

Part 1: Fixed (Immovable Proper Feasts)

January 1

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST; ST. BASIL THE GREAT

(Note: The Divine Liturgy for today is that of Saint Basil the Great)

TROPAR (Tone 1): O Jesus, enthroned on high together with Your eternal Father and Divine Spirit; You condescended to be born on earth of a maiden and virgin mother. And on the eighth day You were circumcised. Glory to Your most noble decision; glory to Your plan of salvation; glory to Your condescension, O Lord; You alone love mankind.

TROPAR of St. Basil the Great (Tone 1): Your voice resounds throughout the world, which has accepted the lessons so well taught by you. You have given explanation of divine truths. You have clarified the nature of created things. You have made a rule of life. By your royal priesthood, O venerable Father Basil, intercede with Christ to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

KONDAK of Saint Basil (Tone 4): You have appeared as a firm foundation for the Church, maintaining its authority as a sure refuge for mortals, sealing it by your doctrine, O ven'erable Basil, revealer of heaven.

Now and forever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): The Lord endures circumcision, and His goodness purifies the sins of all and grants salvation to the world today. Therefore, Basil, the priest and torchbearer of the Creator, the divine mystic of Christ, rejoices on high.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3):

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God,
lest You turn from me in silence.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 2:8-12 (P. 224).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O guide of the flock of Joseph!
2. The mouth of the just man tells of wisdom and his tongue utters what is right.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 2:20-21; 40-52 (Page 163)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, the world of angels and the human race. Sanctified temple, spiritual paradise, boast of virgins. God took flesh from you and became a Child; He was God before the ages. He made your womb a throne and made it more encompassing than the heavens. In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, glory be to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

Saturday before Theophany

(Note: The Tropar and Kondak are of the day)

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Be glad in the Lord and rejoice you just.

Verse: Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:5. (Page 225)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just cried out and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their afflictions.
2. The afflictions of the just are many, but out of them all will the Lord deliver them.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 3:1-11 (Page 164)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just, praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

January 5
EVE OF THEOPHANY

TROPAR (Tone 4): After Elijah had gone up to heaven, Elisha threw his mantle in the Jordan River which parted, opening a way, a dry path between two walls of water where he could pass, a true symbol of our baptism by which we pass through this fleeting life. Christ has been seen at the Jordan River to sanctify the waters.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): Today the Lord stood in the waters of the Jordan telling John: “Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created.”

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

Verse: The Lord is my life’s refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

EPISTLE: Letter from St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:19-27 (Page 228)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. My heart overflows with a godly theme; as I sing my ode to the King.
2. Fairer in beauty are You than the sons of men.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 3:1-19 (Page 165)

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

January 6
THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

FIRST ANTIPHON:

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of alien tongue.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His domain.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

(Tone 1) **At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!**

Let the house of Israel say that He is good and His mercy endures forever.

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, ... (as above)

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good and His mercy endures forever.

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, ... (as above)

Let all those who fear the Lord say that He is good and His mercy endures forever.

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, ... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; we blessed You from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God and He appeared to us.

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, ... (as above)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 4): Today You have revealed Yourself to the universe, and Your light O Lord has shone upon us who spiritually sing to You: You have come and revealed Yourself, O Inaccessible Light.

INSTEAD OF “Holy God ...”: *(Used on feast day only!)*

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

Alleluia. (3x)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever. Amen. Have put on Christ.

Alleluia.

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the Lord is God and has appeared to us. **Verse:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul’s letter to Titus (P. 229).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.
2. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over vast waters.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 3:13-17 (Page 166)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, glorify Christ the King baptized in the River Jordan. ** No tongue has the power to fittingly extol you; and even a supernatural mind is powerless to glorify you, O Mother of God. But in your graciousness, accept our faith because you know our holy ambition; for you are the protectress of Christians, and we extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all. Alleluia, (x3)

INSTEAD OF on P. 73 and 77 “We have seen the true light”, “Let our mouths be filled”, and “Blessed be the name of the Lord”: All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

POST FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
(up to and including January 14)

FIRST ANTIPHON:

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from
a people of alien tongue.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His domain.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

For God is the great Lord and the great King over all the earth.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

TROPAR (Tone 1): At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord,
worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore
witness to You, calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the
form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God,
who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever and ever, Amen!**

KONDAK (Tone 4): Today You have revealed Yourself to the universe, and Your light O Lord has shone upon us who spiritually sing to You: You have come and revealed Yourself, O Inaccessible Light.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the Lord is God and has appeared to us.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His mercy endures forever.

EPISTLE: Reading of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.
2. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over vast waters.

GOSPEL: Gospel of the day

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, glorify Christ the King baptized in the River Jordan.

No tongue has the power to fittingly extol you; and even a supernatural mind is powerless to glorify you, O Mother of God. But in your graciousness, accept our faith because you know our holy ambition; for you are the protectress of Christians, and we extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all. Alleluia, (3x)

January 7:

Commemoration (Synaxis) of St. John the Baptist

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 19: 1-8 (P. 229)

GOSPEL: John 1: 29-34 (Page 166)

**January 11: Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father
Theodosius, Founder of the Cenobitic Monastic Life**

FIRST ANTIPHON:

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from
a people of alien tongue.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His domain.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan,
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TROPAR (Tone 1): At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord,
worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore
witness to You, calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the
form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God,
who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!

TROPAR (Tone 8): With the streams of your tears you cultivated
the barren desert, with deep sighs your toils bore fruit a hundredfold.
You became a beacon, shining throughout the world by your
wonders, our venerable Father, Theodosius. Pray to Christ God that
our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

KONDAK (Tone 4): Today You have revealed Yourself to the universe, and Your light O Lord has shone upon us who spiritually sing to You: You have come and revealed Yourself, O Inaccessible Light.

Now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 8): Planted in the courts of your Lord, you blossomed beautifully with godly virtues and multiplied your children in the desert, watering it with the streams of your tears. O leader of God's divine sheepfolds, we cry out to you: Rejoice, O Father Theodosius.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has rendered to me?

EPISTLE: A reading from the 2nd letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 4: 6-15 (p. 95)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.
2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: St Matthew 11:27-30 (Page 167)

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right ...":

O my soul, glorify Christ the King baptized in the River Jordan. **
No tongue has the power to fittingly extol you; and even a supernatural mind is powerless to glorify you, O Mother of God. But in your graciousness, accept our faith because you know our holy ambition; for you are the protectress of Christians, and we extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

January 16:
The Veneration of the Precious Chains
of the Holy Apostle Peter

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11 (P. 19)

GOSPEL: John 21: 14-25 (Page 167)

January 17:
Our Venerable and God-Bearing Father
Anthony the Great

TROPAR (Tone 4): By your life you imitated the zealous Elias and by following straight paths you emulated the Baptist, John. O Father Anthony, you peopled the desert and strengthened the world by your prayers; intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): You rejected earthly worries and finished your life in silence imitating the Baptist in every way and so with him we honor you, O Anthony, most venerable, first of the Fathers.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has rendered to me?

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21 (P. 215)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.
2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 6:17-23 (Page 168)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

January 20:
Our Venerable and God-Bearing
Father Euthymius the Great

TROPAR (Tone 4): Be glad, O barren desert; take heart, you who have never known labor. For a man of the desires of the Spirit has multiplied your children. He planted them in godliness and reared them with self-mastery to perfection in virtues. By his prayers, Christ God, grant peace to our lives.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 8): Creation found joy in your precious birth and in your divine memorial it takes courage from your many miracles. Grant a rich share of your wonders to our souls, O Venerable Father, and cleanse the stains of sin that we may sing: Alleluia!

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

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COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

January 25:
Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian,
Archbishop of Constantinople

TROPAR (Tone 1): Like a shepherd's flute, O Father Gregory, your theology vanquished the trumpets of orators, for searching the depths of the spirit, beauty of speech was increased in you. Pray Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): O glorious saint, your tongue, versed in theology, loosed the webs of vain philosophers; you adorned the Church with a robe of true belief woven on high. Wearing it she cries with us, your children: Rejoice, O Father, highest mind of theology.

PROKIMEN (Tone 1): My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding.

Verse: Hear these things, all you nations; give ear all you inhabitants of the world.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 7-11. (p. 231)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Give heed, O My people, to My law, incline your ears to the words of My mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in parables, and proclaim secrets from of old.

GOSPEL: John 10: 9-16 (page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! (x3)

January 27:
The Transfer of the Precious Relics of
Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom

TROPAR (Tone 8): The divine Church rejoices and the whole world keeps feast with radiance at the transfer of your relics, O venerable hierarch John Chrysostom. Your life as a bishop was godly and you willingly became a martyr. Therefore we cry to you, O martyr, passion-bearer and hierarchs' companion: Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 1): The precious Church rejoices mystically at the transfer of your holy relics and treasuring them as costly gold it lavishly grants to those who hymn you the grace or healing, by your prayers, O John the Golden-mouthed.

PROKIMEN (Tone 1): My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding.

Verse: Hear these things, all you nations;
give ear all you inhabitants of the world.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (P. 213)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment.
2. The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps will not falter.

GOSPEL: John 10: 9-16 (page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

January 30:
THE THREE HOLY BISHOPS:
GREGORY, BASIL AND JOHN

TROPAR (Tone 4): O teachers of the universe, equal to the apostles, pray to the Lord of all to grant peace to the world and abundant mercy to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): O Lord, You have received Your priestly and divine preachers, the crown of Your teachers, into the enjoyment of Your goodness and repose. You accepted their labors and death above any other sacrifice, for only You can glorify Your saints.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16 (P 231).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and Your faithfulness in the assembly of the faithful.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints, He is great and awesome beyond all round about Him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 14-19 (page 169)

COMMUNION HYMN: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

February 2:
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
(The Encounter of our Lord)

(Note: This feast does not have special antiphons. However, at the small Entrance, after “Wisdom! Stand aright! The following verse is said): The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His truth before the nations.

TROPAR (Tone 1): Hail, Mother of God, Virgin full of grace. From you has shown forth the Son of Justice, Christ our God, shining upon those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just Elder Simeon, for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls Who has given us Resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 1): O Christ our God, through Your birth You sanctified the Virgin’s womb, and blessed, as it was proper, the hands of Simeon. Today, You have come to bring us deliverance. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our civil authorities, for You alone love mankind.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid;
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17 (P. 232).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Now, Master, You can dismiss your servant in peace; You have fulfilled Your word.
2. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of Your people Israel.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 2:22-40 (page 169)

INSTEAD of “It is truly right ...”: O Virgin Mother of God. Hope of Christians, protect, watch, and save those who have placed their hope in you. We, the faithful, see the figure of Christ in the shadow and the letter of the law, which says: Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord. Therefore, we extol the Firstborn of the Eternal Father and the Virgin Mother. 

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POST FEAST OF THE ENCOUNTER
(up to and including February 9)

TROPAR (Tone 1): Hail, Mother of God, Virgin full of grace. From you has shown forth the Son of Justice, Christ our God, shining upon those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just Elder Simeon, for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls who has given us Resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 1): O Christ our God, through Your birth You sanctified the Virgin’s womb, and blessed, as it was proper, the hands of Simeon. Today, You have come to bring us deliverance. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our civil authorities, for You alone love mankind.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Now, Master, You can dismiss Your servant in peace; You have fulfilled Your word.
2. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of Your people Israel.

INSTEAD of “It is truly”: O Virgin Mother of God. ... *(as above)* 

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice ... *(as above)*

February 14:

**THE REPOSE OF OUR VENERABLE FATHER
CONSTANTINE THE PHILOSOPHER IN THE
MONASTIC LIFE, CYRIL, TEACHER OF THE SLAVS**

TROPAR (Tone 4): From your childhood you befriended wisdom, O God-inspired Cyril. Beholding her as a pure virgin all-radiant, you took her as a bride for yourself, and as with beads of gold, she adorned your mind and soul. O blessed Cyril, like your namesake of Alexandria, we have found you wise in name and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): With teaching that was sound and divinely inspired, you enlightened the world as with luminous rays. Flashing like lightning and surrounding the world, you scattered the radiant Word of God in the west, the north, and the southern lands, bringing light to the world through your wonders, O blessed Cyril.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His venerable ones.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord
for all the things He has rendered to me?

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (P. 213)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.
2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: John 10: 9-16 (page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN:

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

February 24:
The First and Second Finding
of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious
Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist

TROPAR (Tone 4): The head of the Forerunner has dawned from the earth, shedding rays of incorruption and healing on those who believe; from on high it assembles the multitude of angels, from below it summons the human race, to glorify Christ God with one voice.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): O Forerunner of Grace and prophet of God, having obtained your head from the earth like a sacred rose, we always receive gifts of healing; for again as of old you proclaim repentance in the world.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 2nd letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: 4: 6-15. (p. 95)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.
2. They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 2-15 (Page 28)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

March 9:

The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

TROPAR (Tone 1): Be swayed by the pains that the saints have suffered for You, O Lord, and heal all our pains, O Lover of mankind, for this we pray.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 6): Leaving behind every army on earth, you cleaved to the Master in heaven, O Forty passion-bearers of the Lord. For passing through fire and water you rightly received glory from heaven and a myriad of crowns, O blessed saints.

PROKIMEN (Tone 5): You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12: 1-10. (p. 233)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.
2. For You, O God, have tested us, You have tried us by fire as silver is tried.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16 (page 39)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just, praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

March 25:

THE ANNUNCIATION

(Note: This feast does not have special antiphons. However, at the small Entrance, after “Wisdom! Stand aright! The following verse is said): Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of our God’s salvation!

TROPAR (Tone 4): Today is the source of our salvation and the revelation of an eternal mystery: the Son of God becomes a virgin’s Son, and Gabriel announces this grace. Therefore, let us exclaim with him to the Mother of God: “Hail, O woman full of grace; the Lord is with you!”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever and ever. Amen!**

KONDAK (Tone 8): O Mother of God, we your servants sing a hymn of thanksgiving to you, a hymn of triumph to a valiant leader; for you have delivered us from all peril. We now exclaim to you: “Hail, O Bride and Virgin ever-pure!”

PROKIMEN (Tone 4):

Day after day, announce the salvation of our God.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18 (P. 234).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. He shall be like the rain coming down on the meadow, like showers watering the earth.
2. May His name be blessed forever, as long as the sun His name shall remain.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:24-38 (page 170)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O earth, proclaim the good news of great joy. You heavens, sing the glory of God. Let no unclean hand touch the living Tabernacle of God; but let the lips of the faithful sing endlessly with joy to the Mother of God the greeting of the angel: “Rejoice, O woman full of grace; the Lord is with you!”

COMMUNION HYMN: The Lord has chosen Sion, and was pleased to make it His dwelling. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

****** *Please Note* ******

***No post-festive period if Annunciation
falls during Holy Week.***

March 26:

Commemoration (Synaxis) of the Archangel Gabriel

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2: 2-10 (P. 204)

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 16-22 (page 152)

April 6:

The Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius,
Teacher of the Slavs

TROPAR (Tone 4): O Christ, bestow from above Your mercies to those who radiantly feast Your bishop's falling asleep. Through the intercession of our Father Methodius, Your holy disciple, open to us the doors of the Kingdom, and loose the chains of our many sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): Let us hymn the godly and faithful Methodius, and lovingly call him blessed; the pastor of the Slavs and the precious servant of the Trinity: the one who banished heresy, for he prays on behalf of all us.

PROKIMEN (Tone 1): My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart understanding.

Verse: Hear these things, all you nations;
give ear all you inhabitants of the world.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (P. 213)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment.
2. The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps will not falter.

GOSPEL: John 10: 9-16 (page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

April 23:
The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr,
Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George

TROPAR (Tone 4): O victorious great martyr George, as a liberator of captives and helper of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): You showed yourself a most honorable harvester of godliness, for it was God who cultivated you. You gathered the sheaves of virtues; for, sowing in tears, you reaped in gladness; and in shedding your blood, you received Christ. By your prayers, O holy one, you grant pardon of transgressions to all.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice,
when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11 (P. 234)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.
2. They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

GOSPEL: John 15:17 – 16:2 (Page 171)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

April 25:
The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark

TROPAR (Tone 3): Learning from Peter the chief apostle, you too became an apostle of Christ, and shone on various lands like the sun. O blessed one; adornment of Alexandrians, through you Egypt was freed from deceit. For you are a pillar of light for the Church, enlightening all with your teaching of the Good News. Therefore, we feast your memorial, O Mark divinely inspired. Ask God whom you preached to all, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): You received from on high the grace of the Spirit, and destroyed the snares of the orators, O Mark, most glorious apostle. You caught the nations and brought them to the Master by preaching to them the divine Good News.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God,
and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of Peter 5:6-14 (P. 235)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 7-13 (Page 51)

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

April 30:
The Holy Apostle James,
Brother of Saint John the Theologian

TROPAR (Tone 3): O James, worthy of all praise, chosen apostle of Christ and only brother of the beloved theologian. Ask God to bestow on those who hymn you forgiveness of sins and to grant our souls great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): When you heard God's voice calling out to you, you spurned the love of your father, and fled to Christ with your kinsman, O glorious James. With him you were favored to see the Lord's divine transfiguration.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God,
and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11(P. 234)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11 (Page 59)

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May 3:
*The Repose of Our Venerable Father Theodosius,
Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kiev, and
Organizer of the Cenobitic (Common) Life in Rus'*

TROPAR (Tone 8): Raised in virtue, O Father Theodosius, from childhood you loved the monastic life, and attained your desire courageously. You lived in a cave adorning your life with fasting and radiance, and abided in prayer like the bodiless powers. You shone like a beacon in the land of Rus'. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): Today we revere the star of Rus, blessed Theodosius, who shone from the east and came to the west; for he enriched this whole land and all of us with gentleness and miraculous wonders by the practice and the grace of the monastic rule.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His venerable ones.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord
for all the things He has rendered to me?

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 13: 7-16. (Page 241)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice.
2. For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 27-30 (Page 167)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May 8:

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist
John the Theologian

TROPAR (Tone 2): O beloved apostle of Christ our God, hasten, deliver a people without defense. He who received you when you leaned upon His breast accepts you as you bow in prayer. Implore Him, O Theologian, to scatter the cloud of nations that besets us, asking peace and great mercy for us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): O virgin apostle, who can recount your mighty works? For you pour out wonders and healings, and you pray for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God,
and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of John 1: 1-7 (Page 236)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the council of the saints, great and awesome over all these around Him.

GOSPEL: John 19:25-27; 21: 24-25 (Page 172)

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May 9:

**The Transfer of the Relics of our Holy Fr. Nicholas
the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari**

TROPAR (Tone 4): The day of radiant feasting is here, the city of Bari rejoices, and the world exults with hymns and spiritual songs. For today is the sacred feast of the transfer of the precious and healing relics of the bishop and wonder-worker Nicholas. Like a never-setting sun, he shines with radiant beams of light, dispelling the gloom of temptations and grief from those who cry with faith: Save us, great Nicholas, for you intercede for us.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever and ever, Amen.**

KONDAK (Tone 3): Like a star, your relics have moved from east to west, and the sea is hallowed by your passage; holy Bishop Nicholas, the city of Bari receives grace through you, for you are revealed as one who works wonders: illustrious, awesome, and merciful.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The venerable ones will exult in glory, and they shall be joyful in their beds.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song;
let His praise be in the assembly of the venerable ones.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 13: 17-21 (P. 215)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice.
2. For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17-23 (Page 150)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! (x3)

May 10:
The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot

TROPAR (Tone 3): Holy apostle Simon, intercede with the merciful God to grant forgiveness of sins to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): With praises let all of us call blessed the divinely eloquent Simon. He diligently planted the teachings of wisdom in the hearts of the godly, and stands now at the throne of glory, rejoicing with the bodiless powers and praying unceasingly for all of us.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God,
and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4: 9-16. (Page 76)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the Saints.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 54-58 (Page 153)

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May 11:
The Holy Cyril and Methodius,
Teachers of the Slavs and Equals to the Apostles

TROPAR (Tone 4): As equals to the apostles in the way you lived, and teachers of the Slavic lands, O Cyril and Methodius, divinely wise, intercede with the Master of all, to confirm the Slavic nations in orthodoxy and oneness of mind; to grant peace to the world and save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): Let us extol our two sacred teachers. By their translation of the Scriptures, they tapped for us a well that brings knowledge of God. Drawing from it abundantly to this very day, we call you blessed, O Cyril and Methodius. As you stand before the throne on high, fervently pray to God to save our souls.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His venerable ones.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord
for all the things He has rendered to me?

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 13: 17-21 (Page 215)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice.
2. For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

GOSPEL: John 10: 9-16 (Page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May 21:
The Holy Great Rulers Constantine and Helen,
Equals to the Apostles

TROPAR (Tone 8): After seeing the image of Your cross in the heavens, O Lord, and receiving like Paul the summons that was not from men, Your apostle among kings entrusted into Your hands the imperial city. Always save it in peace by the prayers of the Mother of God, only Lover of mankind.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): Today Constantine and Helen, his mother, reveal the cross, the all-precious wood which shames those who refuse to believe. Rulers with faith possess it as a weapon against foes; a glorious standard frightful in battle revealed for the sake of all.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God,
and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 1: 11-19. (Page 111)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. I have exalted one chosen from among My people
2. Lord, by Your power the king shall rejoice, and shall greatly exult in Your salvation.

GOSPEL: John 10: 1-9 (Page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May 25:

***The Third Finding of the Precious Head
of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John***

TROPAR (Tone 4): O prophet and forerunner, Christ has revealed to us your head as divine treasure concealed in the earth. Assembled for this discovery, we praise Christ with hymns inspired of God. Through your intercessions He saves us from corruption.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 6): The forerunner, a luminous and divine support in the world, the lampstand of the sun, has revealed his resplendent and divine head to the ends of the earth. He hallows those who bow and cry out in faith: Save us all, O most wise Baptist of Christ.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4: 6-15. (Page 95)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Light is risen for the just and joy for the righteous of heart.
2. Truth sprang up from the ground, and righteousness bent down from heaven.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 2-15 (Page 28)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

June 11:

APOSTLES BARTHOLOMEW & BARNABAS

TROPAR (Tone 1): Receiving a fiery tongue in the power of the Spirit, to all you preached the Word that has come in the flesh. For its sake, O Bartholomew, you were beheaded, and Barnabas endured stoning. Together you form an adornment for the choir of apostles. And so we feast your memorial, and ask you to pray Christ God, to grant us forgiveness of sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

KONDAK (Tone 4): O Bartholomew, apostle of the Lord, you appeared to the world as a shining star. You enlightened with the splendor of your teachings and the wonder of your miracles all those who honour you.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): O Barnabas, you became a perfect and faithful servant of the Lord. You were the first of the seventy disciples, worthy to be the companion of Paul in his preaching. You proclaimed to all that Christ is the Saviour. Therefore, we celebrate your holy memory with hymns and songs.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30 (P. 20).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:16-22 (Page 152)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia (x3)

June 19:
The Holy Apostle Jude,
Brother of the Lord According to the Flesh

TROPAR (Tone 1): As we know you to be Christ's relative, and a steadfast martyr, O Jude, we praise you with sacred hymns. You trampled on error and kept the faith. And so on this day as we feast your memory through your prayers, O Apostle, we receive release from our sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): O Jude, because of your solid mind, you were shown to be a chosen disciple and firm pillar of the Church of Christ. You proclaimed to the nations His holy word, teaching them to believe in the one God, from Whom you received glory and the gift of healing, to cure the ills of those who flee to you, O Apostle, worthy of all praise.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of St. Jude 1: 1-10 (Pg. 172)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: John 14: 21-24 (Page 173)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

June 24:
NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TROPAR (Tone 4): O prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ, in spite of our honour and devotion, we are unable to give you worthy praise. Through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childless-ness was ended, and your father's tongue was freed, and the Incarnation of the Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): Today, she who was barren gives birth to the forerunner of Christ, the fulfillment of all prophecy. In the Jordan, John laid his hand upon Him whom the prophets foretold, showing himself to be the Prophet, the Herald and Forerunner of the Word of God.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

The just man is glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice, when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans 13:11-14:4 (Page 238).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel because he has visited and ransomed his people.
2. And you, O child, shall be called prophet of the Most High.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 1:1-25; 57-80 (Page 174)

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right ...": O my soul glorify the birth of John, the Forerunner and Baptizer of Christ. O all pure Virgin, the ineffable Mystery of the Word of God is clearly fulfilled in You. In His Compassion, God Has become flesh in you. Therefore, we extol you as Theotokos.

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

June 29:
FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

TROPAR (Tone 4): O leaders of the apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Lord of all to grant peace to the world and abundant mercy to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): O Lord, You have received the steadfast preachers of the Good News, the leaders of your apostles, into the enjoyment of Your goodness and repose. You have accepted their labours and death before any other sacrifice, for only You know the secrets of our hearts.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God,
and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (P. 239).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens proclaim Your great deeds O Lord, and Your truth in the Holy Churches.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 16:13-19 (Page 175)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...”: O my soul, extol Peter, the solid rock, and Paul, the chosen orator of the Church of Christ. We extol you in hymns, O most glorious bride and most holy Theotokos, for you have given birth to the Creator of all things visible and invisible.

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

June 30:
The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and
All-Praiseworthy 12 Apostles

TROPAR (Tone 8): O saints, your message has spread throughout the world, for receiving the Spirit in tongues of fire you torched the idols' deceit. With the net of your words, you caught those who were lost and brought them to faith. Therefore the heavens declare your glory, and the firmament, which God created, adds its voice, and we with them cry out feasting your memory: Save us all, O God, by the prayers of your twelve apostles.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): Christ the Rock today valiantly glorifies the rock of faith, the most splendid of the disciples, along with Paul and the council of the twelve. As we celebrate their memory with faith, we glorify the One who glorified them.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4: 9-16. (Page 76)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: Mark 3: 13-19 (Page 175)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 2:

**DEPOSITION OF THE ROBES OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN
THE CHURCH AT BLACHERNAE IN CONSTANTINOPLE**

TROPAR (Tone 8): Ever-virgin Mother of God and protection of the human race, you gave the robe and cincture of your most pure body to your city as a powerful protection. These garments remained incorrupt because of your virginal childbirth. For in you, both time and nature have been renewed. Therefore, we pray that you grant peace to your universe and great mercy to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): As a mantle of immortality you have given the faithful the garment that covered your most pure body, O Virgin whom God himself has blessed and divine protection of the human race. With love we celebrate the feast of the deposition of your mantle, and we sing with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, for you are the pride of Christians.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid;
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me
blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7 (Page 193).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Arise, Lord, come to Your resting place, You and Your majestic ark.
2. Lord, remember David and all his anxious care.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Page 147)

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 5:
VENERABLE ATHANASIOUS OF ATHOS

TROPAR (Tone 3): The angels in heaven marveled at your life on earth, for you occupied your flesh as a spirit from on high. You disarmed legions of demons, O glorious saint, and Christ rewarded you with bountiful gifts. Because of this, O Father, we ask you now to pray for the salvation of all.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): Your flock invokes you as a man of special sight and a zealous preacher of God, O inspired saint. Do not cease praying for your servants that they may be delivered from attacks and assaults. We cry to you: Rejoice, O father Athanasius.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Precious in the eyes of Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

Verse: How shall I return to the Lord
all the good he has done for me?

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Page 135).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commands.
2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 6:17-23 (Page 150)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 10:

VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE CAVES

TROPAR (Tone 4): You renounced and left the world following Christ in the spirit of the Gospel. Living a life of an angel you settled in the peaceful shelter of Mount Athos. After that you came to the mountains of Kiev with the blessing of the fathers. You ended your life of labour there, casting light over all your homeland. Showing the path of the kingdom to all monks, you led them on to Christ. Now beg Him to save our souls, O Venerable Anthony.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): From childhood you loved God with all your heart and lovingly followed Him, O venerable father. Scorning this passing world as you trifle, you took up residence in a cave. There you fought the army of invisible demons, and you were like the sun over the world. Now you stand before the throne with the angels, so remember us who honour you that we may sing: Rejoice, O father Anthony.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

Precious in the eyes of Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

Verse: How shall I return to the Lord
all the good he has done for me?

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Page 135).

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2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 6:17-23 (Page 150)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

July 11:
*Rest of Blessed Olga (Olha), Princess of Kiev,
named Helen at Holy Baptism*

TROPAR (Tone 1): On the wings of the knowledge of God, you lifted your mind, O glorious Olga, and soared beyond the visible, attaining to God, the Creator of all. You found Him and in baptism received the new life, abiding forever in incorruption, and enjoying the fruits of the life-giving Tree.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): Today let us praise God, Who gives blessings to all, for in Rus-Ukraine He glorified Olga, the divinely wise. Let us ask Him to grant our souls pardon of sins through her prayers.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4):

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Verse: Bless God in the churches,
the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 3:23-29. (Page 93)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and He was attentive to me, and He heard my prayer.
2. He brought me out of the pit of misery and the mud of the swamp.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13 or Luke 7:36-50 (Page 57 or 63)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 15:

VLADIMIR THE GREAT - Equal to the Apostles

TROPAR (Tone 4): Like a merchant seeking a fine pearl, O Vladimir, you sat enthroned in the mother of cities, the God-redeemed Kyiv. By sending envoys to the Royal City in search of the true faith, you discovered Christ, the priceless gem, who chose you as a second Paul. The scales of spiritual blindness fell from your eyes in the holy bath of baptism. Now your people have come to celebrate your falling asleep. Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 8): O glorious Vladimir, you were like the great apostle Paul. Late in life you gave up devotion to the idols as youthful foolishness. In maturity you graced yourself with the royal mantle of baptism. Now, joyously standing before Christ the Saviour, pray for the salvation of our souls.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3):

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: Clap your hands all you nations;
shout unto God with the voice of joy.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 1:11-24 (Page 241).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. On a champion I have placed my crown.
2. My hand will always be with him, and My arm will make him strong.

GOSPEL: St. John 10:1-9 (Page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

July 20:

ELIJAH, Prophet

TROPAR (Tone 4): The glorious Elijah, incarnate messenger of God, pillar of prophets, and second forerunner of the coming of Christ, sent grace from on high to Elisha that he might cleanse lepers and heal sickness for all those who honour him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): O prophet who foresaw the mighty deeds of our God, O great Elijah, who through your prayers stopped rain, intercede for us with the only One who loves all people.

PROKIMEN: Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever.

Verse: The Lord says to you, my lord:

“Take your throne at My right hand,
while I make your enemies your footstool.”

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of St. James 5:10-20 (Page 242).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel among those who called on God’s name.
2. Light dawns for the just; gladness, for the honest of heart.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 4:22-30 (Page 176)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 24:
BORIS & HLIB, MARTYRS

TROPAR (Tone 2): Righteous martyrs for the gospel and sharers in the passion, you did not oppose the violence of the enemy. Although your brother tried to kill your bodies, he still could not touch your souls. Let the evil lover of power groan unhappily. You are filled with joy among the angels standing before the Holy Trinity. Please pray for your homeland and its conversion and for the salvation of its people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): Today the memory of your suffering gleams, O noble martyrs; it compels us to praise Christ our God. Rushing to gather around your holy relics, we seek gifts of health by your prayers. You are heavenly healers, O holy ones.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): How wonderfully has he made me cherish the only ones who are in his land.

Verse: I keep the Lord always before me;
with the Lord at my right, I shall never be shaken.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans 8:28-39 (Page 243)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. When the just cry out, the Lord hears and rescues them from all distress.
2. Many are the troubles of the just, but the Lord delivers from them all.

GOSPEL: St. John 15:17-16:2 (Page 154)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 25:
DORMITION OF ST. ANNE

TROPAR (Tone 4): O holy Anne, filled with the wisdom of God, you gave birth to the most pure mother, the one who gave birth to Life. You were carried up in glory on this day to the blessedness of heaven, to the abode of those who exult with joy. Now pray, ever-blessed one, for the forgiveness of sins for all those who honour you with all their heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): Let us celebrate the memory of the ancestors of Christ and fervently ask for their help so that, delivered from all affliction, we may cry out: O God who glorified them according to Your good will, remain with us always.

PROKIMEN (tone 4):

God is wonderful in His saints; the God of Israel.

Verse: Bless God in your choirs,
 bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 4:22-31 (Page 207)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The salvation of the just is from the Lord; He is their refuge in time of distress.
2. And the Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 8:16-21(Page 68)

COMMUNION HYMN: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

July 27:

The Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon

TROPAR (Tone 8): Taught by the priest Ermolaus, you received your vocation to heal from heaven. You embraced the faith of your mother, and suffered valiantly for it rejoicing. You obtained the grace to heal ailments, and so we turn to you: Heal our infirmities, O glorious Great-Martyr Panteleimon, that we might honor your memory with praises.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 5): Emulating Him, Who is all-merciful, martyr for Christ God, O Panteleimon, you received the grace to heal diseases. Cure our inner ailments by your prayers to Christ, ever driving out the foe's temptations from those who in faith cry out: Lord, save us.

PROKIMEN (tone 4):

God is wonderful in His saints; the God of Israel.

Verse: Bless God in your choirs,
bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!

EPISTLE: A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2:1-10. (Page 211)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.
2. They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

GOSPEL: John 15:17-16:2 (Page 154)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

August 6:
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Your thunder resounded in the whirlwind; Your lightning illumined the world; the earth quivered and quaked.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: They who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which is immovable; which forever stands.

Tone 7 **You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of Your glory to Your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let Your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory be to You!**

Mountains are round about Jerusalem; so the Lord is round about His people, both now and forever.

You were transfigured on the mountain ... (as above)

Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy mountain?

You were transfigured on the mountain ... (as above)

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord, or who may stand in His holy place?

You were transfigured on the mountain ... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE: Lord, send forth Your light and Your fidelity, they shall lead me on and bring me to Your holy mountain.

You were transfigured on the mountain ... (as above)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 7): You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and Your disciples beheld as much as they could of Your glory, so that when they would see You crucified, they would understand that You suffered willingly; and they would preach to the world that You are truly the reflection of the Father.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): How manifold are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all. *Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are great indeed!

EPISTLE: A reading from the second letter of St. Peter 1:10-19 (P. 244).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Yours are the heavens, and Yours is the earth.
2. Happy the people who know the joyful shout.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 17:1-9 (Page 178)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth without blemish; for it was God who came forth from your womb, appearing in the flesh upon the earth and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Mother of God, we all extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: O Lord, in the light of Your countenance, we walk; at Your name we rejoice all the day. Alleluia! (x3)

AUGUST 7th - 13th inclusive:

POST FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Your thunder resounded in the whirlwind; Your lightning illumined the world; the earth quivered and quaked.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

TROPAR (TONE 7): You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of Your glory to Your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let Your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 7): You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and Your disciples beheld as much as they could of Your glory, so that when they would see You crucified, they would understand that You suffered willingly; and they would preach to the world that You are truly the reflection of the Father.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!

EPISTLE: Reading of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Yours are the heavens, and Yours is the earth.
2. Happy the people who know the joyful shout.

GOSPEL: Reading of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth without blemish; for it was God who came forth from your womb, appearing in the flesh upon the earth and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Mother of God, we all extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: O Lord, in the light of Your countenance, we walk; at Your name we rejoice all the day. Alleluia! (x3)

AUGUST 9: APOSTLE MATTHIAS

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Your thunder resounded in the whirlwind; Your lightning illumined the world; the earth quivered and quaked.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, Who was transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

TROPAR (Tone 7): You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of Your glory to Your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let Your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory be to You!

TROPAR (TONE 3): Holy Apostle Matthias, intercede with the merciful God to grant forgiveness of sins to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

KONDAK (Tone 7): You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and Your disciples beheld as much as they could of Your glory, so that when they would see You crucified, they would understand that You suffered willingly; and they would preach to the world that You are truly the reflection of the Father.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): Your good tidings were more brilliant than the sun, and they have spread all over the world; they illumine the Church of the Gentiles with grace. Rejoice, O miracle-working apostle Matthias.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
1:12-17 and 21-26 (Page 1).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 9:1-6 (Page 70)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth without blemish; for it was God who came forth from your womb, appearing in the flesh upon the earth and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Mother of God, we all extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: O Lord, in the light of Your countenance, we walk; at Your name we rejoice all the day. Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

August 14:

**The Transfer of the Precious Relics
of Our Venerable Father Theodosius,
Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kiev**

TROPAR (Tone 8): Raised in virtue, O Father Theodosius, from childhood you loved the monastic life, and attained your desire courageously. You lived in a cave adorning your life with fasting and radiance, and abided in prayer like the bodiless powers. You shone like a beacon in the land of Rus'. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): Today we revere the star of Rus', blessed Theodosius, who shone from the East and came to the West; for he enriched this whole land and all of us, with gentleness and miraculous wonders, by the practice and the grace of the monastic rule.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His venerable ones.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord
for all the things He has rendered to me?

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 13: 7-16 (P. 241)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice.
2. For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 27-30 (Page 29)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

August 15:

DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

(Post Feast to August 23rd)

TROPAR (Tone 1): O Mother of God, in giving birth you still preserved virginity; and in your falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have been transferred to life, and through your prayers have delivered our souls from death.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): The grave and death did not detain the Mother of God. She prays perpetually and is our unfailing hope of intercession; for He who dwelt in the womb of the ever Virgin, transferred to life the Mother of Life.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid;
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me
blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 245).
Post Feast: Reading of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Hear O daughter and see, and incline your ear.
2. The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance.

Gospel: St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Page 178)

Post Feast: Gospel of the day.

Instead of "It is truly right ...": Seeing the Dormition of the Most Pure One, the angels were filled with awe at how the Virgin went from earth to heaven. In you, O pure Virgin, the laws of nature were overcome: in giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your death, heralded life. You remained a virgin after giving birth, and remained alive after death, always saving your descendants, O Mother of God.

Communion Hymn: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

August 16:

**The Translation of the Miraculously Formed
Icon of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Called the Holy Veil)**

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 3:23-4:5 (Page 93) **GOSPEL:** St. Luke 9: 51-56 (Page 179)

August 29: BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TROPAR (Tone 2): The remembrance of the just is worthy of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for it has shown that you are indeed more worthy of honour than the prophets. You were found worthy to baptize the Lord whom you foretold. Thereafter, you suffered for the truth and rejoicing, also announced the Good News to those in the Abyss that God has appeared as man, taking away the sins of the world and granting to all of us the abundance of mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 5): The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was part of God's saving plan that the coming of the Saviour might be announced even to those in the Abyss. Weep, then, Herodias, that you asked for the wicked murder, because you loved neither God's law nor eternal life, but only the passing pleasure of life.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice, when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:25-32 (P. 246).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just man shall blossom like the palm tree, they shall stand tall like the cedars of Lebanon.
2. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will blossom in the courts of our God.

GOSPEL: St. Mark 6:14-29 (Page 179)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (X3)

August 31:

The Placing of the Precious Sash

of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God in Calcoprateia

TROPAR (Tone 8): Protection of humans, ever-Virgin Mother of God, as a mighty bulwark for your city, you gave your pure body's robe and sash. They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed. For in you are nature and time made new. Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city, and to our souls, great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): Your womb, which received divinity, was girded about by your precious sash, O Mother of God. It became an unconquerable force for your city, and a generous treasury of good things: O you, the only virgin who ever gave birth.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid;
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me
blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9: 1-7 (P. 193)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Rise up, Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.
2. The Lord swore an oath to David, and will not go back on His word.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Page 178)

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

September 1:

NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR;

Commemoration of Our Holy Father Symeon the Stylite and His Mother Martha; and the Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasenes

TROPAR (Tone 2): O Lord, Creator of the universe, You alone have power over the seasons and times; bless this year with Your bounty, preserve our country in safety, keeping Your faithful people in peace through the prayers of the Mother of God, and save us.

TROPAR (Tone 1): Rejoice, Virgin Mother of God, full of grace, harbor and protection of the human race: from you the Redeemer of the world was incarnate. For only you-ever blessed and glorified-are Mother and Virgin. Pray to Christ our God to grant peace to the world.

TROPAR (Tone 1): O venerable saint, you became a pillar of endurance, rivaling the forefathers: Job in afflictions and Joseph in trials, and while still in the body you lived the life of the Bodiless ones. O Symeon our father, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

KONDAK (Tone 2): Seeking things above, you joined yourself to those on high; you made your pillar a fiery chariot, through which, O venerable one, you became a companion of the angels. With them, unceasingly implore Christ God on our behalf.

Now and forever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): You live on high, O Christ our King, creator of all things visible and invisible. You created time, the year, the day and night; now bless this new year, guard and preserve Your people in peace, O most merciful Lord.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to His wisdom there is not limit.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for He is good; sing praise to our God, for He is gracious; it is fitting to praise Him.

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2:1-7 (p. 203).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The name of the Lord may be declared in Zion; and His praise in Jerusalem.
2. You have crowned the year with Your bounty, O Lord.
3. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 4:16-22 (Page 146)

COMMUNION VERSE: You have crowned the year with Your bounty, O Lord. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

September 6:
The Archangel Michael

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10 (P. 204)

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:16-22 (Page 146)

September 8:
NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
(Post Festive to September 12th)

TROPAR (Tone 4): Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, heralded joy to the universe; for from you rose the Son of Justice, Christ our God. He took away the curse, He gave the blessing and by trampling death, He gave us everlasting life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Delivered from the guilt of sin, your people celebrate this when they cry out to you: She who is barren gives birth to the Mother of God and the Sustainer of our life.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 205) **Post Feast:** Reading of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses (tone 8):

1. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.
2. The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance.

Post Feast: Reading of the day

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (P. 147)

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right ...": O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb. Mothers cannot be virgins, nor virgins be mothers; but in you, O Mother of God, both virginity and motherhood were present. Therefore, all the people of the earth unceasingly extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

PROKIMEN (Tone 3):

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. **Verse:** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

EPISTLE: A reading of the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-9. (Page 204)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.
2. For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-11:1 (Page 147)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (x3)

September 13:

Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 3:1-4 (P. 206)

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 16:13-19 (Page 147)

September 14:

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

FIRST ANTIPHON:

My God, my God, look upon me, why have You forsaken me? Why can't my sinful words reach You, my salvation.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

When I cry to You during the day, O my God, You do not listen, and there is no rest for me at night.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Nonetheless You are there in the holy place, O Israel's boast.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: The Lord is King; the peoples tremble; He is throned upon the cherubim; the earth quakes.

Tone 1 Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

The Lord in Zion is great, He is high above all the peoples.

Save Your people, O Lord and bless... (as above)

Let them praise Your great and awesome name; holy is He!

Save Your people, O Lord and bless... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE: Extol the Lord, our God, and worship at His footstool; holy is He!

Save Your people, O Lord and bless... (as above)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant your mercies to Your new community that bears Your name. By Your power gladden the faithful people and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

INSTEAD OF “Holy God ...”: To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy resurrection. (3x)

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of His feet for it is holy.

Verse: The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble.

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-24 (Page 206).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Remember your congregation, which you acquired from the beginning.
2. But God is our King before all ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

GOSPEL: St. John 19:6-11; 13-20; 25-28; 31-35. (Page 148)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: My soul, extol the venerable cross of the Lord. O Mother of God, you are a hidden paradise, which mysteriously brought forth Christ by whom a life-giving tree of the cross has been planted on earth. Today this cross is being exalted, and we, adoring it, glorify You.

COMMUNION HYMN: The Light of Your face, O Lord, is raised over us. Alleluia (3x)

Post Feast of the
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
(Post Festive to September 21st)

FIRST ANTIPHON:

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Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

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TROPAR (Tone 1): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant your mercies to Your new community that bears your name. By Your power gladden the faithful people and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of His feet for it is holy.

Verse: The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble.

EPISTLE: Reading of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Remember your congregation, which you acquired from the beginning.
2. But God is our King before all ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

GOSPEL: Reading of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: My soul, extol the venerable cross of the Lord. O Mother of God, you are a hidden paradise, which mysteriously brought forth Christ by whom a life-giving tree of the cross has been planted on earth. Today this cross is being exalted, and we, adoring it, glorify You.

COMMUNION VERSE: The Light of Your face, O Lord, is raised over us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-29 (page 206)

GOSPEL: St. John 8: 21-30 (page 149)

Sept. 15: Feast of the Sorrowful Mother of God

TROPAR (Tone 6): With the virgin disciple the Virgin Mother stood by the cross of the Child she bore, overcome with grief, for she could not bear to see Him as He was hung on the cross, She cried out to Him: “You Who by nature cannot suffer, why do You suffer now?” I glorify Your ineffable goodness. It surpasses all comprehension.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): As Your Virgin Mother beheld Your crucifixion and voluntary passion, Lord Jesus, she cried out: “Woe is me, my dear Child! How is it that you endure wounding, You Who heal human frailties and mercifully deliver all from corruption.”

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): She wept bitterly at night with tears upon her cheeks. **Verse:** And all who loved her, there was no one to console her.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. My strength has failed me, for the Lord has sent pains upon me.
2. For far from me was anyone to console me, to revive my heart.

GOSPEL: Of the day

COMMUNION HYMN: Is there pain like my pain? For this reason even my heart is tormented within me. Alleluia (x3)

Sept. 23: The Conception of the Prophet and Forerunner
John the Baptist

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Galatians 4:22-31(page 207)

GOSPEL: St. Luke 1:5-25 (page 149)

September 26:
DEATH OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

TROPAR (Tone 2): Beloved apostle of Christ God, hasten to deliver a people that lacks any other defense; as He accepted that you lay your head on His breast, He will also accept your prayer. Pray to Him, then, O Theologian, that He may disperse pagan nations; beg that He may grant us peace and abundant mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): O virginal saint, who can describe your titles of glory? You pour upon us every miracle and healing, interceding also for the salvation of our souls, for you are a theologian and beloved of Christ.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. John 4:12-19
(Page 208).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints, great and awesome over all those around Him.

GOSPEL: St. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (Page 150)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

September 28:
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton

TROPAR (Tone 8): With the streams of your tears you cultivated the barren desert, with deep sighs your toils bore fruit a hundredfold. You became a beacon, shining throughout the world by your wonders, our venerable Father, Chariton. Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): Taking delight in self-mastery, O divinely wise one, you bridled your fleshly desires and were shown to grow through faith. You flowered like the tree of life in the midst of paradise, O all blessed and holy Chariton.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The venerable ones will exult in glory, and they shall be joyful in their beds. **Verse:** Sing to the Lord a new song; let His praise be in the assembly of the venerable ones.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:6-15 (Page 95)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.
2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17-23 (Page 150)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

October 1:

PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

TROPAR (Tone 4): Protected by your coming, O Mother of God, the faithful people solemnly celebrate today; and gazing upon your immaculate image, they humbly say: “Watch over us with your noble protection and deliver us from all evil, by asking your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): Today, the Virgin is present in the Church, and with the armies of saints invisibly prays to God for us. The angels worship with the archangels, and the apostles rejoice with the prophets, because on our behalf, the Mother of God prays to the eternal God.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7 (Page 208).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
2. The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Page 151)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the greatness of the protection of the ever-Virgin Mother of God. Let everyone on earth dance for joy in spirit. Let the heavenly ranks celebrate in honor of the sacred feast. O Mother of God, let them cry: “Rejoice, ever-blessed Mother of God and ever-Virgin.”

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

October 6:

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

TROPAR (Tone 2): O disciple of Christ and member of the apostolic council, your lack of faith proclaimed Christ's resurrection, and your touch confirmed His holy passion. O Thomas, worthy of all praise, pray even now that He grant us peace and great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 4): Filled with the grace of wisdom, Your apostle and genuine servant, O Christ, cried out to You in his change of heart: You are my God and Lord.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16 (Page 209).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31(Page 152)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

October 9:

APOSTLE JAMES, SON OF ALPHEUS

TROPAR (Tone 3): Holy Apostle James, intercede with the merciful God to grant forgiveness of sins to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): Let us extol James with praises as a herald of God, for he implanted the true faith deeply in the souls of all. Now he stands before the throne of the Master and rejoices in the company of angels, praying for all of us unceasingly.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16 (Page 209).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:16-22 (Page 152)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

October 18:

LUKE: APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

TROPAR (Tone 5): Let us praise in sacred hymns the celebrated Luke, herald of the acts of the apostles, brightly shining author of the Good News of Christ, scribe of things unwritten which he wrote for Christ's Church. He is a physician for the feeble, healing nature's ailments and the maladies of souls, and he prays unceasingly for all of us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): Let us praise the heavenly Luke, a star of the church, a preacher of true holiness, and one who clarified the ineffable mysteries. The Word who searches all hearts chose him and Paul to be teachers to the Gentiles.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 4:5-9, 14-18 (Page 210)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:16-22 (Page 152)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia (x3)

October 23:

St. James the Less, Apostle and Brother of Our Lord

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Galatians 1: 11-19 (Page 111)

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 13: 54-58 (page 153)

October 26:

GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS

TROPAR (Tone 3): O Martyr, the world has seen you as a defender of those imperiled and a conqueror of the nations. In cutting down the arrogance of Leo, you bolstered Nestor by your courage. O Holy Demetrius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): God endowed you with an invincible power and tinged the church with your blood, O Demetrius. He also covers your city with love, for you are its foundation.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The just man is glad in the Lord and takes refuge in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice in my lament.

EPISTLE: A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2:1-10 (Page 211).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, like the cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
2. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

GOSPEL: St. John 15:17-16:2 (Page 153)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia (x3)

October 28:
St. Parasceva, Martyr

EPISTLE: A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 6:1-10 (Page 99)

GOSPEL: St. Luke 7:36-50 (page 154)

November 8:
ST. MICHAEL, The Archangel & All Heavenly Powers

TROPAR (Tone 4): Princes of the heavenly hosts, we, though unworthy, beg you to encircle us through your prayers under the shelter of the wings of your spiritual glory. Guard us as we come to you and sincerely cry: “Deliver us from dangers, O princes of the powers on high!”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): Princes of God’s hosts, ministers of divine glory, leaders of angels and guides of men, pray for our welfare and for great mercy, O princes of the incorporeal powers.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): He makes spirits his angels, and flaming fire his ministers.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are exceedingly great.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10 (Page 211)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Praise the Lord, all you His angels; praise Him, all His powers.
2. For He spoke, and they came into being; He commanded and they were created.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:16-22 (Page 152)

COMMUNION HYMN: He makes spirits His angels, and flaming fire His ministers. Alleluia (x3)

November 12:
ST. JOSAPHAT: ARCHBISHOP and MARTYR

TROPAR (Tone 4): O Priest-martyr Josaphat, you revealed yourself as a bright light. As a good shepherd you gave your life for your flock, becoming a sacrifice for holy unity. Now you have entered heaven and dwell with the angels. O holy one who suffered so much, we ask you to pray for us to Christ, the Chief Shepherd that He consider us worthy of standing at His right hand, and save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 4): From childhood, you were inspired by the crucified Lord. In religious life you imitated the angels in living a holy life. You openly preached the reunion of churches. You pacified hearts divided by dissension with your own blood and have received a crown from Christ. Now remember us who sing to you: “Rejoice, immovable pillar of reunion!”

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Precious in the eyes of Lord is the death of His faithful one.

Verse: How shall I return to the Lord all the good He has done for me?

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (Page 212)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. May your priests be clothed with justice; let your faithful ones shout merrily for joy.
2. For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

GOSPEL: St. John 10: 9-16 (Page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay He shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

November 13:

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Patriarch of Constantinople

TROPAR (Tone 8): The grace that shines forth like a torch from your mouth has enlightened the universe, bestowed treasures of generosity upon the world, and shown us the depth of your humility. While you teach us by words, O holy Father John Chrysostom, pray to the Word, Christ our God, that He may save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 6): O blessed and holy John Chrysostom, from heaven you received divine grace, and from your lips we all learn to worship one God in the Trinity. It is proper that we praise you, for you are indeed a teacher revealing the things of God.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): My mouth shall speak wisdom; prudence shall be the utterance of my heart.

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all who dwell in the world.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Page 213).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The mouth of the just man tells of wisdom and his tongue utters what is right.
2. The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps do not falter.

GOSPEL: St. John 10 :9-16 (Page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

November 14:
APOSTLE PHILIP

TROPAR (Tone 3): O Philip, proclaimer of God's word, the world is adorned and Ethiopia dances for joy, for it is arrayed in beauty as with a crown. Enlightened by you it feasts your memory. For you taught all to believe in Christ, finishing the course of the gospel as is right. And so, Ethiopia boldly lifts its hands to God. Pray to Him to grant great mercy to us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): O Lord, Your disciple Philip was inspired by God; Your beloved one and imitator of Your passion has preached Your divinity to the world. Through his intercession and for the sake of the Mother of God, guard Your church and Your flock from their enemies, O most merciful Christ our God.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16 (Page 213).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. John 1:43-51 (Page 155)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

November 16:
MATTHEW: APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

TROPAR (Tone 3): O Matthew, proclaimer of God's word, you earnestly turned from the tax collector's booth, and followed the Master, who out of His love appeared to us on earth and summoned you. You shone to the world as chosen apostle and loud herald of the Good News. Because of this we feast your memory; pray to God all-merciful, for the forgiveness of sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): Having cast off the yoke of gathering taxes and putting on the yoke of justice, you became a shrewd merchant, obtaining a wealth of wisdom from heaven itself. When you preached the word of truth, you lifted up depressed spirits. You wrote of the coming hour of judgment.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (4:9-16) - Page 213.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saint.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 9:9-13 (Page 156)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

November 21: ENTRANCE OF THE
MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE
(Post Feast to November 25th)

TROPAR (Tone 4): Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God, and the herald of the salvation of mankind, for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: “Hail, fulfillment of the Creator’s plan.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): The most pure temple of the Saviour, richest palace and holy treasury of the glory of God, today enters the house of the Lord, bringing grace, which is in the Spirit of God. The angels of God sing to her: this is the heavenly tabernacle.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7 (Page 214).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.
2. The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Page 156)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: Seeing the entry of Mary the most Pure, the angels marveled at how a virgin could enter the holy of holies. Since no hand of the wicked may touch the living Tabernacle of God, may the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out with joy to the Mother of God the greetings of the angel: “O pure virgin, you are truly above all creatures!”

COMMUNION VERSE: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

November 30:

ST. ANDREW the First-Called

TROPAR (Tone 4): Andrew, first-called of the apostles and brother of Peter their leader, intercede with the Master of all that He may grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): Let us praise Andrew the theologian for his courage, the first apostle of the Saviour and brother of Peter. In like manner, he drew his brother to Christ. He is now crying out to us: come and see, for we have found the One whom the world desires.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16 (Page 213).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

GOSPEL: St. John 1:35-52 (Page 156)

COMMUNION HYMN: Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

December 5:
VENERABLE SABBAS the Sanctified

TROPAR (Tone 8): Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom in spirituality. Your sufferings made your labor fruitful a hundredfold; you became a shining torch over the world. O holy Father Sabbas, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): From your youth, O glorious Sabbas, you have been like an offering of incense in God's presence, becoming a gardener in the garden of godliness. You were called an adornment of hermits and a true ascetic. Therefore, we cry out to you: Joy to you, O father Sabbas, worthy of all praise.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

Verse: How shall I return to the Lord all the good he has done for me?

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Page 135).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commands.
2. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 11:27-30 (Page 157)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

December 6:

ST. NICHOLAS - THE WONDER WORKER

TROPAR (Tone 4): The sincerity of your deeds has revealed you to your people as a teacher of moderation, a model of faith and an example of virtue. Therefore, you attained greatness through humility and wealth through poverty. O Father and Archbishop Nicholas, ask Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 3): You were a true priestly worker in Myra, O Holy One, for zealously living the Gospel of Christ. You dedicated your life to your people; you save the innocent from death. Therefore, you have been sanctified as one who has entered the mystery of God's grace.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice, when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21 (Page 215).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. May your priests be clothed with justice, let your faithful ones shout merrily for joy.
2. For the Lord has chosen Sion; He has chosen it for His dwelling.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 6:17-23 (Page 157)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

December 9:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(When St. Anna Conceived the Most Holy Mother Of God)

TROPAR (Tone 4): Today the bonds of childlessness are loosed, for God has heard the prayers of Anne and Joachim. He promised against all hope that they would give birth to a divine virgin from whom the Indescribable would be born as man, the same who ordered the angels to sing to her: “Hail, O Woman full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 4): Today the universe rejoices, for Anne conceived in a manner caused by God; and because the one born to her will give birth to the Word.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints; the God of Israel. *Verse:* Bless God in your choirs; bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!

EPISTLE: From St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 9: 1-7 (P. 215)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The salvation of the just is from the Lord; He is their refuge in time of distress.
2. And the Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 1: 24-38 (Page 157)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the glorious conception of the Mother of God. You are an inexhaustible source of life, O Mother of God. You are a radiant lamp of grace, a temple of the Holy Spirit, an all-pure tent more spacious than the heavens and the earth. Therefore, we the faithful, praise you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

December 13:
The Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius,
Mardarius and Orestes

TROPAR (Tone 4): Your martyrs, O Lord, by their sufferings acquired the crowns of incorruptibility from You, our God. For possessing Your power they overcame the torturers and shattered the feeble insolence of demons. By their supplications, save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 2): You shone, O victorious Martyr, as a brilliant light for those sitting in the darkness of ignorance. And armed with faith as with a lance, O Eustratios, most eloquent orator, you feared not your enemies' arrogance.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): To the saints who are in His land, the Lord has made wonderful all His desires in them.

Verse: I foresaw the Lord always in my sight, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians 6: 10-17. (Page 135)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their afflictions.
2. The afflictions of the just are many, and out of them all will the Lord deliver them.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 21: 12-28 (Page 158)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just, praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Saturday Before Christmas

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just.
Verse: Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 3:8-12. (Page 216)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just cried out and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their afflictions.
2. The afflictions of the just are many, but out of them all will the Lord deliver them.

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 19-29 (Page 159)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

December 25:

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

(Post –Feast Until December 31)

FIRST ANTIPHON: I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord,
I will tell all Your marvels.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies, great are the works of the Lord.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

They are sought in order to accomplish His will.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
(P. 23 of Divine Liturgy Book).

THIRD ANTIPHON: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

CHRISTMAS TROPAR

(Tone 4) **Your birth, O Christ, our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshiped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient from on high. Glory be to You, O Lord!**

The scepter of Your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion:
Rule in the midst of Your enemies.

Your birth, O Christ, our God, (as above)

Yours is princely power in the day of Your birth in holy splendor.

Your birth, O Christ, our God, (as above)

SMALL ENTRANCE: Before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn, and He will not repent; You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Your birth, O Christ, our God, (as above)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever, Amen.

CHRISTMAS KONDAK (Tone 3): Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence, and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels sing His glory with the shepherds; the wise men journey with the star, for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

INSTEAD OF “Holy God ...”:

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.
Alleluia. (3x)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever. Amen. Have put on Christ.

Alleluia.

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.
Alleluia.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Let all the earth worship and sing praise to You: sing praise to Your Name, O Most High.

Verse: Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians 4:4-7.
(Page 220)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
2. Day pours out the word today, and night to night imparts knowledge.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 162)

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right ...": My soul, praise Christ the King, born in a cave. Behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave has become heaven, the Virgin a throne of the Cherubim, and the manger a noble place where Christ our God reposes. Wherefore, let us praise and exalt Him!

COMMUNION HYMN: The Lord has sent salvation to His people. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INSTEAD OF on P. 73 and 77 "Blessed is He ...", "We have seen ...", "May our mouths be filled ...", "Blessed be the name ...": The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

December 26:

SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

FIRST ANTIPHON: I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord, I will tell all Your marvels.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies, great are the works of the Lord.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

They are sought in order to accomplish His will.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
(P. 23 of Divine Liturgy Book).

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, Let us acclaim God,
our Saviour.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in
psalms.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

TROPAR (Tone 4): Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon
the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who
worshiped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun
of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient from on High. Glory
be to You, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever and ever, Amen.**

KONDAK (Tone 6): He who existed before the morning star and
was born of the Father without a mother, today, O Full of Grace,
becomes flesh from you without a father. Wherefore, a star brings
the news to the Magi, and angels with shepherds sing of how you
gave birth ineffably.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His
handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all
generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18 (Page 221).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Advance, O Lord, to your resting place, you and the ark of your majesty.
2. The Lord swore to David in a firm promise from which he will not withdraw.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 2:13-23 (Page 162)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, magnify the all pure virgin Mother of God, more honorable and glorious than the heavenly hosts. To keep silence in fear would be easier for us to do, for this is free from danger, O Virgin Mother, and though it is hard indeed to properly weave hymns, O Mother, give us strength, so that our good intention may be fulfilled.

COMMUNION HYMN: The Lord has sent salvation to His people. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Saturday After Christmas

FIRST ANTIPHON: I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord, I will tell all Your marvels.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies, great are the works of the Lord.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

They are sought in order to accomplish His will.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.**

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ... (P. 23 of Divine Liturgy Book).

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, Let us acclaim God,
our Saviour.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in
psalms.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

CHRISTMAS TROPAR (Tone 4): Your birth, O Christ, our God,
has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those
who worshiped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the
Sun of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.

Glory be to You, O Lord!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, and ever, Amen.**

CHRISTMAS KONDAK (Tone 3): Today the Virgin gives birth to
Perfect Essence, and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The
angels sing His glory with the shepherds, the wise men journey with
the star, for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): I will remember your name throughout all
generations.

Verse: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

EPISTLE: A reading of the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 6: 11-
16. (Page 223)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Rise up, Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.
2. The Lord swore an oath to David, and will not go back on His word.

GOSPEL: Matthew 12: 15-21(Page 223 of Epistle Book)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: Rejoice, O my soul, for in a cave was born Christ the King. A strange and incredible mystery, I behold the cave becomes heaven. The Virgin becomes the throne of the cherubim; the manger becomes the place where lies the unplaceable Christ God. To Him we sing praises.

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

December 27:

ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

FIRST ANTIPHON:

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

In the company and assembly of the just, great are the works of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Majestic and glorious are His works, His justice stands firm forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, Let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, alleluia!

TROPAR (Tone 4): Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient from on High. Glory be to You, O Lord.

TROPAR (Tone 4): O First-Martyr and Apostle of Christ, you fought the good fight. You exposed the perversion of the persecutors; for when you were killed by stoning at the hands of the wicked ones, you received a crown from the Right Hand on high, while you cried out to God, saying, “O Lord, do not charge this sin against them.”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 3): Yesterday the Lord came to us in the flesh, today his servant departs from this life. Yesterday the King was born as a man, and today his servant is stoned to death. It is for His sake, that the first martyr and holy Stephen gives up his life.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 (Page 221).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens proclaim Your wonders, O Lord, and Your faithfulness, in the assembly of the holy ones.
2. God is awesome in the council of the holy ones.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 21:33-42 (Page 163)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: Rejoice, O my soul, for in a cave was born Christ the King. A strange and incredible mystery, I behold the cave becomes heaven. The Virgin becomes the throne of the cherubim; the manger becomes the place where lies the unplaceable Christ God. To Him we sing praises.

COMMUNION HYMN: Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world

Part 2: Movable Feast Day Propers:

EASTER (BRIGHT) WEEK

Note: Bells are rung whenever the Easter refrain is proclaimed!

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Regular Sunday Antiphon.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from His presence.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life.

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish as wax melts from the presence of fire.

Christ is risen from the dead, ... (as above)

So let sinners perish from the presence of God, but let the righteous rejoice.

Christ is risen from the dead, ... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE: In assemblies bless God, the Lord, you who spring from Israel.

TROPAR (Tone 5): Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves He granted life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): Though You went down to the grave, immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades and rose victorious, Christ our God. You Who said "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women give peace to Your apostles and offer resurrection to the fallen.

INSTEAD OF “Holy God ...”:

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

Alleluia. (3x)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever. Amen. Have put on Christ.

Alleluia.

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

Alleluia.

PROKIMEN)	According to Proper
EPISTLE)	of the Day
ALLELUIA)	(see the following
GOSPEL)	pages: 90, 91, & 92)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...” The Angel greeted you, O Full of Grace. O purest Virgin, rejoice and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice, O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him Who was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Receive the Body of Christ. Partake of the Source of Immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

“We have seen the true light ...” (P. 73):

“May our mouths be filled ...” (P. 73):

“Blessed be the name of ...” (P. 77):

Instead of “Glory be to the Father ...” (P. 77): Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life. Lord have mercy (x3) give the blessing.

End of Liturgy: **Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life (3x).**

**He granted us eternal life,
we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

EASTER (BRIGHT) MONDAY

(See Pages 88 & 89 for Antiphons, Tropar, Kondak, etc)

Prokimen (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God and the firmament declares the work of His hands.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:12-17; 21-26; (Page 1).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

Gospel: St. John 1:18-28 (Page 2)

EASTER (BRIGHT) TUESDAY

(See Pages 88 & 89 for Antiphons, Tropar, Kondak, etc)

Prokimen (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14-21; Page 2).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your majesty.
2. The Lord swore to David a firm promise from which He will not withdraw.

Gospel: St. Luke 24:13-35 (Page 2)

EASTER (BRIGHT) WEDNESDAY
(See Pages 88 & 89 for Antiphons, Tropar, Kondak, etc)

Prokimen (Tone 4): I will make your name memorable through all generations.

Verse: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:22-36; Page 2).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour.
2. Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Gospel: St. John 1:35-51 (Page 2)

EASTER (BRIGHT) THURSDAY
(See Pages 88 & 89 for Antiphons, Tropar, Kondak, etc)

Prokimen (Tone 3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:38-43; Page 3).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign for the sake of truth, meekness and justice.
2. You love justice and hate wickedness.

Gospel: St. John 3:1-15 (Page 3)

EASTER (BRIGHT) FRIDAY

(See Pages 88 & 89 for Antiphons, Tropar, Kondak, etc)

Prokimen (Tone 8): Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens tell the glory of God and the firmament declares the work of His hands.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:1-8; Page 3).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.
2. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

Gospel: St. John 2:12-22. (Page 3)

EASTER (BRIGHT) SATURDAY

(See Pages 88 & 89 for Antiphons, Tropar, Kondak, etc)

Prokimen (Tone 3): The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

Verse: The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:11-16; Page 4).

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The Lord is king, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girth about with strength.
2. He has made the world firm, not to be moved.

Gospel: St. John 3:22-33 (Page 4)

POST FEAST AFTER THOMAS SUNDAY

(To be used every day of the week following Thomas Sunday)

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Sing the First Antiphon from Sunday.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Sing the Third Antiphon from Sunday.

TROPAR (Tone 7): Though the tomb had been sealed, from the tomb You arose, O Life and Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, You appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of all, and thus You restored an upright spirit for us according to Your great mercy.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever, Amen.**

KONDAK (Tone 8): Thomas placed his restless hand into Your life-giving side, O Christ our God; and since You entered, although the doors were locked, he cried out to You with the other apostles: “You are my Lord and my God.”

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to His wisdom there is no limit.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for He is good; sing praise to our God, for He is gracious.

EPISTLE: Epistle of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
2. For God is the great Lord and the great King over all the earth.

GOSPEL: Gospel of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...” The Angel greeted you, O Full of Grace. O purest Virgin, rejoice and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice, O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him Who was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia (3x)

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

“We have seen the true light ...” (P. 73):

“May our mouths be filled ...” (P. 73):

“Blessed be the name of ...” (P. 77):

Instead of “Glory be to the Father ...” (P. 77): Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life. Lord have mercy (x3) give the blessing.

End of Liturgy: **Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life (3x).**

**He granted us eternal life,
we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

**POST FEAST AFTER SUNDAY OF THE
MYRRH BEARING WOMEN**

(To be used every day of the week following Sunday of Myrrh Bearing Women)

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Sing the First Antiphon from Sunday.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Sing the Third Antiphon from Sunday.

TROPAR (Tone 2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

TROPAR (Tone 2): The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the cross. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and with fragrant spices laid it in burial in a new tomb. But You arose in three days, O Lord, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK (Tone 2): By Your resurrection O Christ our God, You told the women bringing ointment to rejoice; and You stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother. You instructed the women to announce to Your Apostles: “The Savior has risen from the tomb.”

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): Though You went down to the grave, Immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose victorious, Christ our God. You who said “Rejoice” to the myrrh-bearing women, give peace to Your apostles and offer resurrection to the fallen.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I call, O my Rock, be not deaf to me.

EPISTLE: Epistle of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. You have favoured, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob.
2. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

GOSPEL: Gospel of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...” The Angel greeted you, O Full of Grace. O purest Virgin, rejoice and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice, O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him Who was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the Source of Immortality. / Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

“We have seen the true light ...” (P. 73):

“May our mouths be filled ...” (P. 73):

“Blessed be the name of ...” (P. 77):

Instead of “Glory be to the Father ...” (P. 77):

Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves,
He granted life.

Lord have mercy (x3) give the blessing.

End of Liturgy: **Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life (3x).**

**He granted us eternal life,
we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

**POST FEAST AFTER SUNDAY OF THE
PARALYTIC**

(To be used the Mon. and Tues. after the Sunday of the Paralytic)

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Sing the First Antiphon from Sunday.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Sing the Third Antiphon from Sunday.

TROPAR (Tone 3): Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

KONDAK (Tone 3): With Your divine protection O Lord, as You once raised the Paralytic, now lift up my soul, paralyzed with all kinds of sin and evil deeds of wickedness, so that, as saved, I may cry out to You: “Glory to Your might, O merciful Christ!”

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): Though You went down to the grave, Immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose victorious, Christ our God. You who said “Rejoice” to the myrrh-bearing women, give peace to Your apostles and offer resurrection to the fallen.

PROKIMEN (Tone 1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Exalt, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

EPISTLE: Epistle of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The favors of the Lord I will sing forever, through all generations.
2. For You have said, my kindness is established forever.

GOSPEL: Gospel of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...” The Angel greeted you, O Full of Grace. O purest Virgin, rejoice and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice, O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him Who was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Receive the Body of Christ; Partake of the source of immortality. / Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

“We have seen the true light ...” (P. 73):

“May our mouths be filled ...” (P. 73):

“Blessed be the name of ...” (P. 77):

Instead of “Glory be to the Father ...” (P. 77):

Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves,
He granted life.

Lord have mercy (x3) give the blessing.

End of Liturgy: **Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life (3x).**

**He granted us eternal life,
we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

MID-PENTECOST WEDNESDAY
(To be used every day up to and including the following
Wednesday)

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Sing the First Antiphon from Sunday.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Sing the Third Antiphon from Sunday.

TROPAR (Tone 8): At mid-feast give my thirsty soul a drink of the water of piety, Saviour, for to all, You cried out: “Let the thirsty come to Me and drink.” Fountain of our life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 4): In the mid-feast of the Law, Creator and Master of all, You said to those present: “Come, and draw the water of immortality.” And so we fall down before You and cry out in confidence: “Grant us Your mercy, for You are the source of our life.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): Great is our Lord and great His strength; there is no limit to His knowledge.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for He is good; sing praise to our God, for He is gracious.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18 (P. 17)

*** Note:** After today, the Epistle of the day is proclaimed.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Remember Your flock which you built up of old.
2. God is our King from of old, He has worked saving deeds on earth.

GOSPEL: St. John 7:14-30 (Page 10)

*** Note:** After today, the Gospel of the day is proclaimed.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: Virginity is alien to motherhood and childbearing foreign to virginhood. Both were brought together in you, God bearer. And so all the nations of earth exalt you.

COMMUNION HYMN: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him,” says the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

“We have seen the true light ...” (P. 73):

“May our mouths be filled ...” (P. 73):

“Blessed be the name of ...” (P. 77):

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by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves,
He granted life.

Lord have mercy (x3) give the blessing.

End of Liturgy: **Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life (3x).**

**He granted us eternal life,
we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

**POST FEAST AFTER SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN**

**(To be used the Thurs, Fri, and Sat after the Sunday of the
Samaritan Woman)**

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Sing the First Antiphon from Sunday.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Sing the Third Antiphon from Sunday.

TROPAR (Tone 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection, and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

KONDAK (Tone 8): When the Samaritan woman came to the well with faith, she beheld You, O Water of Wisdom. You allowed her to drink in abundance and glorified her eternally, for she inherited the heavenly kingdom.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh bearing women: Rejoice! And giving peace to your Apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

EPISTLE: Epistle of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Bend your bow, prosper and reign for the sake of truth, meekness and justice.
2. You love justice and hate wickedness.

GOSPEL: Gospel of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...” The Angel greeted you, O Full of Grace. O purest Virgin, rejoice and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice, O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him Who was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

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He granted life.

Lord have mercy (x3) give the blessing.

End of Liturgy: **Christ is risen from the dead, by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life (3x).**

**He granted us eternal life,
we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

**POST FEAST AFTER SUNDAY OF THE MAN
BORN BLIND**

**(To be used the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after the
Sunday of the Man Born Blind)**

EASTER REFRAIN:

**Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He conquered death,
and to those in the graves, He granted life.**

FIRST ANTIPHON: Sing the First Antiphon from Sunday.

THIRD ANTIPHON: Sing the Third Antiphon from Sunday.

TROPAR (Tone 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation, for He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

KONDAK (Tone 4): With eyes that are spiritually blind I come to You, O Christ: and like the man who was blind since birth, I cry out to You with repentance: “You are a Shining Light to those who are in darkness”.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to your Apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Verse: God is renowned in Judah, in Israel great is His name.

EPISTLE: Epistle of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Turn to me and have pity on me.
2. Steady my footsteps according to your promise.

GOSPEL: Gospel of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...” The Angel greeted you, O Full of Grace. O purest Virgin, rejoice and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and has raised all who were dead. O mankind rejoice! Shine, O Shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has surrounded you, be happy now and rejoice, O Zion. And you pure Mother of God, exalt and rejoice in the Resurrection of Him Who was born of you.

COMMUNION HYMN: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

Sing the **Easter Refrain** or similar hymn instead of each of the following:

“Blessed is He Who comes ...” (P. 71):

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we exalt and glorify His Resurrection.**

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND GOD, **JESUS CHRIST**

FIRST ANTIPHON:

All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great King over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

He brings people under us; nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

The Lord mounts His throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
(P. 23 of Divine Liturgy Book).

THIRD ANTIPHON: Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all who dwell in the world.

ASCENSION TROPAR:

Tone 4 You ascended in glory, O Christ our God; You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Of lowly birth or high degree, rich and poor alike.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God ... (as above)

My mouth shall speak wisdom, prudence shall be the utterance of my heart.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God ... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE: God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy, the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God ... (as above)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 6): When You fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present. For You proclaimed to those who love You: “I am with you and no one else has power over you.”

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory.

Verse: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I will sing and make music in my glory.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Act of the Apostles 1:1-12, (P. 27)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid the sound of trumpets.
2. All peoples, clap your hands; cry to God with shouts of joy.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 24:36-53 (Page 17)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into heaven. O Mother of God, who in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words gave birth in time to Him whom time cannot contain, we the faithful magnify you with one accord.

COMMUNION HYMN: God mounts His throne amid shouts of joy, the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INSTEAD OF on P. 73 “We have seen the true light ...” and “May our mouths be filled ...”:

Be exalted O God above the heavens,
above all the earth be Your glory.

POST FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

- To Friday of the Next Week after Ascension

FIRST ANTIPHON: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great King over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

He brings people under us; nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

The Lord mounts His throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
(P. 23 of Divine Liturgy Book).

THIRD ANTIPHON, POST FEAST: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

**Son of God, Who ascended in glory,
save us who sing to You, Alleluia!**

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Son of God, Who ascended in glory,
save us who sing to You, Alleluia!**

For God is the great Lord and the great King over the earth.

**Son of God, Who ascended in glory,
save us who sing to You, Alleluia!**

SMALL ENTRANCE:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

**Son of God, Who ascended in glory, s
ave us who sing to You, Alleluia!**

TROPAR (tone 4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God; You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever, Amen.**

KONDAK (tone 6): You have carried out the decree of Providence, which earned us, and You Who has reconciled the earth with heaven. O Christ our God, You have gloriously ascended and yet did not leave us, but You remain always present among us, saying to those who love You: I am with you, and no one can ever harm you.

PROKIMEN (tone 7): Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory.

Verse: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I will sing and make music in my glory.

EPISTLE: Reading of the day.

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid the sound of trumpets.
2. All peoples, clap your hands; cry to God with shouts of joy.

GOSPEL: Reading of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the Lord Who in glory ascended bodily into heaven. O Mother of God, who in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words gave birth in time to Him Whom time cannot contain, we the faithful magnify you with one accord.

COMMUNION HYMN: God mounts His throne amid shouts of joy, the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INSTEAD OF on P. 73 “We have seen the true light ...” and “May our mouths be filled ...”:

**Be exalted O God above the heavens,
above all the earth be Your glory.**

Saturday before Pentecost - All Souls Saturday

TROPAR (Tone 8): With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God, Who made and shaped us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

KONDAK (Tone 8): To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, grant rest among the saints, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no mourning, but only life without end.

Now and for ever and ever, Amen.

THEOTOKIAN (Tone 8): In you, we have a rampart and a haven, and an intercessor most acceptable to God, Whom you bore, O virgin Mother of God, salvation of the faithful.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Their souls shall dwell amidst good things.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 28: 1-31, P. 34

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord.
2. And let their memory be from generation to generation.

GOSPEL: John 21: 14-25 (Page 20)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God, Who made and shaped us.

COMMUNION HYMN: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord; and let their memory be from generation to generation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SPECIAL HYMN: (*Please Kneel*)

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all that defiles us, & O Good One, save our souls.

FIRST ANTIPHON:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiworks.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Through all the earth their voice resounds and to the ends of the world, their message.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
(P. 23 of the Divine Liturgy Book)

THIRD ANTIPHON:

O Lord, in Your strength the king is glad; in Your victory how greatly he rejoices.

TROPAR OF PENTECOST:

Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of Mankind, glory be to You.

You have granted him his heart's desire; You refused not the wish of his lips.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. ... (*as above*)

For You welcomed him with Godly blessings; You placed on his head a crown of pure gold.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. ... (*as above*)

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Be extolled, O Lord in Your strength! We will sing, chant the praise of Your might.

Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of Mankind, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us praise the Most Holy Spirit.

INSTEAD OF “Holy God ...”:

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKIMEN (tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message. **Verse:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11. Pg. 37

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. By the word of the Lord, the heavens were made, by the Breath of His mouth, all their host.
2. From Heaven the Lord looks down, He sees all mankind.

GOSPEL: John 7: 37-53; 8:12-13 (Page 21)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the one God in three Persons. Rejoice, O Queen and glorious Virgin Mother! What orator, rich in eloquence could find the proper words to fashion a hymn of praise worthy of you? For every spirit shudders before the mystery of your holy birth giving; and we also unite our voices to glorify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: May your good spirit guide me on level ground. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Monday of the Holy Spirit

SPECIAL HYMN: (Please Kneel)

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all that defiles us, & O Good One, save our souls.

FIRST ANTIPHON:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiworks.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Through all the earth their voice resounds and to the ends of the world, their message.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
(P. 23 of the Divine Liturgy Book)

THIRD ANTIPHON: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Be extolled, O Lord in your strength! We will sing, chant the praise of your might.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

TROPAR: Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of Mankind, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us praise the most Holy Spirit.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5: 9-19 (Page 38)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in Your kindness.
2. Do not cast me away from Your presence, nor deprive me of Your Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 10-20 (Page 23)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the one God in three persons. Rejoice, O Queen and glorious Virgin Mother! What orator, rich in eloquence could find the proper words to fashion a hymn of praise worthy of you? For every spirit shudders before the mystery of your holy birth giving; and we also unite our voices to glorify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: May your good spirit guide me on level ground. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PENTECOST WEEK
(excluding Monday of the Holy Spirit)

SPECIAL HYMN: (Please Kneel)

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all that defiles us, & O Good One, save our souls.

FIRST ANTIPHON:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiworks.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Through all the earth their voice resounds and to the ends of the world, their message.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
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THIRD ANTIPHON: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Be extolled, O Lord in your strength! We will sing, chant the praise of your might.

O Good Advocate, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

TROPAR (Tone 8): Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. O Lover of Mankind, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us praise the Most Holy Spirit.

PROKIMEN (Tone 8): Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

EPISTLE: Of the day

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. By the Word of the Lord, the Heavens were made, by the Breath of His mouth, all their host.
2. From Heaven the Lord looks down, He sees all mankind.

GOSPEL: Of the day

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: O my soul, extol the one God in three persons. Rejoice, O Queen and glorious Virgin Mother! What orator, rich in eloquence could find the proper words to fashion a hymn of praise worthy of you? For every spirit shudders before the mystery of your holy birth giving; and we also unite our voices to glorify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: May Your Good Spirit guide me on level ground. Alleluia (x3)

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

(Always celebrated on the Thursday after All Saints Sunday)

FIRST ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for You are at my side.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...

(P. 23 of the Divine Liturgy Book)

THIRD ANTIPHON: When I call, answer me, O my just God.

TROPAR of the Most Holy Eucharist

Tone 4 Your memorial sacrifice, Christ our God, became a festive day for the world. For fishermen were taught by You to offer You the unbloody sacrifice with bread and wine, to recall Your Divine Memorial Act which we celebrate; proclaiming, O Lord, glory be to You!

Offer just sacrifices, and trust in the Lord.

Your memorial sacrifice, Christ our God, ... (as above)

You put gladness into my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

Your memorial sacrifice, Christ our God, ... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE: I will offer you a sacrifice of praise; I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Your memorial sacrifice, Christ our God, ... (as above)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK: Behold, Christ becomes present as Food for all. Come let us prostrate ourselves in worship of Christ, our God, hidden in these Mysteries and let us cry out in humility: “Lord, do not destroy us sinners by fire when we communicate, but burn our sins and purify our souls.

PROKIMEN: I will feed them with the best of wheat, and with honey from the rock I will fill them.

Verse: Sing joyfully to God our strength.

EPISTLE: A reading from the 1st Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-32) P. 199

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The eyes of all look hopefully to You, and You give them their food in due season.
2. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

GOSPEL: John 6: 48-54 (page 8)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...”: My soul, extol the Lord, Who gave His flesh as Mystical Food. My soul, extol Christ our God, Who gave His flesh for man’s salvation. You are all desire. You are all delight, Word of God, Son of the Virgin, Lord, the God of Gods, You are the holiest of the holy. For this we extol You with her who bore You.

COMMUNION HYMN: Whoever feeds on My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me, and I in him, said the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POST FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY EUCCHARIST

(use for one week following the Feast of the Most Holy Eucharist)

FIRST ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for You are at my side.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...

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THIRD ANTIPHON: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, who nourishes us with Your Body and Blood, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, who nourishes us with Your Body and Blood, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, who nourishes us with Your Body and Blood, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, who nourishes us with Your Body and Blood, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

TROPAR: Your memorial sacrifice, Christ our God, became a festive day for the world. For fishermen were taught by You to offer You the unbloody sacrifice with bread and wine, to recall Your Divine Memorial Act which we celebrate; proclaiming, O Lord, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK: Behold, Christ becomes present as Food for all. Come let us prostrate ourselves in worship of Christ, our God, hidden in these Mysteries and let us cry out in humility: "Lord, do not destroy us sinners by fire when we communicate, but burn our sins and purify our souls.

PROKIMEN: I will feed them with the best of wheat, and with honey from the rock I will fill them.

Verse: Sing joyfully to God our strength.

EPISTLE: Of the day

ALLELUIA Verses:

3. The eyes of all look hopefully to You, and You give them their food in due season.
4. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

GOSPEL: Of the day.

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...”: My soul, extol the Lord, Who gave His flesh as Mystical Food. My soul, extol Christ our God, Who gave His flesh for man’s salvation. You are all desire. You are all delight, Word of God, Son of the Virgin, Lord, the God of Gods, You are the holiest of the holy. For this we extol You with her who bore You.

COMMUNION HYMN: Whoever feeds on My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me, and I in him, said the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

FEAST OF CHRIST, LOVER OF MANKIND

(Feast always falls on the Friday exactly 19 days after the Feast of Pentecost)

FIRST ANTIPHON:

How delightful is Your dwelling place, Lord of hosts; my soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.
My heart and my flesh rejoiced in the living God.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.
The sparrow found itself a home and the swallow its nest wherein to lay its young.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father ... now and forever ... Only Begotten Son ...
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THIRD ANTIPHON: My heart bursts forth with a noble theme; I
tell my works to the King.

TROPAR of the Feast of Christ, Lover of mankind

Tone 6 **Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us. We sinners
bring this appeal to You, O Master, for we have no
defense. Have mercy on us.**

You are more radiant in beauty than the sons of men; grace flowed
from Your lips.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy ... (as above)

In your splendor and your beauty bend your bow, prosper and reign
for the sake of truth, meekness, and beauty.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy ... (as above)

LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Sing praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy is forever.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy ... (as above)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever, Amen.**

KONDAK (tone 8): To You, Lord, my Commander and Champion,
I your servant, ascribe my victories. Delivered from eternal death, I
address my thanks to You. Since You have ineffable mercy, free me
from all kinds of danger as I cry out: Jesus, Son of God, have mercy
on me.

PROKIMEN (tone 4): I will proclaim Your name to my brethren; in
the midst of the assembly I will sing Your praises.

Verse: I will fulfill my vows before those who fear Him.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews 2: 11-18
(page 234)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.
2. All the families of the nations shall fall down before Him.

GOSPEL: John 3: 13-17 (Page 147)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right...”: My soul, extol the most dear Jesus, our loving Lord. With one accord let us the faithful extol the Word of God, ineffably become Man for us from the holy Virgin. In His ineffable wisdom He came from God to restore Adam who was mortally felled by the serpent’s sting.

COMMUNION HYMN: All the ends of the earth saw the salvation of our God. Alleluia (x3)

Saturday before Meatfare Sunday
(of the Fearful Judgment)
All Souls Saturday

TROPAR (Tone 8): With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God, Who made and shaped us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

KONDAK (Tone 8): To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, grant rest among the saints, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no mourning, but only life without end.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

Theotokian (Tone 8): In you, we have a rampart and a haven, and an intercessor most acceptable to God, Whom you bore, O virgin Mother of God, salvation of the faithful.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Their souls shall dwell amidst good things.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul.

EPISTLE: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 23-28. (Page 170)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord.
2. And let their memory be from generation to generation.

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 8-9, 25-27, 33-36 (Page 93)

COMMUNION HYMN: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord; and let their memory be from generation to generation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Saturday before Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday

TROPAR (Tone 4): God of our fathers, You always treat us fairly. Deprive us not of Your mercy, but by their prayers direct our lives in peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): You enlightened the assembly of the God-bearers, O Lord, making them preachers of godliness. They silenced impiety, and shone upon the whole world. By their supplications keep in perfect peace those who glorify and magnify You, that they may sing: Alleluia.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The venerable ones will exult in glory, and they shall be joyful in their beds.

Verse: The exaltations of God are in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 14: 19-23; 16:25-27 (Page 175)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
2. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O you righteous; and boast, all you that are upright in heart.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 1-13 (Page 98)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

First Saturday of Lent –
The Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit

TROPAR (Tone 2): Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the holy martyr Theodore rejoiced as by the water of rest for having been baked as a whole-burnt offering, he was brought to the Trinity as a sweet bread. By his prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): You accepted the faith of Christ in your heart as a breastplate, and trampled the enemy's power, O long-suffering martyr Theodore. You were crowned for all eternity with a wreath from heaven, as the invincible one.

PROKIMEN (Tone 7):

The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice when I make my petition to You.

EPISTLE: A reading to the Hebrews 1: 1-12. (Page 179)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.
2. They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-3:5 (Page 102)

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Second Saturday of Lent - An All Souls Saturday

TROPAR (Tone 8): With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God, Who made and shaped us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

KONDAK (Tone 8): To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, grant rest among the saints, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no mourning, but only life without end.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

THEOTOKIAN (Tone 8): In you, we have a rampart and a haven, and an intercessor most acceptable to God, Whom you bore, O virgin Mother of God, salvation of the faithful.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Their souls shall dwell amidst good things.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 3:12-16. (Page 182)

ALLELUIA Verses:

3. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord.
4. And let their memory be from generation to generation.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:35-45 (Page 104)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. / Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord; and let their memory be from generation to generation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Third Saturday of Lent- An All Souls Saturday

TROPAR (Tone 8): With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God, Who made and shaped us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

KONDAK (Tone 8): To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, grant rest among the saints, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no mourning, but only life without end.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

THEOTOKIAN (Tone 8): In you, we have a rampart and a haven, and an intercessor most acceptable to God, Whom you bore, O virgin Mother of God, salvation of the faithful.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Their souls shall dwell amidst good things.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38 (Page 185)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord.
2. And let their memory be from generation to generation.

GOSPEL: Mark 2: 14-17 (Page 106)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. / Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord; and let their memory be from generation to generation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Fourth Saturday of Lent- An All Souls Saturday

TROPAR (Tone 8): With profound wisdom and love for mankind, You arrange all things and bestow beneficial things upon all, O only Creator and Lord. Grant rest to the souls of Your servants, for they have placed their hope in You, our God, Who made and shaped us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

KONDAK (Tone 8): To the souls of Your servants, O Christ, grant rest among the saints, where there is no pain, no sorrow, no mourning, but only life without end.

Now and forever and ever, Amen.

THEOTOKIAN (Tone 8): In you, we have a rampart and a haven, and an intercessor most acceptable to God, Whom you bore, O virgin Mother of God, salvation of the faithful.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Their souls shall dwell amidst good things.
Verse: To You, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 6: 9-12 (Page 189)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord.
2. And let their memory be from generation to generation.

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 31-37 (Page 109)

COMMUNION HYMN: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. / Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken to Yourself, O Lord; and let their memory be from generation to generation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Fifth Saturday of Lent-
Saturday of the Akathist Hymn

TROPAR (Tone 8): When the bodiless angel learned the secret command, he hastened and stood before the house of Joseph, and said to her who had not known wedlock, "The One who has bowed the heavens by His condescension, is wholly contained in you without change. In your womb I see Him taking the form of a slave. Therefore, I cry to you in fearful awe: Rejoice, O bride and virgin."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 8): To you, O Mother of God, the invincible leader, we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns, in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. With your invincible power, free us from all dangers that we may cry out to you: Hail, O Bride, and pure Virgin!

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Savior.

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His
handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9: 24-28 (Page 193)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. Rise up, Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.
2. Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-31 (Page 112)

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Saturday before Palm Sunday - Lazarus Saturday

TROPAR (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God: and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory, and cry to You, the conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK (Tone 2): Christ, the Joy of all, the Truth, the Light, the Life, the Resurrection of the universe, in His goodness has revealed Himself to those on earth; He Himself has become the pattern of the Resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all.

INSTEAD OF “Holy God ...”:

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.
Alleluia. (3x)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and ever. Amen. Have put on Christ.

Alleluia.

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.
Alleluia.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): The Lord is my Light and my Savior; whom shall I fear?

Verse: The Lord is the Protector of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:28-13:8
(Page 196)

ALLELUIA Verses:

1. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.
2. For He has established the world which shall not be shaken.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 (Page 114)

INSTEAD OF “It is truly right ...”: Let us honor with glory the pure Mother of God; though she received the Divine Fire within her womb, she was not consumed. With never ceasing hymns, O people, we magnify her.

COMMUNION HYMN: Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babes, comes perfect praise. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!