

2024

THE TIPIC FOR
JANUARY

1 **MONDAY**

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

5 **FRIDAY**

Eve of Theophany. (Strict Fast.) **Royal Hours & Typika. Liturgy of St. Basil combined with Vespers of the Feast until the Litia.** After the Old Testament readings, the small litany with the Exclamation, “For You are Holy,” entering Liturgy with the Trisagion. Axion: “In you, o woman full of grace, all creation rejoices.” After the Prayer of the Ambon, the **Great Blessing of Waters** in the center of the church (found in Menaion, or in Great Book of Needs). With this water is blessed the church and its grounds, and the houses of the faithful.

6 **SATURDAY**

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

7 SUNDAY

Sunday after Theophany. Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner & Baptizer. Tone 6. Matins Gospel 9. Combine the service for the Saint from the Menaion with the Octoechos. **Saturday evening: Great Vespers** with Entrance. No Old Testament readings. After the Aposticha, sing the tropar of Tone 5, "Glory" - tropar to the Saint; "Now and ever" - Theophany tropar. Dismissal. **Matins:** No Polyeleos except where the Theophany is the patronal feast of the parish. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Antiphons of Tone 5, followed by Gospel (8). Katavasia of Theophany. Praises and Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** "Holy God." Epis.: Ephesians 4:7-13; Acts 19:1-8. Gos.: Matthew 4:12-17; John 1:29-34. Axion of Feast, which is sung for 8 days, until the leave-taking of Theophany (January 14). All dismissals begin with "May He who was baptized in the Jordan by John..." Today ends the period of dispensation from fasting which began on Christmas day. We fast every Wednesday and Friday until the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.

14 SUNDAY

29th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 10. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. (of the 28th Sunday) Colossians 1:12-18. Gos. Luke 17:12-19. Axion: "It is truly right."

17 WEDNESDAY

St. Anthony the Great. Follow Menaion. On the eve, **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament Readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Gos.: Matthew 11:27-30. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis.: Hebrews 13:7-16. Gos.: Luke 6:17-23. Axion: "It is truly right."

21 SUNDAY

32nd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 11. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessing. Hymns of Ascent of the tone. Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 4:9-15. Gos. Luke 19:1-10. Axion: "It is truly right."

28 SUNDAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 1. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 1:21-24, 2:1-4. Gos. Matthew 22:1-14. Axion: "It is truly right."

30 TUESDAY

Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & 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 5:14–19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

THE TIPIC FOR FEBRUARY

2 FRIDAY

Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalynaria. Hymns of Ascent: 1st Antiphon of Tone 4. Gos. Luke 2:25–32. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. Special Entrance hymn. “Holy God.” Epis. Hebrews 7:7–17. Gos. Luke 2:22–40. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Presentation Canon. Until the leave-taking (February 9), all Dismissals begin with “May He who was carried in the arms of the Righteous Simeon...”.

4 SUNDAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 2. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 4:6–15. Gos. Matthew 22:35–46. Axion: “It is truly right.”

11 SUNDAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 3. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 6:1–10. Gos. Matthew 25:14–30. Axion: “It is truly right.”

18 SUNDAY

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

25 SUNDAY

33rd Sunday after Pentecost - Publican and Pharisee. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 5. Follow Triodion. (**General Rule:** *During all Sundays of the Triodion and Pentecostarion, the service for the Saint is not read, except for Annunciation*). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** After Gos. of the Resurrection and Ps. 50, sing “Open the doors of repentance,” which is sung until the 5th Sunday of Great Lent inclusive. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Timothy 3:10–15. Gos. Luke 18:10–14. Axion: “It is truly right.”

THE TIPIC FOR

MARCH

Presanctified Holy Liturgy: 20, 22, 27, 29

3 SUNDAY

34th Sunday after Pentecost. Prodigal Son. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 6. Follow Triodion. **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."

9 SATURDAY

Memorial Saturday. Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste. Follow Triodion. **Vespers:** In place of Prokeimenon, sing "Alleluia" (3 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 verses and the Tropar for the Dead. Kathisma 17 is divided into two stases with Litany for the Dead in between. After the second stasis, "Funeral Hymns of Blessings" followed by the Litany of the Dead. No Gospel. Canon and Katavasia for the 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.

10 SUNDAY

35th Sunday after Pentecost – Last Judgment. Farewell to Meat. (Martyrs of Communist Persecution). Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 7. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. "Beside the streams 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." **Memorial Service for Martyrs of Communist Persecution.**

17 SUNDAY

36th Sunday after Pentecost. Farewell to Dairy. Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Forgiveness Sunday. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 8. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. "Beside the streams of Babylon." After Ps. 50, "Open the doors." Katavasia from Triodion. **Liturgy:** *Observation: Beginning with this Sunday and continuing throughout Great Lent, at the Proskomedia, the priest prepares Holy Lambs for the Presanctified Holy Liturgy on Wednesday and Friday of the following week.* Epis. Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4. Gos. Matthew 6:14-21. Axion: "It is truly right." In the evening, **Forgiveness Vespers:** Prostrations. Prayer of St. Ephraim.

18 MONDAY

Clean Monday. Great Lent Begins. Great Typikon prescribes celebration of **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** 5 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**. The Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian with 4 great prostrations and 12 small prostrations during the Hours and whenever the Triodion prescribes.

23 SATURDAY

St. Theodore of Tyre. Follow Triodion. **Vespers** was celebrated on Friday morning, together with the **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts**. Friday evening, read only **Great Compline** without prostrations. **Canon of St. Theodore. Blessing of coliva (wheat). 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**.

24 SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Great Lent - Orthodoxy. Forefeast of Annunciation. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 9. Combine Triodion, Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** At Lord I have called, 10 stichera: 4-Resurrection of the tone; 3-Orthodoxy, 3-Forefeast. Glory...Triodion; Now and ever...Dogmatikon of the tone. Entrance. Prokeimenon of the day (“The Lord is king...”). Old Testament readings. At Aposticha, Resurrectional stichera; Glory...Triodion; now and ever...Forefeast from the Aposticha in Matins. If no Litia is done, then at the Tropars, sing the following: Resurrection...Glory...Triodion ...Now and ever...Forefeast. If Litia was done, sing only Tropar of the Forefeast 3 times (“Virgin Birthgiver of God, rejoice...”). **Matins:** After Ps. 50, “Open the doors.” Canon from Octoechos, Triodion and Menaion. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** After Entrance, Tropars of Resurrection, Triodion and Forefeast. Epis. Hebrews 11:24–26, 32–40. Gos. John 1:43–51. Axion: “In you o woman full of grace.”

25 MONDAY

Annunciation of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God & Ever-Virgin Mary. Follow Triodion and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** “Blessed is the man...”. Lord I have called: 10 sticheras – 3 (Triodion), 7 (Feast). Glory...Now and ever... (Feast). Entrance. Prokeimenon of day from Triodion. 3 Old Testament readings. Litia. Tropar of Feast. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-56. Katavasia of Annunciation. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John:** Epis. Hebrews 2:11-18. Gos. Luke 1:24-38. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Festal Canon. *Since it is Lent, the Leave-taking is done on the same day.*

31 SUNDAY

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

**THE TIPIC FOR
APRIL**

Presanctified Holy Liturgy: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29, 30

7 SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Great Lent - The Cross. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Gospel. Psalm 50. "Open the doors of repentance." Katavasia from Triodion. At Great Doxology, the priest, in full vestments, censes 3 times around the Holy Table, and during the 3rd "Holy God," he takes the Cross in procession from the Altar to a stand in the middle of the church for veneration by the faithful. During the procession, sing the Tropar and Kontak of the Cross. Then venerate the Cross with great prostrations, singing the hymn: "Before your Cross." **Liturgy of St. Basil:** In place of "Holy God," sing "Before your Cross." Epis. Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6. Gos. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1. Axion: "In you o woman full of grace."

14 SUNDAY

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John of the Ladder. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 1. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. **Matins:** After 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."

17 WEDNESDAY

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

19 FRIDAY

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

21 SUNDAY

5th Sunday of Great Lent - St. Mary of Egypt. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Old Testament readings. In addition to Resurrectional Troparion, include 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."

23 TUESDAY

Great Martyr and Trophy Bearer George. *Observation: Because the celebration of the Feast of Pascha is variable, the celebration of the service for St. George varies and changes as follows: When it falls during Great Lent, the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts is celebrated with all of the readings from Lent and with prostrations, except when it falls on Saturday or Sunday. Parishes that have St. George as their patron should follow the tipic at the end of the service for St. George in the Menaion.* Combine Menaion and Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Lord I have called: 8 sticheras (3 from Triodion; 5 for the Saint); Glory...Saint; Now and ever...Birthgiver (of the day), Tone 6. Entrance. Prokeimena & readings for the day from Triodion, followed by those for the Saint. Litia. At the Aposticha, 2 daily stichera from Triodion, then repeat the first stichera; "Glory..." for the Saint, "Now and ever..." for Birthgiver (Resurrection, Tone 4). **Matins:** "God is the Lord." Tropar for the Saint (2x), Glory...Now and ever... for Birthgiver (Resurrection, Tone 4). Polyeleos and Megalitaria of the Saint. 1st Antiphon (Tone 4). Prokeimenon from Menaion. Gos. Luke 21:12–19 (Saint). Katavasia of Annunciation. Small Doxology (read). **Typika with Beatitudes** (not sung). **Presanctified Holy Liturgy:** Entrance with Gospel. Prokeimena and Readings of the day from Triodion. "Let my prayer arise...". Epis. Acts 12: 1–11. Gos. John 15:17–27; 16:1–2.

27 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. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. "Seeing the Resurrection." Katavasia from Triodion. In place of "More honorable," sing Irmos of Ode 9. "Holy is the Lord" without Hymn of Light. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. In place of "Holy God," sing "All baptized." Epis. Hebrews 12:28–13:8. Gos. John 11:1–45. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Lazarus Canon.

28 SUNDAY

Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Follow Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Lita. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Gos. Matthew 21:1–11, 15–17. 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.**

29-30 MONDAY-TUESDAY (April) and WEDNESDAY (1 May)

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** commemorating the anointing of the Savior by the sinful woman about which the Gospel and hymns of the service for this day remind us. In some regions of Romania, Unction is celebrated on Thursday after the Liturgy of St. Basil or Friday after Royal Hours.

THE TIPIC FOR MAY

Presanctified Holy Liturgy: 1

2 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Commemoration of the Last Supper. Follow Triodion. **Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil.** Entrance with Gospel. Old Testament readings. Epis. 1 Corinthians 11:23–32. Gos. (see Gospel book for combined readings from all Evangelists): Matthew 26:2–20 ; John 13:3–17; Matthew 26:21–39; Luke 22:43–44; Matthew 26:40; 27:1–2. In place of the Cherubic Hymn and “Let our mouths be filled,” sing “At your Mystical Supper.” Axion from Triodion: “Come o faithful, let us feast at the Master’s banquet.” Eucharist for the sick is prepared. **Evening: Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels** - between the 5th and 6th Gospels, the Cross is carried out from the Altar to the middle of the church.

3 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 (Epitaphion) out of altar at “Glory” of Aposticha. **Evening: Matins of Holy Saturday, Lamentations and Entombing.** According to Byzantine tradition, Lamentations are sung after the Praises, immediately before 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, the Litanies and Dismissal.

4 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Follow Triodion. **Liturgy of St. Basil combined with Hours, Typika and 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 texts).

5 RESURRECTION OUR LORD (PASCHA)

Follow Pentecostarion. **Midnight Office with Canon. Resurrection Service with Matins:** Procession with candles around church 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" 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 the Leave-taking of Pascha (6th Wednesday after Pascha – June 12). 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 all of Bright Week until "Lord I have called" at Thomas Sunday Vespers. Only the curtain at the Holy Doors is closed). 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.

6 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.

7 BRIGHT TUESDAY

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

10 BRIGHT FRIDAY

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

12 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. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 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."

19 SUNDAY

3rd 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; 16:1-8. Axion: "The angel cried out."

21 TUESDAY

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. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 26:1, 12-19. Gos. John 10:1-9. Axion: "The angel cried out."

26 SUNDAY

4th 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."

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2 SUNDAY

5th Sunday after Pascha - Samaritan Woman. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Antiphons of the 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."

9 SUNDAY

6th Sunday after Pascha - Man Born Blind. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 8. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Antiphons of the Tone. 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."

13 THURSDAY

Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ (Day of Heroes). 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. Antiphons of the Feast. Hymns of Ascent of Feast. Gos. Mark 16:9-20. Katavasia of Ascension. 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.

16 SUNDAY

7th 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. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Ascension and 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.

22 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."

23 SUNDAY

8th 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 Ascension and Pentecost. **Liturgy:** Festal Antiphons. Special Entrance Hymn. “All baptized in Christ” in place of “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 2:1-11. Gos. John 7:37-53; 8:12. Axion: Irmos of 9th Ode of Pentecost Canon. **After Liturgy, Great Vespers with Kneeling Prayers.**

24 MONDAY

Holy Trinity Day. Birth of St. John the Baptizer. St. Nicetas of Remesiana. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Litia. **Matins:** Combine Pentecostarion and Menaion. Polyeleos and Megalitaria. Gos. Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80. Katavasia of Pentecost. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 5:8-19; Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4. Gos. Matthew 18:10-20; Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80. Axion of the Feast.

29 SATURDAY

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

30 SUNDAY

1st Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 1. Follow Pentecostarion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Gospel of Resurrection. 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.”

THE TIPIC FOR JULY

7 SUNDAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints of America & Romania. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Gospel of Resurrection. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises: “Glory” – 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.”

14 SUNDAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost. (Holy Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council). Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 3. Combine Octoechos and Menaion (see July 13-19). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. At the 9th Ode: “More honorable.” Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 5:1–10; Titus 3:8-15. Gos. Matthew 6:22–33; John 17:1-13. Axion: “It is truly right.”

20 SATURDAY

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

21 SUNDAY

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

28 SUNDAY

5th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 5. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **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. 10:1-10. Gos. Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1. Axion: “It is truly right.”

THE TIPIC FOR AUGUST

1 THURSDAY

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

4 SUNDAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 6. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Cross. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 12:6-14. Gos. Matthew 9:1-8. Axion: "It is truly right."

6 TUESDAY

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 Transfiguration. 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.**

11 SUNDAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 15:1-7. Gos. Matthew 9:27-35. Axion: "It is truly right."

15 THURSDAY

Falling Asleep of the Birthgiver of God. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. 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.

18 SUNDAY

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

25 SUNDAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 9. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of the Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 3:9-17. Gos. Matthew 14:22-34. Axion: "It is truly right."

29 THURSDAY

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

**THE TIPIC FOR
SEPTEMBER**

1 SUNDAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost. Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 10. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. No Old Testament readings or Litia. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Cross. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Gos. Matthew 17:14-23. Axion of the Feast.

8 SUNDAY

Sunday before the Lifting of the Holy Cross. Birth of the Virgin Mary. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine Menaion with Octoechos. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Prokeimenon and Gospel of Birthgiver of God (Luke 1:39-49, 56). Katavasia of Cross. In place of "More honorable," sing the Irmos from the 9th Ode of Festal Canon. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18; Philippians 2:5-11. Gos. John 3:13-17; Luke 10:38-42; 11: 27-28. Axion of the Feast: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

14 SATURDAY

Lifting of the Holy Cross (*Strict fast*). Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. Before beginning of Vespers, the 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.

15 SUNDAY

Sunday after the Lifting of the Holy Cross. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 1. 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.

22 SUNDAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 2. 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."

26 THURSDAY

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."

29 SUNDAY

19th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 3. 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."

**THE TIPIC FOR
OCTOBER**

1 TUESDAY

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."

6 SUNDAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 4. 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."

13 SUNDAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 5. Combine Octoechos with the service of the Holy Fathers from the Menaion (between October 11-17). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **Matins:** Polyeleos. 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 MONDAY

St. Parascheva of Jassy. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos and 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."

20 SUNDAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 6. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:4-10. Gos. Luke 8:26-39. Axion: "It is truly right."

26 SATURDAY

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

27 SUNDAY

24th Sunday after Pentecost. St. Dimitrie the New (Basarabov). Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 7. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:14-22; Ephesians 4:7-13. Gos. Luke 8:41-56; Matthew 11:27-30. Axion: "It is truly right."

**THE TIPIC FOR
NOVEMBER**

3 SUNDAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 8. Follow Octoechos. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18. Gos. Luke 16:19-31. Axion: "It is truly right."

8 FRIDAY

Synaxis of Archangels Michael and Gabriel. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 1st Antiphon of Tone 4. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. At Ode 9, sing "More honorable." **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 2:2-10. Gos. Luke 10:16-21. Axion: "It is truly right."

10 SUNDAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 9. Follow Octoechos. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 4:1-7. Gos. Luke 10:25-37. Axion: "It is truly right."

13 WEDNESDAY

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

15 FRIDAY

Beginning of Fast for Nativity of the Lord.

17 SUNDAY

26th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 10. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 5:8-19. Gos. Luke 12:16-21. Axion: "It is truly right."

21 THURSDAY

Entrance of Birthgiver of God in the Temple. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent: 1st Antiphon of Tone 4. 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.

24 SUNDAY

30th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 11. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:12 -16. Gos. Luke 18:18 -27. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Entrance Canon.

30 SATURDAY

Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Readings: 1 Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-6; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:1-9; 1 Peter 4:1-11. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Gos. Matthew 4:18-23. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Gos. John 1:35-51. Axion: "More honorable".

**THE TIPIC FOR
DECEMBER**

1 SUNDAY

31st Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 1. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 1:15-17. Gos. Luke 18:35-43. Axion: "It is truly right."

6 FRIDAY

St. Nicholas the Bishop-Wonderworker. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 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."

8 SUNDAY

27th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 2. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Hymns of Ascent from Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 6:10-17. Gos. Luke 13:10-17. Axion: "It is truly right."

15 SUNDAY

28th Sunday after Pentecost – Forefathers of the Lord. Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 3. Combine Octoechos with the service of the Forefathers from Menaion between December 11-17. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. No Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. No Megalitaria. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:4-11. Gos. Luke 14:16-24. Axion: "It is truly right".

22 SUNDAY

Sunday before Birth of Christ: Ancestors of the Lord. Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine Octoechos and Menaion on December 17. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. **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 TUESDAY

Eve of Birth of Christ. Follow Menaion. (*Strict fast*). **Royal Hours:** Each Hour has Old Testament reading, Epistle and Gospel. **Typika. Vespertine 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, Litia. Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Gos. Matthew 1:18-24. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Praises. Great Doxology.

25 WEDNESDAY

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 Festal Canon.

26 THURSDAY

Synaxis of the Holy Birthgiver of God. St. Nicodemus of Tismana. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Great Prokeimenon: "Who is so great a God as our God...". Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** No Polyeleos or Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. In place of "More honorable" sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Canon for Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** 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 FRIDAY

St. Stephen the Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon. Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1st Antiphon of Tone 4). Gos. Luke 21:12-19. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. In place of "More honorable" sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Canon for Birth of Christ. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60. Gos. Matthew 21:33-44. Axion of Birth of Christ.

29 SUNDAY

Sunday after the Birth of Christ. Righteous: David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord. Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 5. Combine Octoechos with the Feast and the service for the Sunday after the Birth of Christ. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. "More honorable". **Liturgy of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis. Galatians 1:11-19. Gos. Matthew 2:13-23. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

31 TUESDAY

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