

2025
THE TIPIC FOR
JANUARY

1 WEDNESDAY

Circumcision of Our Lord. St. Basil the Great. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria for feast and saint. Gos. John 10:9-16. Katavasia of Theophany. Sing Ode 9 from Menaion in place of “More honorable.” Great Doxology. Tropar of Saint – Tone 1. Glory...Now and ever – Tropar of Feast. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Usual antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Colossians 2:8-12. Gos. Luke 2:20-21, 40-52. Axion: “In you o woman full of grace.” **After Liturgy, Thanksgiving Service for the New Year.**

3 FRIDAY

Royal Hours for Eve of Theophany. If the Eve of Theophany falls on Saturday or Sunday, the service of the Royal Hours is done on Friday at 9 am. On whatever day the Eve falls, fast as on the Eve of the Nativity of the Lord. **Vespers.**

5 SUNDAY

Sunday before Theophany. Eve of Theophany. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 6. Combine Octoechos with Forefeast from Menaion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Theophany. **Liturgy of St. John:** Epis. 2 Timothy 4:5-8. Gos. Mark 1:1-8. Axion: “It is truly right.” **Great Blessing of Waters.**

6 MONDAY

Holy Theophany. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Gos. Mark 1:9-11. Katavasia of feast. In place of “More honorable,” sing Irmos of Ode 9. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Festal antiphons. Special Entrance hymn. “All baptized in Christ.” Epis. Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Gos. Matthew 3:13-17. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Theophany Canon. **Great Blessing of Waters.**

7 TUESDAY

St. John the Forerunner and Baptizer. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers.** After Entrance, sing Great Prokiemenon: “Who is so great a God as ou God?” No readings. After Aposticha, sing Tropar of saint and end with Tropar of feast. **Matins:** No Polyeleos except where St. John is the patronal feast of the parish. Gos. Mark 1:7-11. Katavasia of Theophany. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 19:1-8. Gos. John 1:29-34. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Theophany Canon. All dismissals begin with “May he who was baptized in the Jordan by John...”.

12 SUNDAY

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

17 FRIDAY

St. Anthony the Great. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament

readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Gos. Matthew 11:27-30. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 13:17-21. Gos. Luke 6:17-23. Axion: "It is truly right."

19 SUNDAY

29th Sunday after Pentecost. Sts. Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 8. Combine Octoechos with Menaion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Readings for Saints. Litia for Saints. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Antiphons of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:4-11; Hebrews 13:17-21. Gos. Luke 17:12-19; Matthew 5:14-19. Axion: "It is truly right."

25 SATURDAY

St. Gregory the Theologian (Nazianzus). Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Gos. John 10:1-9. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. John 10:9-16. Axion: "More honorable."

26 SUNDAY

32nd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 9. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Readings for Saint. Litia for Saint. **Matins:** Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Gos. Luke 19:1-10. Axion: "It is truly right."

27 MONDAY

Translation of the Relics of St. John the Golden-mouth. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. 1st Antiphon of Tone 4. Gos. John 10:1-9. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Gos. John 10:9-16. Axion: "It is truly right."

30 THURSDAY

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

FEBRUARY

2 SUNDAY

Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 10. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Antiphon 1 of Tone 4. Gos. Luke 2:25-32. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. Special verses for the Little Entrance. "Holy God." Epis. Hebrews 7:7-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1. Gos. Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 2:22-40. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Presentation Canon. Until the leave-taking (February 9), all Dismissals begin with "...who for our salvation deigned to be carried in the arms of the righteous Simeon..."

9 SUNDAY

33rd Sunday after Pentecost – Publican and Pharisee. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Octoechos and Triodion (*General Rule:* On all Sundays of Triodion and Pentecostarion, service of the saint of day is left out except on Annunciation). **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** After Ps. 50, “Open the doors,” “Guide my steps,” “Reflecting on the multitude”. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Timothy 3:10-15. Gos. Luke 18:10-14. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Presentation Canon.

16 SUNDAY

34th Sunday after Pentecost – Prodigal Son. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 1. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. “Beside the waters of Babylon”. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Gos. Luke 15:11-32. Axion: “It is truly right.”

22 SATURDAY

Memorial Saturday. Follow Triodion. **Vespers:** In place of Prokimenon, sing “Alleluia” (three times) in Tone 8 with the verses from the Memorial Service. No Entrance. Tropar for the dead. **Matins:** In place of “God is the Lord” sing “Alleluia” with the verses and Tropar for the dead. Kathisma 17 is divided into two stanzas with Litany for the Dead in between. After “Funeral Hymns of Blessings,” the Litany for the Dead is said. No Gospel. Canon and Katavasia for Dead. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Thessalonians 4:13-17. Gos. Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36; John 5:24-39. Axion: “It is truly right.” **After the Liturgy,** general **Memorial Service** for all the departed.

23 SUNDAY

35th Sunday after Pentecost. Farewell to Meat – Sunday of the Last Judgment. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. “Beside the waters of Babylon”. After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 8:8-13, 9:1-2. Gos. Matthew 25:31-46. Axion: “It is truly right.”

24 MONDAY

Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptizer. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 7:17-29. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. Gos. Matthew 11:2-15. Axion: “It is truly right.”

MARCH

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28

2 SUNDAY

36th Sunday after Pentecost. Forgiveness Sunday - Farewell to Dairy. Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 3. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. “Beside the waters of Babylon.” After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4. Gos. Matthew 6:14-21. Axion: “It is truly right.” **Forgiveness Vespers:** Prostrations. Prayer of St. Ephraim.

3 MONDAY

Clean Monday. Beginning of Great Lent. Great Typikon prescribes celebration of **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts** five days per week, not only on Wednesdays and Fridays. From Monday until Thursday of the first week, read **Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.** Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian with four great prostrations and twelve small prostrations during the Hours and whenever the Triodion prescribes.

8 SATURDAY

St. Theodore of Tyre. Follow Triodion. Vespers was celebrated on Friday together with the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. In the evening, read **Great Compline** without prostrations and the **Canon of St. Theodore** with the **Blessing of Coliva.** **Liturgy of St. John:** Epis. Hebrews 1:1-12. Gos. Mark 2:23-3:5. Axion: "It is truly right". After Liturgy, repeat the **Blessing of Coliva.**

9 SUNDAY

First Sunday of Great Lent – Orthodoxy. Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. Martyrs of Communist Persecution. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine Triodion, Menaion and Octoechos. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Tropar of Resurrection, Holy Icons and of Holy 40 Martyrs. **Matins:** After Ps. 50, "Open the doors of repentance." Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40. Gos. John 1:43-51. Axion: "In you, o woman full of grace." **Memorial Service for Martyrs of Communist Persecution.**

16 SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Great Lent – St. Gregory Palamas. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 5. Follow Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. **Matins:** After Ps. 50, "Open the doors." Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3; Hebrews 7:26-8:2. Gos. Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16. Axion: "In you o woman full of grace."

23 SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Great Lent – The Cross. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 6. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Gospel. Ps. 50. "Open the doors." Katavasia from Triodion. At Great Doxology, the cross is taken in procession from the altar to a stand in the middle of the church where it is censed and venerated by the faithful. During the procession, sing the Tropar and Kontak of the Cross. Then venerate the Cross with great prostrations during the singing of "Before Your Cross". **Liturgy of St. Basil:** In place of "Holy God," sing "Before your Cross". Epis. Hebrews 4:4-16; 5:1-6. Gos. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1. Axion: "In you o woman full of grace."

25 TUESDAY

Annunciation of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God & Ever-Virgin Mary. Combine Triodion and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** “God is the Lord.” Do not sing “Alleluia” and the Tropars normally sung during weekdays of the Fast, but instead sing the Festal Tropar three times. Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-56. Combine Festal Canon with Canon from Triodion. In place of “More honorable” sing Irmos of Ode 9. Small Doxology. **Vespertal Liturgy of St. John:** Five Old Testament readings – two from Triodion and three for Feast. “Holy God.” Epis. Hebrews 2:11-18. Gos. Luke 1:24-38. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Annunciation Canon.

30 SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent – St. John of the Ladder. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 7. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. In addition to the Resurrectional Troparion, include also the Troparion of St. John of the Ladder at Vespers, Matins and Liturgy. **Matins:** Ps. 50. “Open the doors.” Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:8-19. Gos. Mark 9:17-32; Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12. Axion: “In you o woman full of grace.”

APRIL

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 2,4,9,11,14,15,16

2 WEDNESDAY

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

4 FRIDAY

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

6 SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary of Egypt. Tone 8. Mat.Gos. 8. Combine Octoechos an Triodion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. In addition to the Resurrectional Troparion, include also the Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt at Vespers, Matins and Liturgy. **Matins:** Ps. 50. “Open the doors.” Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29. Gos. Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50. Axion: “In you o woman full of grace.”

12 SATURDAY

Raising of Lazarus. Follow Triodion. **Vespers** for Lazarus celebrated on the eve (Friday) together with the **Presanctified Holy Liturgy.** **Matins:** No Polyeleos, Megalitaria or Gospel reading. Hymns of Blessing of Resurrection. “Having beheld the Resurrection.” Katavasia from Triodion. In place of “More honorable” since Irmos of Ode 9. “Holy is the Lord” without Exapostilar. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. In place of “Holy God” sing “All baptized”. Epis. Hebrews 12:28, 13:1-8. Gos. John 11:1-45. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Lazarus Canon.

13 SUNDAY

Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Follow Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Lita. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Gos. Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17. Ps. 50. Blessing and distribution of palms. Palm Sunday Canon. **Liturgy of St. John:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. “Holy God.” Epis. Philippians 4:4-9. Gos. John 12:1-18. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Palm Sunday Canon. **Evening: Bridegroom Matins.**

14- GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY to

16 GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Holy Week. Follow Triodion. **Presanctified Holy Liturgy** each morning. Each evening, **Bridegroom Matins** with Gospel readings, “Behold the Bridegroom comes” and “Your Bridal Chamber”. **Wednesday evening: Holy Unction service.**

17 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Commemoration of the Last Supper. Follow Triodion. **Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil:** Entrance with Gospel. Old Testament readings. Epis. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32. Gos. (see Gospel book for combined reading from all Evangelists): Matthew 26:2-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40, 27:1-2. Instead of Cherubic Hymn and “Let our mouths be filled,” sing “At your Mystical Supper.” Axion: “Come o faithful, let us feast at the Master’s banquet.” from Canon in Triodion. Prepare Eucharist for the sick. **Evening: Matins of Holy Friday with Twelve Passion Gospels** – between the 5th and 6th Gospels, the Cross is carried out from the Altar to the middle of the church.

18 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Follow Triodion. **Royal Hours. Vespers:** Entrance with Gospel. Gospel reading. Take Body down from the Cross during the mid-point of Gospel reading. Bring Shroud out of altar at “Glory” of the Aposticha. **Evening: Matins of Holy Saturday. Lamentations and Entombing.** According to Byzantine tradition, the Lamentations are sung after the Praises, immediately before the Great Doxology, after which the clergy no longer enter the Altar, but go in procession around the church. Upon returning, the Shroud is placed directly on the Holy Table where it remains until Ascension. Matins ends with readings from the Old Testament, an Epistle, Gospel and the Litanies and Dismissal.

19 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Follow Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil combined with Hours, Typika & Vespers:** “All baptized in Christ” in place of “Holy God.” Epis. Romans 6:3-11. Gos. Matthew 28:1-20. In place of “Alleluia”, Cherubic Hymn and special Axion (see Triodion for special texts).

20 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (PASCHA)

Follow Pentecostarion. **Midnight Office with Canon. Resurrection Service with Matins:** Procession with candles around church three times followed by Matins of Pascha. Gospel read outside: Matthew 28:1-15. Remainder of Matins celebrated in church. **Liturgy of St. John:** “Christ is risen” said in place of “Heavenly King”, followed by “Holy God”, until Ascension. After “Blessed is the Kingdom,” Liturgy begins with “Christ is risen” (3 times) until Leave-taking of Pascha (6th Wednesday after Pascha – May 27). Until Thomas Sunday, the priest then censes the Holy Table singing “Christ is risen” interspersed with Paschal

sticheras (“Let God arise...”). Great Litany. From Thomas Sunday until Ascension, the priest sings “Christ is risen” (3 times) without the censing and Paschal sticheras. Liturgy served as on Pascha night until Thomas Sunday. In place of “Holy God”, sing “All baptized in Christ.” Epis. Acts 1:1-8. Gos. John 1:1-17. Axion: “The angel cried out”. Instead of “Blessed is He that comes,” “We have seen the true light,” “Let our mouths be filled,” and “Blessed be the name of the Lord,” sing “Christ is risen.” **After Liturgy, blessing of the Artos (Paschal bread), meats, eggs and dairy products.** (All the doors of the altar remain open until “Lord I have called” at Thomas Sunday Vespers.). In the afternoon or evening, **Agape Vespers:** Entrance with Gospel. Reading of Gospel in many languages. During Bright Week, Vespers, Matins, Hours and Liturgy are the same as on Pascha, changing only the Tone, Epistle and Gospel readings.

21 BRIGHT MONDAY

Vespers, Matins and Liturgy: Follow Pentecostarion. Epis. Acts 1:12-17, 21-26. Gos. John 1:18-28. Katavasia and Axion of Pascha until Ascension.

22 BRIGHT TUESDAY

Matins and Liturgy as on Pascha day. Epis. Acts 2:14-21. Gos. Luke 24:12-35. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

23 BRIGHT WEDNESDAY

St. George the Great Martyr. Combine Pentecostarion & Menaion. **Vespers:** On Wednesday evening, besides the sticheras of the Resurrection, add also those of the Saint. Entrance. Aposticha of Pascha – “Glory” for Saint, “Now and ever” – “The day of resurrection”. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalinarina. Sing Katavasia of Pascha; read the Canon of Saint. **Liturgy.** Paschal Antiphons. Epis. Acts 2:38-43; Acts 12:1-11. Gos. John 3:1-15; John 15:17-27; 16:1-2. Axion of Pascha.

27 SUNDAY

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

MAY

4 SUNDAY

Third Sunday after Pascha – Myrrhbearing Women. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 4. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Pascha. At 9th Ode, sing “More honorable.” Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 6:1-7. Gos. Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-7. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

10 SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday after Pascha – Paralytic. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 5. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Pascha. At 9th Ode, sing “More honorable.” Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 9:32-42. Gos. John 5:1-15. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

14 WEDNESDAY

Mid-feast of Pentecost. Follow Pentecostarion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Pascha. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 14:6-18. Gos. John 7:14-30. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

18 SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday after Pascha – Samaritan Woman. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Katavasia of Pascha. At 9th Ode, sing “More honorable”. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 11:19-30. Gos. John 4:5-42. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

21 WEDNESDAY

Sts. Constantine and Helen. Combine Pentecostarion and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. John 10:9-16. Katavasia of Pascha. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 26:1, 12-19. Gos. John 10:1-9. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

25 SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday after Pascha – Man Born Blind. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 8. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Pascha. At 9th Ode, sing “More honorable.” Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 16:16-34. Gos. John 9:1-38. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

29 THURSDAY

Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Follow Pentecostarion. All services begin with “Holy God” until Pentecost. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. Tropar of Ascension (3 times). **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent of Feast. Gos. Mark 16:9-20. Katavasia of Pentecost. Exapostilar and Praises combined from Pentecostarion and Menaion as explained in Menaion. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance hymn. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 1:1-12. Gos. Luke 24:36-53. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Ascension Canon. In place of “We have seen the true light”, sing Tropar of Ascension.

JUNE

1 SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday after Pascha – Holy Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 10. Follow Pentecostarion. Combine service of Ascension with that of the Holy Fathers. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Gospel for Resurrection. Katavasia of Pentecost. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. Gos. John 17:1-13. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Ascension Canon. In place of “We have seen the true light”, sing Tropar of Ascension.

7 SATURDAY

Memorial Saturday. Follow Pentecostarion. **Daily Vespers and Matins:** At Matins, Funeral Hymns of Blessings as at Memorial Service. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 28:1-31. Gos. John 21:15-25. Axion: “It is truly right.”

8 SUNDAY

Eighth Sunday after Pascha – Pentecost: Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Follow Pentecostarion. All services begin with “Heavenly King.” **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. No Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings or Hymns of Ascent of Tone – instead, sing Hymns of Ascent of Feast. Gos. John 20:19-23. Do not sing “Seeing the Resurrection.” Ps. 50. Katavasia of Pentecost. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. “All baptized in Christ” in place of “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 2:1-11. Gos. John 7:37-52; 8:12. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Pentecost Canon. **After Liturgy, Great Vespers with Kneeling Prayers.**

9 MONDAY

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

15 SUNDAY

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

22 SUNDAY

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

24 TUESDAY

Birth of St. John the Baptizer. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Gos. Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4. Gos. Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80. Axion: "It is truly right."

29 SUNDAY

Third Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Apostles Peter & Paul. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 3. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Gos. John 21:1-14. Katavasia of Annunciation. At 9th Ode: "More honorable." Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9. Gos. Matthew 6:22-33; Matthew 16:13-19. Axion: "It is truly right."

JULY

6 SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 4. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Megalynaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 6:18-23. Gos. Matthew 8:5-13. Axion: "It is truly right."

13 SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 5. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Combine Octoechos and Menaion (see July 13-19). **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 10:1-10; Hebrews 13:7-16. Gos. Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1; John 17:1-13. Axion: "It is truly right."

20 SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 6. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Katavasia of Annunciation. Gospel of Resurrection. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 12:6-14; James 5:10-20. Gos. Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 4:22-30. Axion: "It is truly right."

27 SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon. St. Jacob of Alaska. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Polyeleos. Megalynaria "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 15:1-7; Timothy 2:1-10. Gos. Matthew 9:27-35; John 15:17-27; 16:1-2. Axion: "It is truly right."

AUGUST

1 FRIDAY

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

3 SUNDAY

8th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 8. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. Gos. Matthew 14:14-22. Axion: "It is truly right."

6 WEDNESDAY

Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 9:28-36. Katavasia of Cross. Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon in place of "More honorable". **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis. 2 Peter 1:10-19. Gos. Matthew 17:1-9. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. After Prayer behind the Ambon, **Blessing of new fruits.** Dispensation to eat fish.

10 SUNDAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 9. Combine Octoechos and Menaion (Transfiguration). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Gos. Matthew 14:22-34. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Transfiguration Canon.

15 FRIDAY

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

17 SUNDAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Martyrs Prince Constantin Brancoveanu and his sons: Constantin, Stefan, Radu, Matthew and his Counselor Ianache. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 10. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Gos. Matthew 17:14-23. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Dormition Canon.

24 SUNDAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 9:2-12. Gos. Matthew 18:23-35. Axion: “It is truly right.”

29 FRIDAY

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

31 SUNDAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 1. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Cross. Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Gos. Matthew 19:16-26. Axion: “It is truly right.”

SEPTEMBER

1 MONDAY

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year. Follow Menaion.

7 SUNDAY

Sunday before the Lifting of the Holy Cross. Forefeast of Birth of Mother of God. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18; Romans 6:18-23. Gos. John 3:13-17; Luke 21:12-19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

8 MONDAY

Nativity of Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. Follow of Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Lita. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-49, 56. Katavasia of Cross. In place of “More honorable,” sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Philippians 2:5-11. Gos. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

14 SUNDAY

Lifting of the Holy Cross (*Strict fast*). Follow Menaion. (*Since the feast falls on Sunday, nothing from the Resurrection is sung – no Antiphons of the tone, no Resurrectional Gospel. “Seeing the Resurrection of Christ...” is sung. “Holy is the Lord our God” is not sung.*) **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Lita. Before beginning of Vespers, Cross is moved from Proskomedia table to Holy Table. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent of Feast. Gospel of Feast: John 12:28-36. “Seeing the Resurrection” according to special melody. Katavasia of Cross. In place of “More honorable,” sing Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Exapostilar. Praises. During Great Doxology, the priest in full vestments censes around Holy Table, and at “Holy God”, he takes the Cross in procession through the south Deacon’s door and stops before the Royal Doors and says: “Wisdom, let us be attentive”. Tropar of Cross (3 times), during which priest places Cross on stand in middle of church, and censes around it 3 times. The priest then raises the Cross

toward the north, south, east and west, saying the litanies prescribed in the Menaion while the faithful sing “Lord have mercy.” After the final prayer of the litany, the priest puts the Cross back on the stand. During the singing of the tropar (“We venerate your Cross”), everyone makes 3 prostrations and venerates the Cross. The Cross stays on the stand for 8 days until the leave-taking of the Feast on September 21. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. In place of “Holy God” sing “We venerate your Cross”. Epis. 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. Gos. John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 31-35. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. *Fasting day, no matter on which day the feast occurs.*

21 SUNDAY

Sunday after the Lifting of the Holy Cross. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Litia. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Galatians 2:16-20. Gos. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

26 FRIDAY

Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. John 21:15-25. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 John 4:12-19. Gos. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25. Axion: “It is truly right.”

28 SUNDAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 5. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Gos. Luke 5:1-11. Axion: “It is truly right.”

OCTOBER

1 WEDNESDAY

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

5 SUNDAY

19th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 6. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9. Gos. Luke 6:31-36. Axion: “It is truly right.”

11 SUNDAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 8. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 2:16-20; Titus 3:8-15. Gos. Luke 8:5-15; John 17:1-13. Axion: “It is truly right.”

14 TUESDAY

St. Parascheva. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Matthew 25:1-13. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 9:2-12. Gos. Luke 7:36-50. Axion: "It is truly right."

19 SUNDAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Mat. Gos.7. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 1:11-19. Gos. Luke 7:11-16. Axion: "It is truly right."

26 SUNDAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost. St. Demetrius the Great Martyr. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 9. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:4-10; 2 Timothy 2:1-10. Gos. Luke 8:26-39; Matthew 8:23-27. Axion: "It is truly right."

27 MONDAY

St. Dimitrie the New (Basarabov). Same order of service as on October 26. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 4:7-13. Gos. Luke 10:16-22.

NOVEMBER

2 SUNDAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 10. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18. Gos. Luke 16:19-31. Axion: "It is truly right."

8 SATURDAY

Synaxis of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 1st Antiphon of Tone 4. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. **Great Doxology.** **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 2:2-10. Gos. Luke 10:16-21. Axion: "It is truly right."

9 SUNDAY

24th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:14-22. Gos. Luke 8:41-56. Axion: "It is truly right."

13 THURSDAY

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

16 SUNDAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 1. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 4:1-7. Gos. Luke 10:25-37. Axion: “It is truly right.”

21 FRIDAY

Entrance of Birthgiver of God in the Temple. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-49, 56. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. At Ode 9, in place of “More honorable”, sing Irmos from Ode 9. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 9:1-7. Gos. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Entrance Canon.

23 SUNDAY

26th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. Tropars for Vespers and Matins end with tropar of the feast of the Entrance. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 5:8-19. Gos. Luke 12:16-21. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Entrance Canon.

30 SUNDAY

30th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 3. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:12-16; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Gos. Luke 18:18-27; John 1:35-51. Axion: “It is truly right”.

DECEMBER

6 SATURDAY

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

7 SUNDAY

27th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 6:10-17. Gos. Luke 13:10-17. Axion: “It is truly right.”

14 SUNDAY

28th Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Forefathers and Patriarchs. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 5. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. No Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. No Megalynaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 1:12-18. Gos. Luke 14:16-24. Axion: “It is truly right”.

21 SUNDAY

Sunday before Birth of Christ: Genealogy of Christ the Savior. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 6. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40. Gos. Matthew 1:1-25. Axion: "It is truly right."

24 WEDNESDAY

Eve of Birth of Christ. Follow Menaion. (*Strict fast*). **Royal Hours:** Each Hour has Old Testament reading, Epistle and Gospel. **Typika and Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. Hebrews 1:1-12. Gos. Luke 2:1-20. Axion: "In you o woman full of grace". **Evening - Great Compline with Litia combined with Festal Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent for Feast days. Gos. Matthew 1:18-24. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. At Ode 9, in place of "more honorable", sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Praises. Great Doxology.

25 THURSDAY

Birth of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. Follow Menaion. **Liturgy of St. John:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. In place of "Holy God" sing "All baptized". Epis. Galatians 4:4-7. Gos. Matthew 2:1-12. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Birth Canon. *Dispensation to eat meat.*

26 FRIDAY

Synaxis of the Holy Birthgiver of God. St. Nicodemus of Tismana. Follow Menaion. No Polyeleos or Gospel, but the Romanian Tropic includes them in honor of St. Nicodemus. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent of Feast (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Gos. Luke 6:17-23. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. In place of "More honorable" sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Canon for Birth of Christ. **Liturgy of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis. Hebrews 2:11-18; Galatians 5:22-6:2. Gos. Matthew 2:13-23; Matthew 11:27-30. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

27 SATURDAY

Saturday after the Nativity of the Lord. Holy Apostle, Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent for feast days. Gos. Lk. 21:12-19. Katavasia of Nativity of the Lord. In place of "More honorable," sing tropars from Ode 9 of the Nativity Canon. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Ep. 2 Timothy 3:1-9. Acts 6:8-15, 7:1-5, 47-60. Gos. Matthew 12:15-21; 21:33-44. Axion of Nativity.

28 SUNDAY

Sunday after the Birth of Christ: Holy Fathers – David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord. St. Stephen the Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 7. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. At Ode 9, sing “More honorable”. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Galatians 1:11-19; Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60. Gos. Matthew 2:13-23; Matthew 21:33-44. Axion of Birth of Christ.

31 WEDNESDAY

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