleimon (304); St. John the Silent of St. Sabbas monastery (558); St. Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse (662).

Readings: Isaiah 40:18-31 6th Hour; Genesis 15:1-15 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 15:7-19 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Wednesday, 13 / Mar. 31

Fifth Week of Great Lent. Tone 4. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra (c. 360); Venerable Hypatius the Healer of the Kyivan Caves (14th C); St. Apollonius, ascetic of the Thebaid (395); Hieromartyrs Abdas the bishop and Benjamin the deacon, of Persia (424); St. Hypatius, abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon (446); 38 Martyrs beheaded by the sword under Julian (361-363).

Readings: Isaiah 41:4-14 6th Hour, Genesis 17:1-9 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 15:20-16:9 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Thursday, 14 / 1

Fifth Week of Great Lent. Tone 4. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Ven. Mary of Egypt (522); Ven. Gerontius, canonarch, of the Kyivan Caves (14th C); Martyrs Geronicus and Basilidas (3rd C); Righteous Achaz; Ven. Macarius, abbot of Pelecete (840).

Readings: Isaiah 42:5-16 6th Hour; Genesis 18:20-33 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 16:17-17:17 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at Matins on Wednesday evening. The Canon is read in its entirety, according to the following order: The priest in an epitrahil intones: Blessed is our God. Reader: Amen. O Heavenly King. After Our Father, the usual Psalms. O Lord, save Your people. After the Six Psalms: Alleluia, and the Trinity Hymns, Tone 8. 8th Kathisma. Sessional hymn of the Oktoikh. The 1st half of the life of St. Mary of Egypt is read. Psalm 50. Great Canon. The choir sings the Irmoi: He is my helper and my defender. The priest reads the Tropar of the Canon in the middle of the temple. Before every Tropar: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me; and a great prostration. At the Tropar of St. Mary: Holy Mother Mary, pray to God for us. At the Tropar for St. Andrew: Holy Father Andrew, pray to God for us. After Ode 3: Canon, and Sessional Hymns. Second half of the life of St. Mary is read. At the 4th, 8th and 9th Odes: Triodion Canon without Irmoi and prostrations. After the Ode 6: Kondak: My soul; and the Beatitudes. At Ode 9: More honourable. After the Canon: Exapostilarion of the Trinity, Tone 8. We read the Praises and the Doxology. The Litany of Supplication. At the Aposticha: Ideomela, Martyr's hymn and Theotokion of the Triodion. It is good to give thanks to the Lord x1. Trisagion, after the Our Father: Standing in your temple; Lord, have mercy x40. Glory: Both now: More honourable: In the name of the Lord; Priest: Christ our God is blessed. Reader: Amen. Heavenly King. Priest: Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian with 3 prostrations. Then the First Hour with no Kathisma. Tropar: In the morning hearken unto my voice, without singing, with small prostrations (bows to the waist only). Kondak: My soul. After each Hour: Thou, Who at all times: prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian with 3 prostrations. Ending Trisagion. O Christ, the true light: To you, the champion leader; and the Dismissal.

Friday, 15 / 2

Fifth Week of Great Lent. Tone 4. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th C); Martyrs Amphianus and Edesius of Lycia (306); Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th C); St. Gregory ascetic of Nicomedia (1290).

Readings: Isaiah 45:11-17 6th Hour, Genesis 22:1-18 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 17:17-18:5 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Saturday, 16 / 3

Fifth Saturday of Great Lent. **Akaphist Saturday. Laudation of the Mother of God.** Tone 4.

Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Ven. Nicetas the Confessor, abbot of Medikion (824); Virgin-Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (308); St. Illyrius, monk of Mt. Myrsinon in the Peloponnesus; Martyrs Elpidephorus, Dius, Bithonius, and Galycus (3rd C); New Martyr Paul the Rusyn (Ukrainian) (1683); Unfading Flower and Iveron icons of the Mother of God.

Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28, per. 322, **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-31, per. 35, **Epistle:** Hebrews 9:1-7, per. 329 Theotokos, **Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28, per. 44 Theotokos.

Sunday, 17 / 4

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Tone 5. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Venerable Mary of Egypt (movable holiday on the 5th Sunday of the Great Fast). Ven. Joseph the Hymnographer (883); Ven. George of Mt. Maleon (9th C); Ven. Joseph the Much-suffering of the Kyivan Caves (14th C); St. Zosimas, monk, of Palestine (560); Virgin-Martyr Pherbuta of Persia, her sister and servants (343).

Readings: 2nd Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8, per. 70, **Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-14, per. 321, **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45, per. 47, **Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29, per. 208 Venerable Mary, **Gospel:** Luke 7:36-50, per. 33 Venerable Mary.

Monday, 18 / 5

Sixth Week of Great Lent. Tone 5. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Martyrs Agathopodes the deacon, Theodulus the reader, and those with them at Thessalonika (303); St. Publius, monk of Egypt, (4th C); Sts. Theonas, Symeon, and Phorbinus of Egypt (4th C); St. Mark, the Anchorite of Athens (400); St. Plato, abbot of the Studion (813); St. Theodora of Thessalonika (892); Martyrs Theodora and Didymus of Alexandria (305).

Readings: Isaiah 48:17-49:4 6th Hour, Genesis 27:1-41 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 19:16-25 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Tuesday, 19 / 6

Sixth Week of Great Lent. Tone 5. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Eutychius, patriarch of Constantinople (582); St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of the Slavs (885); St. Platonida of Nisibis (308); 120 Martyrs of Persia (345);

Martyrs Jeremiah and Archilias the priest (3rd C); St. Gregory of the Great Lavra on Mt. Athos (1308), instructor of St. Gregory Palamas.

Readings: Isaiah 49:6-10 6th Hour, Genesis 31:3-16 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 21:3-21 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Wednesday, 20 / 7

Sixth Week of Great Lent. Tone 5. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene (820); *Ven.* Daniel at Pompeiopolis in Pereyaslav (1540); *Ven.* Calliopus in Cilicia (304); Martyrs Rufinus the deacon, Aquilina, and 200 soldiers at Sinope (310); St. Serapion of Egypt, monk (5th C).

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-11 6th Hour, Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 21:23-22:4 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

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Thursday, 21 / 8

Sixth Week of Great Lent. Tone 5. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Herodion, Agabus, Asyncritus, Rufus, Phlegon, Hermes and those with them (1st C); *Ven.* Rufus the recluse, of the Kyivan Caves (14th C); Martyr Pausilippus of Heraclea in Thrace (117-138); St. Celestine, pope of Rome (432); Martyrs Josias and Joseph, monks of Persia (341).

Readings: Isaiah 65:8-16 6th Hour, Genesis 46:1-7 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 23:15-24:5 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

Friday, 22 / 9

Sixth Week of Great Lent. Tone 5. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia (362); Hieromartyrs Desan, bishop and Mariabus, priest, and Martyrs Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia (362); Hieromartyr Bademus of Persia (379); Martyrs Fortunatus, Donatus, 12 virgins and six laymen at Sirmium (304).

Readings: Isaiah 66:10-24 6th Hour, Genesis 49:33-50:26 Vespers, 1st Reading, Proverbs 31:8-31 Vespers, 2nd Reading.

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Saturday, 23 / 10

Lazarus Saturday. Tone 5. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Martyrs Terence, Pompeius, Africanus, Maximus, Zeno, Alexander, Theodore, and 33 others beheaded at Carthage (250); Hieromartyrs James the priest, and Azadanus and Abdicius, deacons of Persia (ca. 380).

Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-13:8, per. 333, **Gospel:** John 11:1-45, per 39.

Sunday, 24 / 11

ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday. Great Lent. Fast: Fish. Hieromartyr Antipas, bishop of Pergamus (92), disciple of St. John the Theologian; Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome (67); St. Pharmuthius of Egypt (4th C); St. John, disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis (820); Ven. James, abbot of Zhelezniy Bor (1442) and his fellow-ascetic St. James (15th C); St. Barasanuphius, Bishop of Tvir (1576).

Readings: Matins Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17, per. 83, **Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9, per.247, **Gospel:** John 12:1-18, per. 41.

Great Vespers: Blessed is the Man. At Lord, I have cried 10 stykhyry: Feast; Glory: Today the grace. Both now: the same. Entrance. Prokeimen: The Lord is king. Paremii: At Litia: stykhyry: Feast: Glory: Both now: Six days before the Passover. At the aposticha: stykhyry: Feast; Glory: Today the grace. Both now: the same. At the blessing of loaves: Giving us x2 and Christ our God.

Matins: At God is the Lord: Giving us x2; Glory: Both now: Christ our God. After the Kathismas, sessional hymns of feast. Polyelai; Magnification: Feast. Sessional hymn. From my youth. Prokeimen: Out of the mouths of babes. Gospel. Instead of: Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, immediately Psalm 50, during the reading, the priest censes the prepared willow branches (or palms) x3 in cross-wise fashion. He then reads the prayer aloud: O Lord our God, Who sittest upon the Cherubim, and after sprinkles the willow branches with Holy Water, saying: These willow-branches are blessed and sanctified through the sprinkling of this Holy Water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. x3. Then choir: Glory: Today Christ. Both now: the same; Have mercy on me, O God; and the stykhyry of the feast. The prayer: O Lord, save Your people. The priest anoints the faithful who approach to venerate the Gospel with oil, and distributes blessed willow branches (palms) to them, and according to the Typikon gives them lighted candles as well. Everyone stands until the end of the Vigil with candles and willow branches in their hands. Canon: Feast; Irmoi and Katavasias: Feast. After the 3rd Ode: Hypakoe: Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kondak and Icos: Feast. At the 9th Ode, instead of More honourable, the refrain of the feast Magnify, my soul, the Lord Who sat upon a colt; and the Irmos of the 9th Ode: The Lord is God. After the canon, sing Holy is the Lord our God, instead of the Exapostilarion. At the praises: 6 stykhyry: Feast; Glory: Both now: Six days before the Passover. After the Great Doxology, Tropar Giving us. Dismissal: Feast: May Christ, who consented to ride on the foal of a donkey for our salvation. 1st Hour.

Hours: Tropar: Giving us: Glory: Christ our God. Kondak: Feast.

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Antiphons: Feast. Entrance: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Tropar: Giving us: Glory: Christ our God: Both now: Kondak: Feast. Trisagion. Prokeimen: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Epistle. Gospel. In place of It is truly worthy, the refrain of the feast Magnify, my soul, the Lord Who sat upon a colt; and Irmos of the 9th Ode, The Lord is God. Communion hymn: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Dismissal: Feast.

Monday, 25 / 12

Passion Week: Great Monday. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (760); St. Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260); St. Isaac the Syrian, abbot of Spoleto, Italy (ca. 550); Monk-Martyrs Menas, David, and John of Palestine

(630); Virgin Anthusa of Constantinople (801); St. Athanasia, Abbess of Aegina (860); Murom (12th C) and Belynich (13th C) icons of the Mother of God.

Readings: Bridegroom Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43, per. 84-88, **Gospel:** Matthew 24:3-35, per. 98

Tuesday, 26 / 13

Passion Week: Great Tuesday. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Hieromartyr Artemon, presbyter of Laodicea in Syria (303); Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; Martyr Thomais of Alexandria (476); Martyr Eleutherius of Persia (4th C); Martyr Zoilus of Rome (4th C); St. Martyrius, archbishop of Jerusalem (486).

Readings: Bridegroom Matins Gospel: Matthew 22:15-23:39, per 90, **Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-26:2, per. 102.

Wednesday, 27 / 14

Passion Week: Great Wednesday. Great Lent. Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655); Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius of Vilnius (Lithuania) (1347); Martyr Ardalion the actor (3rd C); Martyr Azat the Eunuch and 1,000 Martyrs in Persia (341); Vilna icon of the Mother of God.

Readings: Bridegroom Matins Gospel: John 12:17-50, per. 41, **Gospel:** Matthew 26:6-16, per. 108.

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Thursday, 28 / 15

Passion Week: Great Thursday. Great Lent. Fast: Wine and oil.

Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus of the Seventy (67); Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul (ca. 68); St. Mstyslav-Theodore, Prince of Kyiv (1132); Martyr Suchias and his companions: Andrew, Anastasius, Thalaleus, Theodoretus, Ivchirion, Jordan, Quadratus, Lucian, Mimnenos, Nerangius, Polyeuctus, James, Phocas, Dometianus, Victor, and Zosima, of Georgia, in Armenia (123); St. Sabbas the Goth in Romania (372); Martyr Pausilipus of Thrace (2nd C); Martyr Crescens of Myra (3rd C).

Readings: Bridegroom Matins Gospel: Luke 22:1-39, per. 108-109, **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-32, per. 149, **Gospel:** Matthew 26:2-20, per.107 (composite); John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matthew 26:40-27:2; **At the Washing of Feet:** John, 13:1-11, per. 44, **After the Washing of Feet:** John 13:12-17, per. 45.

Friday, 29 / 16

Passion Week: Great Friday. **Passion of Jesus Christ.** Great Lent. Strict Fast: Full abstention.

Virgin-Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia (304); Martyrs Leonidas, Chariessa, Nice, Halyna, Callista, Nunechia, Basilissa, Theodora, and Irene of Corinth (250); Ilyin Chernihiv (1658) and Tambov (1692) icons of the Mother of God.

Readings: Matins: 1st Passion Gospel: John 13:31-18:1, per. 46, **2nd Passion Gospel:** John 18:1-28, per. 58, **3rd Passion Gospel:** Matthew 26:57-75, per. 109, **4th Passion Gospel:** John

18:28-19:16, per. 59, **5th Passion Gospel:** Matthew 27:3-32, per. 111, **6th Passion Gospel:** Mark 15:16-32, per. 67, **7th Passion Gospel:** Matthew 27:33-54, per. 113, **8th Passion Gospel:** Luke 23:32-49, per. 111, **9th Passion Gospel:** John 19:25-37, per. 61, **10th Passion Gospel:** Mark 15:43-47, per. 69, **11th Passion Gospel:** John 19:38-42, per. 62, **12th Passion Gospel:** Matthew 27:62-66, per. 114.

Royal Hours: 1st Hour: Galatians 6:14-18, per. 215, Matthew 27:1-56, per. 110, **3rd Hour:** Romans 5:6-11, per. 88, Mark 15:16-41, per. 67, **6th Hour:** Hebrews 2:11-18, per. 306, Luke 23:32-49, per. 111, **9th Hour:** Hebrews 10:19-31, per. 324 John 18:28-19:37, per. 59.

Vespers: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2, per. 125, **Gospel:** (composite) Matthew 27:1-38, per. 110, Luke 23:39-43, per. 111, Matthew 27:39-54, per. 113, John 19:31-37, per. 61; Matthew 27:55-61, per. 113.

The Divine Liturgy is not served.

Saturday, 30 / 17

Passion Week: Great Saturday. **Descent into Hades.** Great Lent. Strict Fast: Strict Fast: Bread, fruits, vegetables.

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechalias and Ananias priests, Usthazanes, Fusicus, Ascitrea, and Azat the eunuch (341); Ven. St. Paisius, Fool-for-Christ, of the Kyivan Caves (1893); St. Acacius, bishop of Melitene (435); Martyr Adrian of Corinth (151); St. Agapitus, Pope of Rome (536).

Readings: Matins: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, per 133, Galatians 3:13-14, per. 206; **Gospel:** Matthew 27:62-66, per. 114; **Liturgy: Epistle:** Romans 6:3-11, per. 91; **Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-20, per. 115.

Vespers: (1) Genesis 1:1-13; **(2)** Isaiah 60:1-16; **(3)** Exodus 12:1-11; **(4)** Jonah 1:1-16, 2:1-11, 3:1-10; **(5)** Joshua 5:10-15; **(6)** Exodus 13:20-22, 14:1-32, 15:1-19; **(7)** Zephaniah 3:8-15; **(8)** 3 Kings 17:8-23; **(9)** Isaiah 61:10-11, 62:1-5; **(10)** Genesis 22:1-18; **(11)** Exodus 61:1-9; **(12)** 4 Kings 4:8-37; **(13)** Isaiah 63:11-19, 64:1-5; **(14)** Jeremiah 31:31-34; **(15)** Daniel 3:1-56, 57-88.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Matins: (which is served at 1 a.m., or on Friday evening): The usual beginning. The Six Psalms is read before the Plashchanytsia. Between the Plashchanytsia and the reader, the priest reads the Morning Prayers. There, the deacon, or the priest, intones the Litany of Peace. God is the Lord (sung like Noble Joseph): The faithful light candles. Tropar x2. The Royal Doors are opened. The priests in dark (black) phelon exit and proceed to the Plashchanytsia. The main celebrant with the deacon censes the Plashchanytsia from four sides, the Altar and the entire temple. Glory: When you descended to death; Both now: The Angel stood by the tomb. And the Praises are sung: Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Then the Blameless (17th Kathisma) with the Praises. One priest reads the Praises, and a second priest, or a cantor the Psalm verse; or the verses are read recitative, and the Praises, Tone 5. The Psalm verses and Praises are broken up into three stations. At the end of each: Glory: Praise; Both now: Praise. And the first Praise is repeated. After the first station: Small Litany with the exclamation: For blessed is Your name. At the beginning of the second station: Small Censing, which is performed by the deacon, beginning from the Plashchanytsia. After the second station the Small Litany with the exclamation: For you are holy. The Praises of the 3rd station are sung in Tone 3. The Tropars of the Resurrection: The host of angels. At this time the main celebrant with the deacon again performs a Full Censing, beginning from the Plashchanytsia. The Small Litany with the exclamation: For Thou art the

King of peace. And the clergy enter the Altar, and the Royal Doors are closed. The faithful extinguish their candles. The priest removes his phelon. The Sessional hymn. Psalm 50. Canon: Irmos and Katavasia: He who in ancient times (There is a custom whereby the priest reads the Tropars of the Canon before the Plashchanytsia). After the 3rd Ode: Sessional hymn. After the 6th Ode: Kondak. At the 9th Ode: immediately the Irmos: More honourable is not sung. After the 9th Ode: Exapostilaria: Holy is the Lord our God. At the Praises: 4 stykhyry in Tone 2: at this time the main celebrant vests in all his vestments. Glory: Moses the great; Both now: You are most blessed. The Royal Doors are opened. The main celebrant: Glory to Thee, Who hast showed us the light. And the Great Doxology is sung. The main celebrant censes the Plashchanytsia x3. The final Trisagion is sung according to the funeral melody. The Plashchanytsia is raised, and carried in procession around the temple. Before it go the Cross, banners, and chanters, who repeat the funeral Holy God. The priests (or faithful) carry the Plashchanytsia, under which the main celebrant carries the Gospel. The faithful follow the Plashchanytsia holding candles. They enter the temple. The Plashchanytsia is carried to the Royal Doors. After the conclusion of the Trisagion, the main celebrant intones: Wisdom, stand aright. The chanters: Noble Joseph (slowly). And they return to the centre of the temple, and place the shroud in the tomb with the Gospel upon it, and it is censed x3. Then Tropar of the prophecy is sung: O Christ, Who holdest fast the ends of the earth. Prokeimen: Arise, Lord. Paremia. This is read from before the Plashchanytsia, off to the side, likewise the Epistle. Prokeimen: Arise, O Lord. Epistle. Alleluia with verses. Gospel, read from before the Plashchanytsia. Litanies. Dismissal: May He who for us men and for our salvation endured in the flesh the dread Passion, the life-giving Cross and voluntary burial, Christ our true God. And the stykhyry: Come, let us bless Joseph: and the veneration of the Plashchanytsia. First Hour. **The 3rd, 6th and 9th Hours** are read early, apart from the Liturgy. Tropar: Noble Joseph: Glory: When you descended to death: and: The angel stood by the tomb: alternately. Kondak: He Who closed the abyss. The Typika: I believe; Blessed be the name of the Lord; and I will bless the Lord: are not read. Small Dismissal.

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Vespers: Before the beginning of the service the Holy Table, Table of Oblation, icon stands and all other tables, etc. are covered with bright, Paschal coverings, and over these are placed the dark, Lenten coverings in such manner that the Lenten coverings can be easily removed during the service. The priest is similarly vested (i.e., a bright pidryznyk and cuffs, and the rest of the vestments of a dark colour). The Entrance prayers are said before the Plashchanytsia. Blessed is the Kingdom. Amen. Glory to You, our God: O Heavenly King, after the Our Father: O come, let us worship: Bless the Lord, O my soul. The priest reads the prayers of light before the Plashchanytsia, and the Litany of Peace is intoned there as well. At Lord, I have cried, Tone 1: 8 stykhyry; Glory: Moses the great; Both now: Let us praise the Virgin Mary. Entrance with the Gospel around the Plashchanytsia. No Prokeimen, but immediately: Wisdom. The Royal Doors are closed and 15 Paremii are read. After the 6th Paremia the Royal Doors are opened and the reader intones the verses: Let us sing unto the Lord; and that which follows. Choir: For gloriously has He been glorified. At the end the reader sings this refrain. The Royal Doors are closed. The reading of the Paremii continues. The Royal Doors are opened. The song of the Three Holy Children is sung, with the refrain: Praise the Lord and exalt Him above all forever. Small Litany with exclamation: For You are holy. In place of the Trisagion: As many as have been baptized. Prokeimen. Epistle. After the censing, the Royal Doors and curtain are closed for the changing of the Altar cloths. Priest: Peace be unto you. Reader: And to your spirit. In place

of Alleluia, the reader intones: Arise, O God, judge the earth. At this time the clergy re-vest in bright vestments, and all the Altar cloths and other coverings in the Church are changed from dark to bright white Paschal coverings (i.e., the dark coverings are removed). The curtain and Royal Doors are opened, and the deacon or priest proceeds before the Plashchanytsia for the reading of the Gospel. In place of the Cherubic Hymn: Let all mortal flesh keep silent; till: as food to the faithful. The Entrance around the Plashchanytsia. After the Entrance: Amen. Before Him go the choirs of angels. In place of: It is truly worthy; Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon: Weep not for Me, O Mother. Communion Verse: The Lord awoke. After the Ambon Prayer a table is placed before the Plashchanytsia, upon which 5 loaves and wine are placed, on this Saturday oil is not permitted. The priest, having censed the table, after: Let us pray to the Lord; reads the prayer for the blessing of loaves from the Liturgicon: O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God; bless these loaves and this wine. After the blessing of loaves: Blessed be the name of the Lord. The Dismissal of Saturday, and the distribution of the blessed bread and wine.

Reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles begins at approximately 8:00 p.m. Reader: Bless, Reverend Father, the reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles. Priest: Through the prayers of the Holy Apostles, Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Reader: Amen. Reading begins. According to the Typikon the entire book should be read. All who desire to read may do so.

Midnight Office: Begins after the reading of the Book of Acts, usually around 11:30 p.m. Before the beginning of the Midnight Office the clergy read the Entrance Prayers (before the Plashchanytsia) and vest fully in bright vestments. Priest: Blessed is our God. Reader: Amen. Glory to You, our God. O heavenly King. Trisagion, and after the Our Father: O come, let us worship. Psalm 50. Canon of Great and Holy Saturday. Irmos: He who in ancient times. There is a custom whereby the priest reads the Tropars of the Canon before the Plashchanytsia. After the 3rd Ode: Sessional hymn. After the 6th Ode: Kondak. At the 9th Ode: the main celebrant opens the Royal Doors, proceeds to the Plashchanytsia, and censes it from four sides x3, removes it with the concelebrants or acolytes, goes himself beneath it with the Holy Gospel, carries it through the Royal Doors and places it on the Holy Table (where it remains until the Leave-taking of Pascha) and again censes it x3. At the end of the 9th Ode: Irmos: Weep not for me O Mother is repeated. The Royal Doors and curtain are closed. Trisagion after the Our Father: Tropar: When You descended to death. Litany: Have mercy on us, O God. Small Dismissal. All lights are extinguished. The bells begin to sound the Blahovist.