

## THE TIPIC FOR JANUARY

### 1 SATURDAY

**Circumcision of Our Lord. St. Basil the Great.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria 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.**

### 2 SUNDAY

**Sunday before Theophany.** Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 10. 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.”

### 5 WEDNESDAY

**Eve of Theophany.** Follow Menaion. **Royal Hours. Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 9:19-10:4. Gos. Luke 3:1-18. Axion: “In you o woman full of grace.” **Great Blessing of Waters. Tuesday evening: Great Compline, Litia.**

### 6 THURSDAY

**Holy Theophany.** Follow Menaion. **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. John:** 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Theophany Canon. **Great Blessing of Waters.**

### 7 FRIDAY

**St. John the Forerunner and Baptizer.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers.** After Entrance, sing Great Prokiemenon: “Our God in heaven and on earth has done everything He willed.” Old Testament readings of the Feast of Epiphany. 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 of St. John:** Regular Antiphons. “Holy God.” Epis. Acts 19:1-8. Gos. John 1:29-34. Axion: Irmos of 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Theophany Canon. All dismissals begin with “May he who was baptized in the Jordan by John...”.

### 9 SUNDAY

**Sunday after Theophany.** Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 11. 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Theophany Canon.

## 16 SUNDAY

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 1. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:4-11. Gos. Luke 17:12-19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

## 23 SUNDAY

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 2. . **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 1:15-17. Gos. Luke 18:35-43. Axion: “It is truly right.”

## 30 SUNDAY

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John the Golden-mouth.** Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 3. Combine Octoechos with Menaion. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Readings for Saints. Litia for Saints. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Presentation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Hebrews 13:7-16. Gos. Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 5:14-19. Axion: “It is truly right.”

## THE TIPIC FOR FEBRUARY

### 2 TUESDAY

**Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent: 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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...”.

### 6 SUNDAY

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Presentation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1. Gos. Matthew 15:21-28. Axion: “It is truly right.”

### 13 SUNDAY

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Publican and Pharisee.** Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 5. 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 Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. 2 Timothy 3:10-15. Gos. Luke 18:10-14. Axion: “It is truly right”.

## 20 SUNDAY

**34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Prodigal Son.** Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 6. **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.”

## 26 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.

## 27 SUNDAY

**35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Farewell to Meat – Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 7. 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.”

## THE TIPIC FOR MARCH

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30

## 6 SUNDAY

**36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Forgiveness Sunday - Farewell to Dairy. Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Martyrs of Communist Persecution.** Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 8. 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.” **Memorial Service for the Martyrs of Communist Persecution. Forgiveness Vespers:** Prostrations. Prayer of St. Ephraim.

## 7 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.

## 9 TUESDAY

**Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste** (*transferred to March 6 or March 12*). Combine Menaion and Triodion. If it is the patronal feast of the church, celebrate Presanctified Liturgy, at which the readings are: Epis. Hebrews 12:1-10. Gos. Matthew 20:1-16 after “Let my prayer arise”. The Liturgy of St. John is celebrated only when the feast falls on Saturday or Sunday. Since it falls on the first Wednesday of Great Lent, the service for the Saints is transferred either to Farewell to Dairy Sunday (March 6) or to the first Saturday of Great Lent (March 12).

## 12 SATURDAY

**St. Theodore of Tyre.** Follow Triodion. Vespers was celebrated on Friday together with the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Friday 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.**

## 13 SUNDAY

**1st Sunday of Great Lent – Orthodoxy.** Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 4. Combine Triodion and Octoechos. **Great Vespers.** Entrance. Tropar of Resurrection and of Holy Icons. **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.”

## 20 SUNDAY

**2nd Sunday of Great Lent – St. Gregory Palamas.** Tone 2. Mat. Gos.10. 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.”

## 25 FRIDAY

**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. Megalinaria. Gos. Luke 1:39-56. Combine Festal Canon with Canon from Triodion. In place of “More honorable” sing Irmos of Ode 9. Small Doxology. **Vesperal 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Annunciation Canon.

## 27 SUNDAY

**3rd Sunday of Great Lent – The Cross.** Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 11. 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.”

## THE TIPIC FOR APRIL

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20

## 3 SUNDAY

**4th Sunday of Great Lent – St. John of the Ladder.** Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 1. 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.”

## 6 WEDNESDAY

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

## 8 FRIDAY

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

## 10 SUNDAY

**5th Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary of Egypt.** Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 2. 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.”

## 16 SATURDAY

**Raising of Lazarus.** Follow Triodion. **Vespers** for Lazarus celebrated on the eve (Friday) together with the **Presanctified Holy Liturgy.** **Matins:** No Polyeleos, Megalynaria 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.

## 17 SUNDAY

**Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday).** Follow Triodion. **Great Vespers:** Litia. 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.**

## 18- GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY to

## 20 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**, to commemorate the 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 in Romania, Unction is celebrated on Thursday after the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great or Friday after the service of the Royal Hours.

## 21 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Gospels, the Cross is carried out from the Altar to the middle of the church.

## 22 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.

## 23 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

**Great Martyr George** (Service moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Pascha). 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).

## 24 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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 25 BRIGHT MONDAY

**Vespers, Matins and Liturgy:** Follow Pentecostarion. For the service of **St. George**, see the Menaion or Triodion. Epistle & Gospel of the Saint: Acts 12:1-11. Gos. John 15:17-27; 16:1-2. Katavasia and Axion of Pascha until Ascension.

## 26 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.”

## 29 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.

## THE TIPIC FOR MAY

### 1 SUNDAY

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Megalinarina. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Pascha. At 9<sup>th</sup> 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.”

### 8 SUNDAY

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pascha – Myrrhbearing Women.** Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 4. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of Pascha. At 9<sup>th</sup> Ode, sing “More honorable.” Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Acts 6:1-8. Gos. Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-7. Axion: “The angel cried out.”

### 15 SUNDAY

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

### 21 SATURDAY

**Sts. Constantine and Helen.** Combine Pentecostarion and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalinarina. 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.”

### 22 SUNDAY

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.”

### 29 SUNDAY

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

## THE TIPIC FOR JUNE

### 2 THURSDAY

**Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ (Day of Heroes- Romania).** 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 Ascension and 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Ascension Canon. In place of “We have seen the true light”, sing Tropar of Ascension.

### 5 SUNDAY

**7th Sunday after Pascha – Holy Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Ascension Canon. In place of “We have seen the true light”, sing Tropar of Ascension.

### 11 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.”

### 12 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of Pentecost Canon. **After Liturgy, Great Vespers with Kneeling Prayers.**

### 13 MONDAY

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

### 19 SUNDAY

**1st 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.”

## 24 THURSDAY

**Birth of St. John the Baptizer.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 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."

## 26 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" 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."

## 29 WEDNESDAY

**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."

## THE TIPIC FOR JULY

### 3 SUNDAY

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 3. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. Katavasia of Annunciation. At 9<sup>th</sup> Ode: "More honorable." Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 5:1-10. Gos. Matthew 6:22-33. Axion: "It is truly right."

### 10 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. Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 6:18-23. Gos. Matthew 8:5-13. Axion: "It is truly right."

### 17 SUNDAY

**5th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.** 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."

### 20 WEDNESDAY

**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."

## 24 SUNDAY

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

## 31 SUNDAY

**7th Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 7. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of Tone. "Seeing the Resurrection." Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Praises. Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Epis. Romans 15:1-7. Gos. Matthew 9:27-35. Axion: "It is truly right."

## THE TIPIC FOR AUGUST

### 1 MONDAY

**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.

### 6 SATURDAY

**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.

### 7 SUNDAY

**8th Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 8. Combine Octoechos and Menaion (see July 13-19). **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** No Polyeleos. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Katavasia of the Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Titus 3:8-15. Gos. Matthew 14:14-22; John 17:1-13. Axion: "It is truly right."

### 14 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."

## 15 MONDAY

**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.

## 21 SUNDAY

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 10. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Resurrectional Gospel. Katavasia of Cross until September 22. **Liturgy:** Epis. 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. Gos. Matthew 17:14-23. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Dormition Canon.

## 28 SUNDAY

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

## 29 MONDAY

**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.”

## THE TIPIC FOR SEPTEMBER

### 1 THURSDAY

**Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year.** Follow Menaion.

### 4 SUNDAY

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

### 8 THURSDAY

**Nativity of Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary.** Follow of Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **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.

## 11 SUNDAY

**Sunday before the Lifting of the Holy Cross.** Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 2. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Cross. **Liturgy:** Epis. Galatians 6:11-18. Gos. John 3:13-27. Axion: "It is truly right."

## 14 WEDNESDAY

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

## 18 SUNDAY

**Sunday after the Lifting of the Holy Cross.** Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 3. 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.

## 25 SUNDAY

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 6. Mat. Gos. 4. 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 MONDAY

**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."

## THE TIPIC FOR OCTOBER

### 1 SATURDAY

**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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode, sing “More honorable.” **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 9:1-7. Gos. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. Axion: “It is truly right.”

### 2 SUNDAY

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 5. 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.”

### 9 SUNDAY

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 6. 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.”

### 14 FRIDAY

**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.”

### 16 SUNDAY

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.** Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 7. Combine Octoechos with the service of the Holy Fathers from the Menaion found between October 11-17. **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.”

### 23 SUNDAY

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 8. Combine Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:4-10. Gos. Luke 8:26-39. Axion: “It is truly right.”

### 26 WEDNESDAY

**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 THURSDAY

**St. Dimitrie the New (Basarabov).** Same order of service as on October 26.

**Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 4:7-13. Gos. Luke 10:16-22.

## 30 SUNDAY

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 3. Mat. Gos. 9. 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."

## THE TIPIC FOR NOVEMBER

### 6 SUNDAY

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 4. Mat. Gos. 10. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** Katavasia of Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 2:14-22. Gos. Luke 8:41-56. Axion: "It is truly right."

### 8 MONDAY

**Synaxis of Archangels Michael and Gabriel.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

### 13 SUNDAY

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. St. John Chrysostom.** Tone 5. Mat. Gos. 11. Combine the Octoechos and Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Resurrectional tropars and tropars for the saint. Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Resurrectional Hymns of Blessings. Hymns of Ascent of the Tone. Resurrectional Gospel. "Seeing the resurrection". Ps. 50. Katavasia of Annunciation. Exapostilar of Tone and of Saint. Praises of the Tone (4) and of Saint (4). Glory...Saint, now and ever..."You are most blessed...". Great Doxology. **Liturgy:** Regular Antiphons. "Holy God." Epis. Ephesians 4:1-7; Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2. Gos. Luke 10:25-37; John 10:1-9. Axion: "It is truly right."

### 15 TUESDAY

Beginning of Fast for Nativity of the Lord.

### 20 SUNDAY

**26<sup>th</sup> 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 Annunciation. **Liturgy:** Epis. Ephesians 5:8-19. Gos. Luke 12:16-21. Axion: "It is truly right."

### 21 MONDAY

**Entrance of Birthgiver of God in the Temple.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. 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.

## 27 SUNDAY

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 7. Mat. Gos. 2. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. **Matins:** : Katavasia of Birth of Christ. **Liturgy:** Epis. Colossians 3:12-16. Gos. Luke 18:18-27. Axion: “It is truly right”.

## 30 WEDNESDAY

**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

## 4 SUNDAY

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.** Tone 8. Mat. Gos. 3. **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.”

## 6 TUESDAY

**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. **Liturgy:** Epis. Hebrews 13:17-21. Gos. Luke 6:17-23. Axion: “It is truly right.”

## 11 SUNDAY

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Forefathers and Patriarchs.** Tone 1. Mat. Gos. 4. 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 1:12-18. Gos. Luke 14:16-24. Axion: “It is truly right”.

## 18 SUNDAY

**Sunday before Birth of Christ: Genealogy of Christ the Savior.** Tone 2. Mat. Gos. 5. 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 SATURDAY

**Saturday before the Birth of Christ. Eve of Birth of Christ. Vesperal Liturgy of St. John:** Epis. Galatians 3:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-12. Gos. Luke 23:19-29; Luke 2:1-20. Axion: “It is truly right”. **Evening - Great Compline with Litia combined with Festal Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent for Feast days. Gos. Matthew 1:18-25. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. At Ode 9, in place of “More honorable”, sing Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon. Exapostilaria and Praises of the Feast. Great Doxology.

## 25 SUNDAY

**Birth of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.** Follow Menaion. **Liturgy of St. Basil:** 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 MONDAY

**Synaxis of the Holy Birthgiver of God. St. Nicodemus of Tismana.** Follow Menaion. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. 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. Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 2:11-18. Gos. Matthew 2:13-23. Axion: Irmos of Ode 9 of Festal Canon.

## 27 TUESDAY

**St. Stephen the Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon.** Follow Menaion. Combine service of the Saint with service of the Feast. **Great Vespers:** Entrance. Old Testament readings. Litia. **Matins:** Polyeleos. Megalitaria. Hymns of Ascent (1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon of Tone 4). Gos. Luke 21:12-19. Katavasia of Birth of Christ. At Ode 9, instead of “More honorable”, sing the troparia from 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.

## 31 THURSDAY

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