

May 2016

BEGINNING OF THE TRIODION

Sunday 1 / Apr. 18

PASCHA: THE BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. End of Great Lent.

Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis (820); Martyrs Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindynus and Severian of Nicodemia (ca. 303); St. Cosmas, Bishop of Chalcedon, and his fellow ascetic St. Auxentius (815-820); Maximov icon of the Mother of God (1299).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 1:1-8, per. 1, **Gospel:** John 1:1-17, per. 1; **Vespers: Gospel:** John 20:19-25, per. 65.

Pascha Matins: At Midnight the Blahovist ceases and the bier that held the Plashhanytsia is removed. The banners and choir prepare for the procession. The priest in full bright vestments takes the hand Cross and Paschal Trikirion in his left hand and the censer in his right and begins to sing with the rest of the clergy in the Sanctuary, quietly: Your Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour, censing around the Holy Table. The curtain is opened and the clergy sing a little louder a second time: Your Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour, and censing around the Holy Table. Royal Doors are opened. Clergy sing solemnly a third time: Your Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour. Priest: censes the Holy Table and gives the censer to the deacon or altar server. The singers begin to sing: Angels in Heaven, O Christ Saviour. The Trydzvin is rung on the bells. All exit the church for the procession. The procession is arranged as follows: Cross, banners, icon, choir, altar servers with candles, clergy (or servers) with the Gospel and Icon of the Resurrection, deacon with the censer, and the main celebrant with the cross and Paschal Trikirion. After them the faithful follow with lit candles in their hands. The Artos is not carried during this procession as it has not been blessed. After exiting, the main church doors are closed, and all lamps as well as the chandelier are lit. The procession walks around the temple x3 (or once according to local custom) while the bells continue the festive Trydzvin and the choir sings: Angels in Heaven, O Christ Saviour. Then all stand before the western closed doors of the church. Those bearing the Cross, banners, icons and Gospel stand with their backs to the doors facing the people, while the faithful face the church. The Trydzvin and singing stop. The main celebrant takes the censer from the deacon and censes the holy items, the clergy, the choir, and the faithful. The main celebrant makes the sign of the Cross with the censer on the doors three times and then exclaims: Glory to Holy, Consubstantial. Choir: Amen. Priest sings: Christ is Risen from the dead x3. Choir: Christ is Risen (x3). Priest: Intones the verses of Psalm 67, Let God arise; and the choir repeat after each verse Christ is Risen from the dead. Then the priest: Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the choir: and on those in the tombs bestowing life. The priest signs the doors of the temple with the Cross. The doors are opened, and all enter. Litany of Peace. Paschal Canon. At every Ode the priest with the deacon cense the Altar, iconostas and people, greeting them with the words Christ is Risen! They respond Truly, He is risen! After the Katavasia: Christ is Risen x3 quickly. Small Litany. After the 3rd Ode: Hypakoe: Anticipating the dawn. After the 6th Ode: Kondak: You did descend. Ikos: Before the dawn the Myrrh-bearing Women; Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ x3 and Jesus is risen from the tomb x3. At the 9th Ode: the refrains of the Feast. After the Canon; Exapostilarion: You fell asleep in the flesh x3. At the Praises: 4 Resurrectional stykhyry, Tone 1 and the Paschal verses with their refrains Let God arise. At the last stykhyry, having exchanged the Paschal kiss with those in the Altar, the main celebrant with all the clergy holding the Gospel, icon of the

Resurrection and other icons, exit the Royal Doors stand in front of the iconostas, and the faithful proceed forward to exchange the Paschal kiss with the clergy. The one being approached says: Christ is Risen! The one approaching replies: Truly, He is risen! At this time: Christ is Risen is sung until all have exchanged the Paschal kiss. The Catechetical Homily of St. John Chrysostom is then read: Whoever is pious and a lover of God which we listen to standing; and Tropar: St. John: Grace shining forth from your mouth. The two Litanies: Have mercy on us, O God; Let us complete our morning prayer. Wisdom: Bless. Blessed is the One Who is. Amen. Preserve, O God. Instead of Glory to You: The priest intones: Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the singers continue and on those in the tombs. The priest intones the Dismissal with the Cross in his hand: May Christ Who is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and on those in the tombs bestowing life, our true God. The priest then blesses on three sides with the Cross exclaiming: Christ is Risen! The faithful reply: Truly, He is risen! Christ is risen is sung x3, then: He has granted us eternal life, let us bow down before His third-day Resurrection.

Paschal Hours: The four Canonical Hours, Compline, the Midnight Office, and Morning and Evening Prayers are sung thus during Bright Week. After Matins we sing the First Hour: Christ is Risen x3. Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ x3. Hypakoe: Anticipating the dawn x1; Kondak: You did descend x1; Tropar: In the tomb bodily x1; Glory: Bearing life x1; Both now: O holy and divine abode. Lord, have mercy x40. Glory: Both now: More honourable. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless; Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers. Chanters: Amen. Christ is Risen x3; Glory: Both now: Lord, have mercy x3. Bless. And the Dismissal of the First Hour. The Third and Sixth Hours are sung in a similar manner. If, for any reason, the Liturgy is not served, in place of the Typika we sing: Christ is Risen x3. Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ. After this: Anticipating the dawn; Glory: Kondak: You did descend: Both now: Only-begotten Son; after this the Beatitudes. Priest: Wisdom. Epistle. Gospel. Then: Remember us, O Lord: The choir of heaven. After this: I believe in one God; Remit, pardon and forgive: and after the Our Father; Kondak: You did descend: Glory: Both now: Theotokion: O holy and divine abode. Lord, have mercy x40. Then: One is holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. After this, in place of: Blessed be the name of the Lord; we sing: Christ is Risen x3. Then Psalm 33: I will bless the Lord at all times, ending with: I will not be deprived of any good thing. After this the Dismissal.

Moleben' on Holy Pascha: The priest intones: Blessed is our God: Choir: Amen. Then the priest: Christ is Risen from the dead x3. Then Christ is Risen with verses as at the beginning of Matins. After Glory: Both now: the priest intones: Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the choir: and on those in the tombs bestowing life. Then Glory: Both now: Hypakoe: Anticipating the dawn (if it is desired to add a Canon to a Saint, Tropar: Saint is sung, and then: Glory: Both now: Hypakoe: Anticipating the dawn). Then the Canon of Pascha, with Irmos on 6. Refrain: Christ is risen: and of the Saint, if there is one, on 4. Katavasia. After the 3rd and 6th Odes: Deliver from distress: After the 6th Ode: the Kondak and Ikos of Pascha. Then the Prokeimen, Tone 8: This is the day which the Lord has made. Then, Prokeimen: Saint. Gospel. Then of the Saint. After the 9th Ode: in place of: It is truly worthy, the Irmos: Shine forth, shine forth. Then: Christ is risen x3. After this, Hypakoe: Anticipating the dawn; Glory: Tropar: Saint; Both now: You did descend. Then Litany: Have mercy on us, O God: Then the priest intones: Wisdom; the choir: Christ is Risen x3. Then the priest, in place of: Glory to You, Christ our God; sings: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the

choir continues: and on those in the tombs. The priest intones the Dismissal with the Cross in his hand and the rest, as given at Matins. Choir: Lord have mercy x3.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: (From Pascha till the Apodosis of Pascha at the beginning of the Liturgy in place of O Heavenly King; the priest reads Christ is risen x3; from the Ascension till Pentecost; Tropar of the Ascension; then, Glory to God in the highest; and O Lord, You shall open my mouth.) After Blessed is the Kingdom; Christ is Risen is sung x3 by the priest, then by the choir x3. The priest, with the Cross and Paschal Trikirion in his left hand and the censer in his right hand (and the deacon with the candle) censers the Holy Table from four sides, intoning the four verses: Let God arise and what follows. At Glory: Christ is Risen; he censers the entire Altar (sanctuary); at Both now: Christ is Risen he censers the iconostas. He then turns to the people, exclaiming: Christ is Risen! To three sides. The faithful respond: Truly, He is risen! Returning to the Altar, he sings: Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the choir continues: and on those in the tombs. Litany of Peace. Antiphons of Pascha. Entrance verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountain of Israel. Tropar: Christ is Risen from the dead. Hypakoe: Anticipating the dawn; Glory: Both now: Kondak: You did descend. In place of the Trisagion: As many as have been baptized into Christ. Prokeimen: This is the day which the Lord has made. Epistle. Gospel. (The Gospel is read in various languages, and usually is divided into three sections: **1**) verses 1-5; **2**) verses 6-13; **3**) verses 14 until the end. At the end of each section the bells are rung). Instead of: It is truly worthy we sing: The angel cried and Shine forth, shine forth. The Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ. At With fear of God; Save, O Lord, Thy people; and instead of Let our mouths be filled; we sing: Christ is risen x1. Instead of: Blessed be the name of the Lord; we sing: Christ is risen x3. Instead of: Glory to You: the priest intones Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the choir continue: and on those in the tombs. Dismissal: Priest with the Cross in hand and does everything else as given at the end of Matins. After the Dismissal, or after the Ambon Prayer, the Artos is blessed (the prayer is given in the Book of Needs or the Paschal Compendium). After the Liturgy the Paschal foods are blessed.

Paschal Vespers: On Sunday evening the 9th Hour is sung according to the Paschal order. The priest, vests in all his vestments and standing before the Holy Table with the cross and Paschal Trikirion in his left hand and the censer in his right hand, blesses the beginning of Vespers: Blessed is our God: Christ is Risen is sung by the priest x3, then by the chanters x3. The priest intones the verses Let God arise and those which follow. The chanters sing Christ is Risen after every verse. At the end, he sings Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and the singers continue and on those in the tombs. The Litany of Peace. No Kathisma. At Lord, I have cried: 6 Resurrectional stychyry, Tone 2. Glory: Chanting the hymn of salvation. Both now: The shadow of the law. Entrance with the Gospel. O Gladsome light. Great Prokeimen: Who is so great a God as our God. And that we might be accounted worthy. Gospel. Litany. At the Aposticha: 1st Resurrectional stychyra, Tone 2 Thy Resurrection, O Christ Saviour. Paschal verses: Let God arise: Today a sacred Pascha: and that which follows. Dismissal of Pascha with the cross, as given for Paschal Matins.

Monday, 2 / Apr. 19

Bright Week. **Bright Monday.** Fast-free Week. Fast-free.

Ven. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine (8th C); Martyrs Christopher, Theonas, and Antoninus in Nicomedia (303); Hieromartyr Paphnutius of Jerusalem; St. George the Confessor, bishop of Antioch (813-820); St. Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople (933); Martyrs Theodore, his mother Philippa and two soldiers, Socrates and Dionysius, at Perge in Pamphylia (2nd C).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26, per. 2, **Gospel:** John 1:18-28, per. 2; **Cross**

Procession: 1st Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20, per. 115, **2nd Gospel:** Mark 16:1-8, per. 70, **3rd Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12, per. 112, **4th Gospel:** John 20:1-10, per. 63, or Luke 24:36-53, per. 114.

Tuesday, 3 / Apr. 20

Bright Week. **Bright Tuesday.** Fast-free Week. Fast-free.

Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (movable holiday on Tuesday of Bright Week); Ven. Theodore Trichinas the Hair-shirt Wearer of Constantinople (400); Ven. Anastasius, abbot of Sinai (685); Sts. Gregory (593) and Anastasius (599), Patriarchs of Antioch; Child-Martyr Gabriel of Bialystok (1690).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 2:14-21, per. 4, **Gospel:** Luke 24:12-35, per. 113.

Wednesday, 4 / Apr. 21

Bright Week. **Bright Wednesday.** Fast-free Week. Fast-free.

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Holy Mount Sinai (movable holiday on Wednesday of Bright Week); Kasperov icon of the Mother of God (moveable holiday on Wednesday of Bright Week); Hieromartyr Januarius, bishop of Benevento and his companions: deacons Festus, Proclus, and Sosius; reader Desiderius; and Eutychius and Acutius at Pozzuoli (305); Martyrs Isaacius, Apollo, and Codratus of Nicomedia (303); St. Maximus, Patriarch of Constantinople (434).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 2:22-36, per. 5, **Gospel:** John 1:35-51, per. 4.

Thursday, 5 / Apr. 22

Bright Week. **Bright Thursday.** Fast-free Week. Fast-free.

St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613); Apostles Nathaniel, Luke, and Clement (1st C); St. Vitalis (Vitaliy) of Gaza (609-620).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 2:38-43, per. 6, **Gospel:** St. John 3:1-15, per. 8.

Friday, 6 / Apr. 23

Bright Week. **Bright Friday.** Fast-free Week. Fast-free.

Commemoration of the renewal (sanctification) of the Holy Theotokos temple near the Life-giving Spring in Constantinople (5th C) (movable holiday on Friday of Bright Week); Life-giving Spring icon of the Mother of God (movable holiday on Friday of Bright Week); Pochayiv icon of the Mother of God (movable holiday on Friday of Bright Week); **Holy Great Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George** (303); Martyr Alexandra, the Empress, wife of

Diocletian (303); Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303).

Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 12:2-12, per. 63, **Epistle:** Acts 3:1-8, per. 7, Philippians 2:5-11, per. 240 Theotokos, Acts 12:1-11, per 29 St. George, **Gospel:** John 2:12-22, per. 7, Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28, per. 54 Theotokos, John 15:17-16:2, per 52 St. George.

Saturday, 7 / Apr. 24

Bright Week. **Bright Saturday.** Fast-free Week. Fast-free.

Martyr Sabbas Stratelates, the General, of Rome and 70 soldiers with him (272); Ven. Sabbas in the Near Kyivan Caves (13th C); Ven. Alexis the Hermit of the Kyivan Caves (13th C); Martyrs Pasicrates, Valentine and Julius in Bulgaria (228); Martyrs Eusebius, Neon, Leontius, Longinus, and others at Nicomedia (303); St. Thomas the Fool-for-Christ of Syria (550); St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker of Constantinople (540).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 3:11-16, per. 8, **Gospel:** John 3:22-33, per 11.

Sunday, 8 / Apr. 25

Second Sunday after Pascha: **Antipascha. St. Thomas Sunday.** Fast-free.

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (63); Constantinople icon of the Mother of God (1071); St. Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople (516); St. Aninanus, second bishop of Alexandria (86).

Readings: 1st Matins Gospel: St. Matthew 28:16-20, per. 116, **Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20, per. 14, 1 Peter 5:6-14, per. 63 Apostle Mark, **Gospel:** John 20:19-31, per. 65, Mark 6:7-13, per. 23 Apostle Mark.

Monday, 9 / Apr. 26

Second Week after Pascha. Tone 1. Fast-free.

Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322); Righteous Virgin Glaphyra of Nicomedia (322).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 3:19-26, per. 9, **Gospel:** St. John 2:1-11, per. 6.

Tuesday, 10 / Apr. 27

Second Week after Pascha. **Memorial Tuesday. Provody. General commemoration of the reposed.** Tone 1. Fast-free.

Hieromartyr Symeon, kinsman of the Lord (107); Ven. Stephen, abbot of the Kyivan Caves Monastery, bishop of Volodymyr in Volhynia (1094); St. Eulogius, the hospitable of Constantinople (6th C); St. John the Confessor of Constantinople (832).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 4:1-10, per. 10, 1 Corinthians 15:39-57, per. 162 Departed, **Gospel:** St. John 3:16-21, per. 10, John 5:24-30, per. 16 Departed.

Wednesday, 11 / Apr. 28

Second Week after Pascha. Tone 1. Fast: Fish.

Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, Virgin Cercyra, and others with them who suffered: Martyrs Saturninus, Jakischolus, Faustianus, Januarius, Marsalius, Euphrasius, Mammius, and Christodolus the Ethiopian at Corfu (1st C); Martyrs Dada, Maximus and Quintilianat Dorostolum (286); St. Cyril, Bishop of Turov (1183); Martyrs Zeno, Eusebius, Neon, and Vitalis, converted by Apostls Jason and Sosipater.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 4:13-22, per. 11, **Gospel:** John 5:17-24, per. 15.

Thursday, 12 / Apr. 29

Second Week after Pascha. Tone 1. Fast-free.

Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (286-299); St. Memnon the wonderworker of Corfu (2nd C); Martyrs Diodorus and Rhodianus, deacons, at Aphrodisia in Anatolia (284-305).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 4:23-31, per. 12, **Gospel:** John 5:24-30, per. 16.

Friday, 13 / Apr. 30

Second Week after Pascha. Tone 1. Fast: Fish.

Holy Apostle James, the brother of St. John the Theologian (44); St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea (387); Uncovering of the relics of Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (322); St. Clement the Hymnographer, of the Studion (9th C); Martyr Maximus of Ephesus.

Readings: Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25, per. 67, **Epistle:** Acts 5:1-11, per. 13, Acts 12:1-11, per. 29 Apostle, **Gospel:** John 5:30-6:2, per. 17, Luke 5:1-11, per. 17 Apostle.

Saturday, 14 / 1

Saturday of the Second Week after Pascha. Tone 1. Fast-free.

Prophet Jeremiah (6th C BC); Hieromartyr Macarius, Metropolitan of Kyiv (1497); New Monk-Martyrs Euthymius, Ignatius (1814) and Acacius (1816) of Mt. Athos; Monk-Martyr Batas of Nisibis (395); Tsarevokokshaisk or Myrrh-bearing (1647), Andronikos (14th C) and Unexpected Joy and Byzantine icons of the Mother of God.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 5:21-33, per. 15, **Gospel:** John 6:14-27 per. 19.

Sunday, 15 / 2

Third Sunday after Pascha: **Holy Myrrh-bearing Women.** Tone 2. Fast-free.

Holy Myrrhbearing Women: Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee, Susanna, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (commemoration on the 3rd Sunday of Pascha); Right-believing. Tamara, queen of Georgia (1213) (movable feast on the Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women); St. Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria (373); **Translation of the Relics of the Holy Princes Passion-bearers Borys and Hlib**, in Baptism Romanus and David (1072-1115); St. Athanasius, Patriarch of Constantinople, Wonderworker of Lubny (1654); Martyrs

Hesperus, Zoe, and their sons Cyriacus and Theodulus, at Attalia (2nd C); Putivlsk (1635) and Vutivansk icons of the Mother God.

Readings: 3rd Matins Gospel 3: Mark 16:9-20, per. 71, **Epistle:** Acts 6:1-7, per. 16, **Gospel:** Mark 15:43-16:8, per. 69.

Monday, 16 / 3

Third Week after Pascha. Tone 2.

Ven. Theodosius, abbot of the Kyivan Caves Monastery and founder of cenobitic monasticism in Ukraine (1074); Martyrs Timothy the reader and his wife Maura of Egypt (286); St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argos (10th C); Pechersk (with Sts. Antony and Theodosius) icon of the Mother of God (1085), brought from Constantinople (1073)

The Scripture Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 6:17-23, per. 24, **Epistle:** Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60, per. 17, Hebrews 13:7-16, per. 334 Venerable Theodosius, **Gospel:** John 4:46-54, per. 13, Matthew 11:27-30, per. 43 Venerable Theodosius.

Tuesday, 17 / 4

Third Week after Pascha. Tone 2.

Virgin-Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (287); Hieromartyr Erasmus, bishop of Formia (303); Hieromartyr Albian, bishop of Anaea and his disciples (304).

St. Silvanus of Gaza and with him 40 martyrs (311).

Ancient Kyivan-Rus' icon of the Mother of God (1570); ven. Aphrodisius, Leontius, Anthony, valerian, Macrobius, and others, monks of Palestine; Translation of the relics of Righteous Lazarus and Mary Magdalene, Equal-to-the-Apostles; St. Nicephorus, abbot of Medikion.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 8:5-17, per. 18, **Gospel:** John 6:27-33, per. 20.

Wednesday, 18 / 5

Third Week after Pascha. Tone 2. Fast: Fish.

Great Martyr Irene of Thessalonica (1st-2nd C); Martyrs Neophytus, Gaius, and Gaianus; Inexhaustible Cup icon of the Mother of God (1878); Martyrs Neophytus, Gaius and Gaianus.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 8:18-25, per. 19, **Gospel:** John 6:35-39, per. 21.

Thursday, 19 / 6

Third Week after Pascha. Tone 2.

Ven. Job, abbot and wonderworker of Pochayiv (1651); Righteous Job the Long-suffering (ca. 2000-1500 B.C.); Martyrs Barbarus the Soldier, Bacchus, Callimachus, and Dionysius in Morea (362); Martyr Parphenious; Martyr Barbarus the former robber in Epirus (9th C).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 8:26-39, per. 20, **Gospel:** John 6:40-44, per. 22.

Friday, 20 / 7

Third Week after Pascha. Tone 2. Fast: Fish.

Commemoration of the Apparition of the Sign of the Cross over Jerusalem (351); Martyr Acacius the Centurion (303); Lubech (9th C) and Zhyrivits (1470) icons of the Mother of God.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 8:40-9:19, per. 21, **Gospel:** John 6:48-54, per. 23.

Saturday, 21 / 8

Third Week after Pascha. Tone 2.

Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117); St. Arsenius the Great of Scetis (448; Ven. Arsenius the Lover of Labour (14th C) and Pimen the Ascetic (12th C) of the Kyivan Caves; St. Emilia, mother of Sts. Macrina, Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (375); Ven. Hierax of Egypt (5th C); St. Emilia (375), mother of Sts. Macrina, Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa; Ven. Cassian, recluse of the Kyivan Caves (13th-14th C).

Readings: Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25, per. 67, **Epistle:** Acts 9:20-31, per. 22, 1 John 1:1-7, per. 68 Apostle, **Gospel:** John 15:17-16:2, per. 52, John 19:25-27, 21:24-25, per. 61 Apostle.

Sunday, 22 / 9

Fourth Sunday after Pascha: **The Paralyzed Man.** Tone 3. Fast-free.

Righteous Tabitha (1st C) (movable feast on the 4th Sunday of Pascha); **Translation of the relics of St. Nicolas the Wonderworker from Myra in Lycia to Bari** (1087); Translation of the relics of Martyr Abramius of Bulgaria (1230) (movable feast on the 4th Sunday of Pascha); Prophet Isaiah (c. 765 B.C.); Martyr Christopher of Lycia (249) and with him Martyrs Callinica and Aquilina; Ven. Shio of Mgvime of Georgia (6th C); Martyr Epimachus of Pelusium, who suffered at Apexandria (250); Martyr Gordion of Rome (362).

Readings: 4th Matins Gospel: Luke 24:1-12, per. 112, **Epistle:** Acts 9:32-42, per. 23, Hebrews 13:17-21, per. 335 St. Nicholas, **Gospel:** John 5:1-15, per. 14, Luke 6:17-23, per. 24 St. Nicholas.

Monday, 23 / 10

Fourth Week after Pascha. Tone 3.

Apostle Symeon the Zealot (1st C); St. Symeon, bishop of Volodymyr and Suzdal, in the Near Kyivan Caves (1226); Martyrs Philadelphus, Cyprian, Alphaeus, Onesimus, Erasmus, and 14 others, in Sicily (251); Martyr Hesychius of Antioch (4th C); St. Isidora the Fool-for-Christ of Tabenna in Egypt (365); Blessed Taisia (Thais) of Egypt (5th C); Kyiv-Bratsk icon of the Mother of God (1654); Ven. Lawrence, monk of Egypt (6th C).

Readings: Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25, 67, **Epistle:** Acts 10:1-16, per. 24, 1 Corinthians 4:9-16, per. 131 Apostle, **Gospel:** John 6:56-69, per. 24, Matthew 13:54:58, per. 56 Apostle.

Tuesday, 24 / 11

Fourth Week after Pascha. Tone 3.

Equal-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and **Methodius** (885), **First Teachers of the Slavs;** Hieromartyr Mocius, priest of Amphipolis in Macedonia (295); Ven. Sophronius, recluse, of the

Kyivan Caves (13th C); Equal-to-the-Apostles Rostislav, prince of Greater Moravia (870); Commemoration of the founding of Constantinople (303).

Readings: Matins Gospel: John 10:9-16, per. 36, **Epistle:** Acts 10:21-33, per. 25, Hebrews 7:26-8:2, per. 318 Equals-to-the Apostles, **Gospel:** John 7:1-13, per. 25, **Gospel:** Matthew 5:14-19, per. 11 Equals-to-the Apostles.

Wednesday, 25 / 12

Fourth Week after Pascha. **Mid-Pentecost.** Tone 3. Fast: Fish.

St. Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus (403); St. Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (740); St. Sabinus, archbishop of Cyprus (5th C); St. Polybius, Bishop of Rinokyr in Egypt (5th C); Martyr Pancratius of Rome (304).

Readings: Matins Gospel: John 10:1-9, per. 35, **Epistle:** Acts 14:6-18, per. 34, **Gospel:** John 7:14-30, per. 26.

Thursday, 26 / 13

Fourth Week after Pascha. Tone 3.

Virgin-Martyr Glyceria and with her, Martyr Laodicius, the jailer (141); Translation of the relics of the Ven. Martyr Macarius, Archimandrite of Kaniv, wonderworker of Pereyaslav (1678); Martyr Alexander of Rome (298); St. Pausicacius, Bishop of Synnada (606); St. George the Confessor of Constantinople, with his wife Irene and children (ca. 842).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 10:34-43, per. 26, **Gospel:** John 8:12-20, per. 29.

Friday, 27 / 14

Fourth Week after Pascha. Tone 3. Fast: Fish.

Martyr Isidore of Chios (251); Ven. Nicetas, recluse of the Kyivan Caves Monastery (1108); Martyr Maximus, (250); St. Serapion the Sindonite, monk of Egypt (542); St. Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (1175); Yaroslavl (Pechersk) icon of the Mother of God (1823).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 10:44-11:10, per. 27, **Gospel:** John 8:21-30, per. 30.

Saturday, 28 / 15

Fourth Week after Pascha. Tone 3.

Ven. Pachomius the Great, founder of cenobitic monasticism (346); Ven. Isaiah of the Kyivan Caves (1115); St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (330).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 12:1-11, per. 29, **Gospel:** John 8:31-42, per 31.

Sunday, 29 / 16

Fifth Sunday after Pascha: **The Samaritan Woman.** Tone 4. Fast-free.

Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of St. Pachomius the Great (368); St. Alexander, Archbishop of Jerusalem (213-250); Martyrs Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia (303); Blessed child Musa of Rome (5th C); Monk-martyrs of the community of St. Sava the Sanctified (610); St. George II, Bishop of Mytilene (842).

Readings: 7th Matins Gospel: John 20:1-10, per. 63, **Epistle:** Acts 11:19-26, 29-30, per. 28, **Gospel:** John 4:5-42, per. 123.

Monday, 30 / 17

Fifth Week after Pascha. Tone 4.

Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow laborer, Junia (1st C); Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, soldiers, at Chalcedon (298); St. Stephen, Patriarch of Constantinople (893).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 12:12-17, per. 30; **Gospel:** John 8:42-51, per. 32.

Tuesday, 31 / 18

Fifth Week after Pascha. Tone 4.

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of Seven Ecumenical Councils; Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra and the 7 virgin-martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaine, Euphraise, Matrona and Julia (303); Martyrs Peter of Lampsacus, and Andrew, Paul, and Dionysius, at Euridinos (249-251); Martyrs Symeon, Isaac and Bachtisius of Persia (339); Martyrs Heraclius, Paulinus and Benedimus of Athens (250).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 12:25-13:12, per. 31, **Gospel:** John 8:51-59, per. 33.

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Wednesday, 1 / May 19

Fifth Week after Pascha. **Apodosis of Mid-Pentecost.** Tone 4. Fast: Fish.

Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prusa and his companions: Priests Acacius, Menander and Polyenus (362); Martyr Acoluthus of the Thebaid (284-305); St. John, Bishop of the Goths in Crimea (787); Entrance of St. Nina, Equal-to-the-Apostles, into Georgia (323); Synaxis of the Hieromartyrs of Kharkiv.

Readings: Epistle: Acts 13:13-24, per. 32, **Gospel:** John 6:5-14, per. 18.

Thursday, 2 / May 20

Fifth Week after Pascha. Tone 4. Fast Free.

Martyrs Thalelaeus, Alexander and Asterius (284); Martyr Asclas of Egypt (287); Sts. Zabulon and Susanna, parents of St. Nina (4th C); Ven. Thalassius the Myrrh-giver of Libya (660); Ven. Nicetas, John and Joseph, monks of Chios (1050).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 14:20-27, per. 35; **Gospel:** John 9:39-10:9, per. 35.

Friday, 3 / May 21

Fifth Week after Pascha. Tone 4. Fast: Fish.

Equal-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine (337), and **his mother, Helena** (327); Right-believing Yaroslav, in baptism Constantine (1205) and his children Sts. Michael and Theodore, wonderworkers of Murom; Vyshhorod (Volodymyr) icon of the Mother of God.

Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56, per. 4, **Epistle:** Acts 15:5-34, per. 36, **Gospel:** John 10:27-38, per. 37, **Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11, per. 240 Theotokos, **Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28, per. 54 Theotokos, **Epistle:** Acts 26:1-5, 12-20, per. 49 Equals-to-the-Apostles, **Gospel:** John 10:1-9, per. 35 Equals-to-the-Apostles.

Saturday, 4 / May 22

Fifth Week after Pascha. Tone 4. Fast Free.

Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (308); Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381); Righteous Melchizedek, king of Salem; St. John-Volodymyr, martyr and ruler of Serbia (1015).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 15:35-41, per. 37, **Gospel:** John 10:27-38, per. 38.

Sunday, 5 / May 23

Sixth Sunday after Pascha: **The Blind Man.** Tone 5. Fast-free.

St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada (818); Uncovering of the relics of St. Leontius, Bishop and wonderworker of Rostov (1164); Ven. Euphrosyne, abbess of Polotsk (1173); St. Paisius, of Halych (1463); Martyr Michael the black-robed of St. Sabbas Monastery (9th C); Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary, wife of Cleopas; Synaxis of Hieromartyrs of Kholm and Pidlyashya (1940) (movable holiday on the Sunday after May 19).

Readings: 8th Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18, per. 64, **Epistle:** Acts 16:16-34, per. 38, **Gospel:** John 9:1-38, per. 34.

Monday, 6 / May 24

Sixth Week after Pascha. Tone 5. Fast-free.

Ven. Symeon Stylite of the Wonderful Mountain (596); Ven. Nicetas Stylites of Pereyaslav (1186); Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John and 1,218 soldiers with women and children including: Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, and Faustus, the women Marciana, Susanna and Palladia, two children Cyriacus and Christian, and 12 tribunes: Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (218).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 17:1-15, per. 39, **Gospel:** John 11:47-57, per. 40.

Tuesday, 7 / May 25

Sixth Week after Pascha. Tone 5. Fast-free.

Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist (850); Priest-Martyr Therapon, Bishop of Cyprus (4th C); Synaxis of the Saints of Volhynia: Sts. Yaropolk, Stephen, Macarius, Ihor and Juliana; Martyrs Pasocrates, Valentinian, Julius and others (302).

Readings: Matins Gospel: Luke 7:17-30, per. 31, **Epistle:** Acts 17:19-28, per. 40, **Gospel:** John 12:19-36, per. 42, **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15, per. 176 Forerunner, **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-15, per. 40 Forerunner.

Wednesday, 8 / May 26

Sixth Week after Pascha. **Apodosis of Pascha.** Tone 5. Fast: Fish.

Apostles Carpus of the Seventy and Alpheus (1st C); Translation of the relics (1534) of New Martyr George of Kratovo, at Sofia (1515); Martyrs Abercius and Helen, children of Apostle Alphaeus (1st C); St. John of Psichaita, the Confessor of Constantinople (9th C).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 18:22-28, per. 41, **Gospel:** John 12:36-47, per. 43.

Thursday, 9 / May 27

Sixth Week after Pascha. Tone 5. Fast free.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST; Hieromartyr Therapontes, Bishop of Sardis (259); Holy Georgian Martyrs of Persia (17th-18th C) (movable holiday on the day of the Holy Ascension) (Georgia); Translation of the relics of the Holy Metropolitans of Kyiv: Cyprian, Photius and Jonah (1472); Righteous John the Rusyn (Ukrainian), confessor (1730); Virgin-Martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier of Alexandria (304).

Readings: Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20, per. 71, **Epistle:** Acts 1:1-12, per. 1, **Gospel:** Luke 24:36-53, per. 114.

Great Vespers: After the initial blessing: O come, let us worship, Psalm 103. Blessed is the man is not sung. At Lord, I have cried: 10 stykhyry of the feast, Glory: Both now. of the feast.

Entrance. Prokeimen of the day. Paremii: Feast. At the Litia and at the aposticha: stykhyry of the feast. At the blessing of loaves: Tropar: Feast x3.

Matins: At God is the Lord: Tropar: Feast x3. After the Kathismas: sessional hymns: Feast. Polyelei; Magnification of the feast. Sessional hymns: Feast. From my youth. Prokeimen: Feast. Gospel. Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ. Psalm 50. Glory: Through the prayers of the Holy Apostles, Both now: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Have mercy on me, O God. Stykhyra: Feast: Today the heavenly powers. First Canon: Feast with Irmos on 8, and Second Canon: Feast with Irmos on 6. Irmoi: To God the Saviour; Katavasia: Covered with the Divine. After the 3rd Ode of the Canon: sessional hymn: Feast, Glory: Both now, the same. After the 6th Ode: Kondak and Ikos: Feast. At the 9th Ode, More honourable is not sung, instead the refrain of the feast: Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver-of-life, who ascended from the earth to heaven. Then, Irmos and Tropar of the 1st Canon. To the Irmos and Tropar of the 2nd Canon, the refrain: Angels having witnessed the ascension of the Master were afraid. Exapostilarion: Feast x3. At the Praises: 4 stykhyry: Feast, Glory: Both now: Feast. After the Great Doxology: Tropar: Feast. Dismissal of the feast. First Hour.

The Hours: Tropar and Kondak: Feast.

Divine Liturgy: Antiphons of the feast. Entrance verse: Priest: God is gone up, and choir: Tropar: Feast, Glory: Both now: Kondak: Feast. Prokeimen: Feast, Tone 7: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Epistle. Gospel. Instead of It is truly worthy, the refrain Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Life-giver; and the 9th Irmos: Thou Who art incomprehensible. Communion verse: Feast: *God is gone up*. Dismissal: Feast.

Wednesday, 10 / May 28

Sixth Week after Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Tone 5. Fast: Fish.

St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (9th C); Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene (1st C); Martyrs Heliconis and Daphne of Thessalonica (244); Hieromartyr Helladius, bishop (6th-7th C); Nikiyska (304), Chukhlomska (Halych) (1350) icons of the Mother of God; St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ of Constantinople (911).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 19:1-8, per. 42, **Gospel:** John 14:1-11, per. 47.

Saturday, 11 / May 29

Sixth Week after Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Tone 5. Fast-free.

Virgin-Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (308); Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council (325); St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria (328); Virgin-Martyr Theodosia of Constantinople (730); Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council (325);

Readings: Epistle: Acts 20:7-12, per. 43, **Gospel:** John 14:10-21, per. 48

Sunday, 12 / May 30

Seventh Sunday after Pascha. The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Tone 6.

Tenderness icon of the Mother of God of Chelnsk (movable holiday on the Seventh Sunday of Pascha); Ven. Varlaam of Khutyn (1192) (Movable holiday on the 1st Friday of Apostles' Fast.); Ven. Isaac, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery (383); St. Macrina, grandmother of St. Basil the Great (4th C).

Readings: 10th Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14, per. 66, **Epistle:** Acts 20:16-18, 28-36, per. 44, **Gospel:** John 17:1-13, per. 56.

Monday, 13 / May 31

Seventh Week after Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Tone 6. Fast-free.

Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st C); Martyr Hermias at Comana (160); Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (252); Martyr Marus the Magician who was converted on witnessing the martyrdom of Hermias; St. Eustathius, patriarch of Constantinople (1025).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 21:8-14, per. 45, **Gospel:** John 14:27-15:7, per. 49.

Tuesday, 14 / 1

Seventh Week after Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Tone 6.

Martyrs Justin the Philosopher, and those with him at Rome: Martyr Justin, Chariton and his wife Charita, Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian and Justus (166); Ven. Agapit, unmercenary physician, of the Near Kyivan Caves (1095).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 21:26-32, per. 46, **Gospel:** John 16:2-13, per. 53.

Wednesday, 15 / 2

Seventh Week after Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Tone 6. Fast: Fish.

St. Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (829); Great Martyr John the New of Suchava (1332); Kyiv-Bratska icon of the Mother of God (1654)

Readings: Epistle: Acts 23:1-11, per. 47, **Gospel:** John 16:15-23, per. 54.

Thursday, 16 / 3

Seventh Week after Pascha. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Tone 6.

Martyr Lucillian and those with him at Byzantium: the youths Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; and Virgin Paula (270); Hieromartyr Lucian the bishop, Maxianus the priest, Julian the deacon and Martyrs Marcellinus and Saturninus in Belgium (96); St. Achilles, patriarch of Alexandria (312).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 25:13-19, per. 48, **Gospel:** John 16:23-33, per. 55.

Friday, 17 / 4

Seventh Week after Pascha. Apodosis of the Ascension. Tone 6. Fast: Fish.

St. Metrophanes, first Patriarch of Constantinople (325); Sts. Martha and Mary, sisters of St. Lazarus (1st C); Martyrs Frontasius, Severinus, Severian, and Silanus of Gaul (1st C); Martyr Concordius of Spoleto (175); Hieromartyr Astius, Bishop of Dyrrachium (110); St. Zosimas of Cilicia, Bishop of New Babylon, Egypt (6th C); Ven. Sophia of Thrace (10th-11th C); Ven. Alonius of Scete (5th C); St. Titus, bishop of Byzantium (3rd C).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 27:1-44, per. 50; **Gospel:** John 17:18-26, per. 57.

Saturday, 18 / 5

Saturday before Pentecost. Trinity Soul Saturday. Commemoration of the reposed. Tone 6. Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (361); Translation of the relics of the passion bearer Ichor, great prince of Chernihiv and Kyiv, in baptism George and in monasticism Gabriel (1150); St. Constantine, Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Kyivan Rus' (1159); Martyrs Marcian, Nicander, Hyperechius, Apollonius, Leonides, Arius, Gorgias, Selenias, Irene, and Pambo of Egypt (305-311); St. Theodore the Wonderworker, hermit of the Jordan (583); St. Anubius, confessor and anchorite of Egypt (5th C); St. Abba Dorotheos of Palestine (620); Ichor icon of the Mother of God (1147); St. Dorotheus, abbot at Chiliokama on the Black Sea (11th C).

Readings: Epistle: Acts 28:1-31, per. 51, **Gospel:** John 21:15-25, per. 67, **Epistle:** 1

Thessalonians 4:13-17, per. 270 Departed, **Gospel:** John 5:24-30, per. 16 Departed.

The entire service is for the departed, as on the Saturday of Meatfare, with the exception that the hymns from the Oktoikh are taken from Tone 6.

Sunday, 19 / 6

PENTECOST. TRINITY SUNDAY. DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES. Fast free.

Forest icon of the Mother of God (1696) (movable holiday on Trinity Sunday); Ven. Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt (466); Ven. Hilarion the New, abbot of the Dalmation Monastery (845); Virgin-martyrs Archelais, Thecla, and Susanna, beheaded at Salerno (293); St. Justus, patriarch of Alexandria (130); Martyrs Amandus, Amantius, Alexander, Lucius, Alexander, Alexandria, Donatus and Peregrinus at Noviodunum in Scythia Minor (320).

Readings:

Matins Gospel: John 20:19-23, per. 65, **Epistle:** Acts 2:1-11, per. 3, **Gospel:** John 7:37-52; 8:12, per. 27.

Great Vespers: Blessed is the man. At Lord, I have cried: 10 stykhyry of the feast, Glory; Both now, of the feast. Entrance. Prokeimen: The Lord is King. Paramii. Litia and Aposticha: stykhyry of the feast. At the blessing of loaves: Tropar: Feast x3.

Matins: At God is the Lord: Tropar: Feast x3. After the Kathismas the sessional hymns: Feast. Polyelai; Magnification of the feast. Sessional hymn. From my youth. Prokeimen: Thy good Spirit. Gospel. We do not sing Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, but immediately read Psalm 50. Glory: Through the prayers of the Apostles. Both now: Through the prayers of the Theotokos. Have mercy on me, O God; and stykhyra: Feast: O Heavenly King. Canons: Feast with two Irmoi; Katavasia: these same Irmoi. After the 3rd Ode: sessional hymn: Feast. After the 6th Ode: Kondak and Ikos: Feast. At the 9th Ode, More honourable is not sung, but the Irmos: Unbetrothed Mother and Rejoice, O, Queen. Exapostilarion: Feast x3. At the Praises: 6 stykhyry of the feast, Glory; Both now: of the feast: O Heavenly King. After the Great Doxology: Tropar: Feast. Dismissal: Feast: May Christ our true God, who sent down from heaven the Most Holy Spirit upon His disciples and apostles in the form of tongues of fire. 1st Hour.

The Hours: Tropar and Kondak: Feast.

Divine Liturgy: Antiphons: Feast. Entrance verse: Be exalted, O Lord, and Tropar of the feast is sung; Glory: Both now: Kondak: Feast. All Who have been baptized into Christ instead of Holy God. Prokeimen, Tone 8: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth. Epistle. Gospel. Rejoice, O, Queen is sung instead of It is truly worthy. Communion hymn: Thy Good Spirit. Dismissal: Feast. Then, Vespers with Kneeling Prayers is served. Blessed is our God: O

Heavenly King: Trisagion, after the Our Father: Come, let us worship: and Psalm 103 is read. Great Litany with the special petitions for the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon those who are praying. No Kathisma reading. At Lord, I have cried 6 stychyry, Glory: Both now: O Heavenly King. Entrance with the censer. Great Prokeimen: Who is so great a God as our God. Deacon or priest: Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Lord. Choir: Lord, have mercy x3 (and thus before the reading of each prayer). And all kneel for the first time since Pascha, and the priest reads the first kneeling prayer in the Royal Doors, facing the people. Then, Help, save, have mercy and raise us up from our knees, O God, by Thy grace. Exclamation, For Thine it is to show mercy and save us. Then the Litany, Let us all say; and after the exclamation the second kneeling prayer is read. Exclamation: Through the compassions of Thine only begotten Son. Vouchsafe, O Lord. Then the third kneeling prayer is read, with the exclamation: For Thou art the repose of our souls and bodies. Litany: Let us complete. Then, Aposticha: Today as a sign to all; Glory: Both now: *Come O ye people*. After the song of Symeon, Tropar of the feast. Dismissal: *May Christ, who from the Father and the Divine bosom of heaven descended to the earth.*

Monday, 20 / 7

Day of the Holy Spirit. Tone 7. Fast-free Week: Fast-free.

Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra (303); Hieromartyr Marcellinus, Pope of Rome (304), and with him the Holy Martyrs Claudius, Cyrinus and Antonius (304);

Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Rome and those with him: Sisinius and Cyriacus deacons, Smaragdus, Largus, Apronian, Saturninus, Pappias, Maurus, Crescentian, Priscilla, Lucina and princess Artemia (304-310); Martyrs Kyriaki, Caleria and Mary, of Caesarea in Palestine (304); Ven. Daniel of Skete in Egypt (420); Virgin-martyr Potamiaena of Alexandria; Martye Zenais of Caesarea in Palestine.

Readings: Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19, per. 229, **Gospel:** Matthew 18:10-20, per. 75.

Small Compline: Canon to the Holy Spirit.

Matins: At God is the Lord: Tropar: Feast x3. Kathismas, Sessional hymns of the feast. Psalm 50. Both canons of the feast. After the 3rd Ode: Sessional hymn Most-holy Spirit. After the 6th Ode, Kondak: Feast. Instead of More honourable, the Irmos Rejoice, Queen, Glory of mothers. Exapostilarion: Feast. Praises: 4 stychyry: Feast: Glory: Both now: When God confused the tongues. Great Doxology. Tropar: Feast. Litanies: Feast. Dismissal: Feast. First Hour.

The Hours: Tropar and Kondak: Feast.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: Regular (typical) antiphons. Entrance: Feast. Tropar: Feast: Glory: Both now: Kondak: Feast. Trisagion. Prokeimen. Epistle. Gospel. Rejoice, Queen, Glory of mothers instead of It is truly worthy. Communion hymn. Dismissal: Feast.

Tuesday, 21 / 8

Third Day after Pentecost. Tone 7. Fast-free Week: Fast-free.

Translation of the relics of Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates (319); St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Antioch (546); St. Zosimas, monk, of Phoenicia (Syria) (6th C); Ven. Atre of Nitria of Egypt; Ven. Naucratius, brother of St. Basil the Great (4th C).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 1:1-7, 13-17, per. 79, **Gospel:** Matthew 4:25-5:13, per. 10.

Wednesday, 22 / 9

Afterfeast of Pentecost. Tone 7. Fast-free Week: Fast-free.

St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (444); Five nuns beheaded in Persia: Martyrs Thecla, Mariame, Martha, Mary and Enmatha (346).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 1:18-27, per. 80, **Gospel:** Matthew 5:20-26, per. 12.

Thursday, 23 / 10

Afterfeast of Pentecost. Tone 7. Fast-free Week: Fast-free.

Surety of Sinners icon of the Mother of God in Korets (1622) (movable holiday on Thursday of the 1st week of Pentecost.); Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa (362); St. John, Metropolitan of Tobolsk (1715); Ven. Silvanus of the Far Kyivan Caves (13th-14th C); Martyr Alexander and Virgin-Martyr Antonina at Constantinople (313); St. Theophanes, monk of Antioch (363); St. Bassian, Bishop of Lodi (409); St. Asterius, bishop of Petra (4th C).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 1:28-2:9, per. 81, **Gospel:** Matthew 5:27-32, per. 13.

Friday, 24 / 11

Afterfeast of Pentecost. Tone 7. Fast-free Week: Fast-free.

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st C); Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel (10th C) to a monk on Mt.

Athos, and the revelation of the hymn It Is Truly Meet (Axion Estin); It is Truly Meet (Axion Estin) icon of the Mother of God (10th C).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 2:14-29, per. 82, **Gospel:** Matthew 5:33-41, per. 14.

Saturday, 25 / 12

Apodosis of Pentecost. Tone 7. Fast-free Week: Fast-free.

Ven. Onuphrius the Great (4th C); Ven. Peter of Mt. Athos (734); Sts. John, Andrew, Heraclemon, and Theophilus, hermits of Egypt (4th C); St. John the Soldier of Egypt (6th-7th C); St. Olympius, bishop and confessor who suffered in Thrace (4th C); St. Timothy the Hermit of Egypt (4th C); Synaxis of All Saints of St. Onuphrius Monastery at Jablechna.

Readings: Epistle: Romans 1:7-12, per. 79, **Gospel:** Matthew 5:42-48, per. 15.

The entire service is of the Feast. There are no Entrance or Old Testament Readings at Vespers, nor Polyelei at Matins. At the Liturgy: Tropar and Kondak: Feast. Prokeimen, Alleluia verses, hymn to the Mother of God and Communion Hymn: Feast. Epistle and Gospel of the day.

Sunday, 26 / 13

1st Sunday after Pentecost. **Feast of All Saints** Tone 8. Eve of Apostles' Fast. Sts. Peter and Paul Fast.

Consoler of Angry Hearts and Unbreakable Wall icons of the Mother of God (movable holiday on the Sunday of All Saints); Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Lebanon (293); St. Triphyllius, Bishop of Leucosia in Cyprus (370); Martyr Antonina of Nicaea (284-305); St. Anna (826), and her son St. John of Constantinople (9th C); St. Anipater, bishop of Bostra in Arabia (458).

Readings: 1st Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20, per. 116, **Epistle:** Hebrews 11:33-12:2, per. 330, **Gospel:** Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30, per. 38.

BEGINNING OF THE APOSTLES' FAST

Monday, 27 / 14

2nd Week after Pentecost. Tone 8. Apostles Fast. Strict Fast: Bread, Vegetables, fruit. Prophet Elisha (10th C B.C.); St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847); St. Niphon, monk Mt. Athos (1330); Ven. Elisha, monk, of Suma (15th-16th C); Ven. Julitta of Egypt; St. Josph, bishop of Thessalonica (830).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 2:28-3:18, per. 83, **Gospel:** Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11, per. 19.

Tuesday, 28 / 15

2nd Week after Pentecost. Tone 8. Apostles Fast. Fast: Fish. Prophet Amos (8th C B.C.); Martyrs Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia at Lucania (303); Martyr Dulas of Cilicia (305-313); Ven. Dulas the Passion-bearer of Egypt; St. Michael, first metropolitan of Kyiv (992); Ven. Hieronymus of Stridonium (420); Translation of the relics (9th C) of Theodore the Sykeote (613); Blessed Augustine, bishop of Hippo (430) and his mother Monica (387); Ven. Orsiesius of Tabenna, disciple of St. Pachomius the Great (368-380); Virgin-martyrs Leonis, Libye and Eutropia, and their mother who suffered in Palmyra of Syria (305).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 4:4-12, per. 86, **Gospel:** Matthew 7:15-21, per. 22.

Wednesday, 29 / 16

2nd Week after Pentecost. Tone 8. Apostles Fast. Fast: Wine and Oil. St. Tikhon, bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (425); Hieromartyr Tigrius the priest and Martyr Eutopius the reader of Constantinople (404); St. Mark the Just of Apollonias.

Readings: Epistle: Romans 4:13-25, per. 87, **Gospel:** Matthew 7:21-23, per. 23.

Thursday, 30 / 17

2nd Week after Pentecost. Tone 8. Apostles Fast. Fast: Wine and Oil. Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael of Persia (362); Hieromartyr Philoneides, bishop of Kurion in Cyprus (306); St. Joseph and Pior, disciples of St. Anthony the Great (4th C); St. Aetius the Eunuch, enlightener of Ethiopia, baptized by the Apostle Philip (1st C).

Readings: Epistle: Romans 5:10-16, per. 89, **Gospel:** Matthew 8:23-27, per. 27.