

Rubrics for civil calendar dates of September 1-30, 2017.¹ These rubrics are indebted to the work of Fr Paul Mercurief, of blessed memory. Memory eternal!²

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August 21 / September 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Apostle Thaddeus. Martyr Vassa. The resurrection service from the octoechos is combined with the service of the afterfeast of Dormition and St Thaddeus. St Vassa's celebration is set aside.

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 4 of the resurrection T-4: "We glorify your resurrection on the third day ..." + 3 of the feast, T-2³ "Come, O lightbearers, with luminous and holy songs ..." + 3 of St Thaddeus, T-8 "O blessed Apostle Thaddeus ..." **Glory**, T-6, feast: "Come, let us keep the feast shared by all the world ..." **NE**: dogmaticon T-4, "The prophet David was a Father ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of the day, T-6: "The Lord is king ..." Augmented litany. Vouchsafe. Supplication litany. **Litya**:⁴ All feast, T-2 "Remember those who earnestly call to you ..." **GNE**, same tone "All you choirs of the heavens, sing praises ..." **Aposticha**: resurrection T-4 (octoechos) "By ascending the Cross, O Lord ..." **GNE**: feast, T-8 "Today choirs of virgins stand mystically ..." **Dismissal troparia: At vespers alone**: resurrection T-4: "When the women disciples ..." **Glory**, apostle, T-3 "O holy apostle Thaddeus ..." **NE**: feast, T-1 "In giving birth, you preserved your virginity ..." **At vigil**: Rejoice, Virgin ... (2x); feast (1x).

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparia** resurrection T-4: "When the women disciples ..." (*twice*), **Glory**, Apostle, T-3 "O holy apostle Thaddeus ..." **NE**: feast, T-1 "In giving birth ..." Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: resurr. T-4. **Polyeleos**.⁵ **Evlogitaria**: "The assembly of angels ..." Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-4). **2nd resurrection Gospel**: Mark 16:1-8 #70. "Having beheld the resurrection." After psalm 50, **Glory**: T-6, "Through the prayers of the apostles ..."; **NE**: theotokion, T-6, "Through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." "Have mercy on me ..." and stanza, T-6: "Jesus has risen from the tomb ..." **Litany**: "O God save ..." **Canons (4)**: 2 octoechos + 2 menaion, Aug. 21): 4 resurrection, T-4, with irmos (irmos sung once), + 2 Theotokos, + 4 feast, 2nd canon, + 4 apostle Thaddeus. **Irmos**: "In days of old ..." **Katavasia**s: Dormition: "Your sacred and renowned memorial ..." **After ode 3: kontakion of feast**, T-2 "Neither the tomb ..." & icos. **Kontakion** of St Thaddeus, T-4 "The Church has acquired you as a brilliant star ..." Sessional hymns from menaion. **After ode 6: kontakion** of resurrection, T-4: "Hell became afraid ..." & icos "Let all of us born on earth ..." **After ode 8**: Magnificat. **After ode 9**: Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria**: resurrection #2 "When they saw the stone rolled away, the Myrrhbearers ..." **Glory**: St Thaddeus: "You were shown as Edessa's luminary ..." **NE**: Dormition, "O you Apostles ..." "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8**: 4 resurrection, T-4 "Almighty Lord who endured the Cross ..." + 4 feast, T-2 "Remember those who earnestly call to you ..." (From matins aposticha for Aug. 21, with the "Glory". Before the last 2 stanzas we say the verses "Arise, O Lord, into your rest ..." (and) "The Lord has sworn truth to David ..." - see menaion.) **Glory**: Gospel sticheron #2, T-2: "The women who came with Mary ..." **NE**: T-2 "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology**. After trisagion: **Troparion of resurrection**: "By rising from the tomb ..." **Litanies and Sunday dismissal**.

HOURS (1st & 6th) **Troparia**: resurrection; **Glory**: feast. **kontakion**: feast.

(3rd & 9th) **Troparia**: resurrection; **Glory**: St Thaddeus. **kontakion**: resurrection.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 10: 6 resurrection T-4 (octoechos), + 4 from 1st & 2nd canons of the feast, ode 7. **At entrance**: "... who rose from the dead ..." **After entrance**: In temple of the Lord or of the Theotokos: **troparia**: resurrection, feast, apostle; **kontakia**: resurrection, **Glory**: apostle; **NE**: feast. In

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2 The Moscow typicon, Slavonic, Greek, and English service books, St. Tikhon's Calendar and Rubrics, and rubrics at the Moscow Patriarchate website were also consulted.

3 From the vespers aposticha for August 21 (menaion), without the verses.

4 From matins aposticha (menaion Aug. 21). The verses are omitted.

5 In parish use the polyeleos is usually sung at the Sunday all-night vigil. According to the typicon, Ps. 118 (the 17th kathisma, "Blessed are the blameless") is chanted at this time of the year.

temple of a saint: **troparia**: resurrection, feast, temple, apostle; **kontakia**: resurrection; temple; **Glory**: apostle; **NE**: feast. **Prokeimenon**: resurr. T-4: "O Lord, how manifold are your works; in wisdom have you made them all." v. "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great." (*and T-3*:) "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." **Epistle**: 1 Cor. 16:13-24. **Alleluia** T-4: "Go forth, and prosper and reign, because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness." v. "You love righteousness, and have hated iniquity." (*and, T-2*:) "Arise, O Lord, into your rest: you and the ark of your holiness." **Gospel**: Matthew 21:33-42. **Hymn to the Theotokos**: refrain & irmos from the festal canon, ode 9: "The angels as they looked ..." (*and*) "The limits of nature are overcome ..." **Communion**: "Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the highest!" & "I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord." Alleluia (3).

August 23 / September 5 Tuesday. Leave-taking of the Dormition. The texts are the same as on the feast day. At daily vespers, Lord I call: sung on 6. No entrance, readings, or litya. At daily matins, no polyeleos, gospel, or prayer "O Lord save ..."; great doxology is sung.

August 25 / September 7 Thursday. Apostles Bartholomew & Titus. The service is found in the menaion (Aug. 25) and in the octoechos (T-4, Thursday).

DAILY VESPERS No kathisma. **Lord, I Call** on 6: 3 Apostle Bartholomew, T-4 "Let us fittingly bless the glorious Bartholomew ..." + 3 Apostle Titus, T-4 "You proclaimed the tri-personal Godhead ..." **Glory**, T-2, Bartholomew: "O Apostle Bartholomew, you forsook ..." **NE**: theotokion T-2, "Rejoice, O Mary, Birthgiver of God ..." ⁶ No entrance. Prokeimenon of the day. **Aposticha**: octoechos, T-4 "By the Holy Spirit, O Christ, you enlightened ..." **GNE**: theotokion, T-4 "Deliver us from every ..." **Dismissal troparia**: Apostles, T-3 "O holy apostles Bartholomew and Titus ..." **GNE**: theotokion, T-3: "The beauty of your virginity ..." ⁷

August 28 / September 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. St Moses the Black. **Uncovering of the Relics of Venerable Job, Abbot of Pochaev.** The service combines the octoechos and the menaion. The service of St Job is found in the menaion (see October 28, his other date of commemoration) and for St Moses see August 28.

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 4 resurrection T-5: "By your precious Cross ..." + 3 of St Job, T-8 "O Venerable Father Job! ..." + 3 of St Moses, T-8 "The renowned Moses abandoned worldly pleasures ..." **Glory**: St Job, T-5 "Like David, we sing today in your memory ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-5, "In the Red Sea of old ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day, T-6: "The Lord is king ..." 3 readings for St Job: **a.** Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9. **b.** Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3. **c.** Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15. **Litya**: 1 temple, then St Job, T-8 "O come, all you assemblies ..." **Glory**: T-2 "Your lavra exults today ..." **NE**: T-2 Theotokion: "All my hope I place in you ..." **Aposticha**: resurrection T-5: "We magnify you in songs ..." **Glory**: St Job T-8: "We honor you, O Job our Father, the instructor ..." **NE**: resurr. apost. theot., T-8 "O unwedded Virgin ...!" **Dismissal troparia**: **At vespers alone**: resurrection T-5: "Let us the faithful ..." **Glory**: St Job T-4 "Having acquired the patience ..." **NE**: resurr. theotokion T-4: "The mystery hidden from eternity ..." **At vigil**: "Rejoice, Virgin ..." (2x); St Job (1x).

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparia** resurrection T-5: "Let us the faithful ..." (*once*), St Job T-4 "Having acquired the patience ..." (*once*), **Glory**: St Moses, T-1 "Dweller of the desert and angel in the body ..." **NE**: resurr. theotokion T-1: "When Gabriel announced ..." Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litya. Sessional hymns: octoechos, T-5. **Polyeleos. Magnification** of St Job: "We bless you, O Job, our venerable father, and we honor your holy memory, instructor of monks and converser with angels." ⁸ **Evglogitaria**: "The assembly of angels ..." Small litya. Hypakoe - tone of the week (T-5). Sessional hymns from the menaion (those appointed for both kathismas and the polyeleos). Hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-5). **3rd resurrection gospel**: Mark 16:9-20 #71. "Having beheld the resurrection." After psalm 50, **Glory**: T-6, "Through the prayers of the

6 From the lesser theotokia used when there is a "glory" at "Lord, I Call" or the aposticha, from the back of the menaion.

7 From the lesser dismissal theotokia, found in the back of the menaion.

8 Selected psalm verses, St Job: (Note: in some places, when a polyeleos-rank saint with a magnification falls on a Sunday, it is customary to sing the magnification only once, omit the selected psalms, and at once sing the evglogitaria. But if chanted, the first two selected psalm verses are:) **a.** "I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry." **b.** "He set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings aright."

apostles ...” etc. **Litany:** O God save ... **Canons (4:** 2 octoechos + 2 menaion): resurrection, T-5, with irmos on 4 (irmos sung once), + Theotokos on 2, + St Job on 4, + St Moses on 4. **Irmos:** “Christ has destroyed the armies ...” **Katavasia:** Elevation of the Cross, T-8 (Sept. 14/27): “Inscribing the invincible weapon ...” **After ode 3: kontakion** of St Job, T-4, “You were a pillar of the true faith ...” and icos, “Open your mouth, O cave of stone ...”; **kontakion** of St Moses, T-2 “Your mind was filled with a holy inspiration ...”. Sessional hymns: menaion: St Job, T-8; **Glory:** St Moses, T-3; **NE:** Theotokion. **After ode 6: kontakion** of resurrection, T-5: “You descended into hell ...” & icos. **After ode 8:** Magnificat. **After ode 9:** Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria:** resurrection #3: “Let no man not believe ...” **Glory:** St Job, “Today let the venerable Job be praised...” **NE:** resurr. theotokion #3, “O Sun, having risen ...” “Let every breath praise the Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8:** 4 resurrection, T-5 “After the tomb was sealed ...”, + 4 St. Job T-4 “Your struggles shined in the land ...” (including the “**Glory**” in T-8. Before the last two stanzas we say these verses: **a.** “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” **b.** “Blessed is the man who fears the Lord. He shall greatly delight in his commandments.”) **Glory:** gospel sticheron #3 “When Mary Magdalene ...” **NE:** T-2 “You are most blessed ...” **Great doxology.** After trisagion: **Troparion of resurrection:** “Today salvation ...” Litanies and Sunday dismissal.

HOURS 1st and 6th: troparion of resurrection, **Glory:** St Job. **kontakion:** St Job.

3rd and 9th: troparion of resurrection, **Glory:** St Moses. **kontakion:** resurrection.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 10: 6 resurrection T-5 (octoechos), + 4 from canon of St Job, ode 6. At entrance: “... who rose from the dead ...” In temple of the Lord: **Troparia:** resurrection, St Job, St Moses, **kontakia:** St Job; **Glory:** St Moses, **NE:** resurrection. In temple of Theotokos: **Troparia:** resurrection, temple, St Job, St Moses; **kontakia:** resurrection, St Job, **Glory:** St Moses; **NE:** temple. In temple of a saint: **Troparia:** resurrection, temple, St Job, St Moses; **kontakia:** resurrection, temple, St Job; **Glory:** St Moses; **NE:** “Steadfast protectress ...” **Prokeimenon:** Resurr. T-5: “You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!” v. “Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.” (*and, T-7:*) “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” **Epistle:** 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4 (Sunday) Gal. 5:22-6:2 (St Job). **Alleluia:** Resurr. T-5: “I will sing of your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your truth from generation to generation.” v. “For you have said: Mercy will be established forever; your truth will be prepared in the heavens.” (*and, T-8:*) “Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall greatly delight in his commandments.” **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14 (Sunday) Matthew 11:27-30 (St Job). **Communion:** “Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia ...”

August 29 / September 11 Monday. **Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.** Texts of the service are found in the menaion. **Fast and feast.**

GREAT VESPERS Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I call:** 8 verses, T-6: “During the celebration of shameless Herod's ...” (each stanza is sung twice); **Glory,** T-6: “During the celebration ...” (1st stanza again) **NE** T-6 dogmaticon: “Who will not bless you ...” Entrance, Prokeimenon of the day. **3 Readings: a.** Isaiah 40:1-3, 9;41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1 (Composite 8). **b.** Malachi 3:1-3, 5, 7, 12, 18; 4:4-6 (Composite 9). **c.** Wisdom of Solomon 4:7, 16-17, 19-20; 5:1-7 (Composite 3). **Litya,** T-1: “What shall we call you, O Prophet? ...” & T-4, “It was a birthday party of lawlessness ...” **Glory:** T-5: “Herod, intending ...” **NE** theotokion T-5: “Sing, O people! ...” **Aposticha,** T-2: “O Baptist John, preacher of repentance ...”, with special refrains; **Glory,** T-8: “O Forerunner of the Savior ...” **NE,** res. aposticha theot. T-8: “O unwedded Virgin ...” **Troparia: At great vespers alone:** forerunner, T-2: “The memory of the righteous...” **GNE,** resurr. apost. theot. T-2: “All beyond thought ...” **At vigil:** forerunner (2x); **GNE:** “Rejoice, Virgin Theotokos...” (1x).

FESTAL MATINS **Troparion,** forerunner, T-2: “The memory of the righteous...” (*twice*), **GNE,** res. apost. theot. T-2: “All beyond thought ...” **Kathismas** 4, 5. Small litany. Sessional hymns, forerunner: “Come, O you faithful ...” **Polyeleos. Magnification:** “We magnify you, O John, Baptizer of our Savior, and we honor your honorable beheading.” Selected psalm: **a.** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord. **b.** He shall greatly delight in his commandments. **Little litany.** Sessional hymns of forerunner for polyeleos: “You have shone forth ...” Hymn of ascents: 1st antiphon in T-4: “From my youth.” Prokeimenon, T-4 (menaion). “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” v. “What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has rendered to me?” **Gospel:** Matt.

14:1-13. After Psalm 50: **Glory**, T-6: "Through the prayers of the holy glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John..." **NE** "Through the prayers of the Theotokos..." "Have mercy on me ..." Festal stanza, T-6: "As she danced ..." **Litany**: O God save ... **Canons (2: both menaion)**. Forerunner on 12: 1st canon, with irmos on 8 (irmos 2x), & 2nd canon, on 6. **Irmoi**, T-8: "Having crossed the water ..." **Katavasias**, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon ..." (Elevation of the Cross, Sept 14/27). **After ode 3**: sessional hymns: menaion. **After ode 6**: kontakion of forerunner, T-5: "The glorious beheading ..." & ikos. **Magnificat**. (No "It is truly".) **Exapostilaria**: forerunner: "Let us crown with songs ..." **Glory**: "O wanton Herod ..." **NE**: theotokion in menaion: "By your divine childbearing ..." "Let every breath" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises**, on 4: T-8: "O most marvellous wonder ..." (1st stanza is sung 2x) **Glory**, T-6: "Herodias is at times ..." **NE**: T-6: "O Theotokos, you are the true vine..." (from Book of Hours, 3rd Hour). **Great Doxology. Troparion**, T-2: "The memory of the righteous..." **GNE**, res. apost. theot. T-2: "All beyond thought ..." **Litanies and dismissal**.

HOURS Troparion: Forerunner. **Kontakion**: Forerunner.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8: from the canons of the forerunner (menaion): 4 from 1st canon, ode 3 (with irmos), + 4 from 2nd canon, ode 6. "... O Son of God, through the prayers of your Forerunner, save us who sing ..." **After entrance**: In temple of the Lord or of Theotokos: troparia: temple, forerunner; **glory**: kontakion of forerunner; **NE**: of temple. In temple of a saint: troparion of forerunner; **glory**: kontakion of forerunner; **NE**: "Steadfast Protectress of Christians ..." Trisagion. **Prokeimenon**, T-7: "The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in him." v. "Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you." **Epistle**: Acts 13:25-32. **Alleluia**, T-4: "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." v. "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." **Gospel**: Mark 6:14-30. (The daily readings are read the day before.) **Communion**: "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance ..." "It is truly" is sung. Dismissal. On this day: memorial service (panikhida) commemorating all the soldiers, and all who died in battles; cf. book of needs.

August 31 / September 13 Wednesday. **Placing of the Sash (Cincture, Belt) of the Most Holy Theotokos**. The service is found in the menaion.

DAILY VESPERS Kathisma 9. **Lord, I Call** on 6: T-4 "The shrine which holds your Belt ..." (each stanza is repeated); **GNE**, Theotokos, T-2: "The Church of God is clad in your holy Belt ..." **Entrance**, prokeimenon of day. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Aposticha**: Theotokos, T-4 "You have given your cincture to your city ..." (with special verses); **GNE** Theotokos, T-2 "Having cleansed our mind and thoughts ..." **Dismissal Troparia**: Theotokos, T-8: "O Ever-virgin Theotokos, shelter of humankind ..." (*once*).

September 1 / 14 Thursday. **Church New Year**, also called the indiction. St Symeon the Stylite and his mother Martha. Martyr Aithalas the deacon. 40 virgin ascetics and martyrs and their teacher, Ammonas, the deacon. Righteous Joshua, the son of Nun. The service is found in the menaion (Sept. 1).

GREAT VESPERS (not at vigil). Begin as daily vespers. "Blessed is the man": 1st antiphon. **Lord, I Call** on 10: 3 new year, T-1 "Let us cry out every day to the Creator ..." + 7 St Symeon: 3 in T-5 "O venerable Father, if it were ..." + 4 in T-2. **Glory**: St Symeon, T-6: "Divine grace overshadowed the chest ..." **NE**, T-6 "O timeless Word and Son ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day, T-6: "The Lord is king ..." **3 readings** (new year): **a.** Isaiah 61:1-9 . **b.** Leviticus 26:3-12, 14-17, 19-20, 22, 33, 23-24 (Composite 24). **c.** Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15. **Aposticha**: new year, T-1 "The entrance of the year ..." & T-2 (with special verses) **Glory**: St Symeon, T-5: "O holy Father, you devised a good ladder ..." **NE**: new year, T-5: "You, O King, who remain forever ..." **Dismissal troparia**: new year, T-2: "O Creator of the universe ..." **Glory**: T-1, St Symeon "You were a pillar of patient ..." **NE**, T-1 theotokion (menaion) "Rejoice O Virgin Theotokos full of Grace ..."

MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparia** new year, T-2: "O Creator of the universe ..." (*twice*), **Glory**: T-1, St Symeon "You were a pillar of patient ..." **NE**, T-1 theotokion (menaion) "Rejoice O Virgin Theotokos ..." Kathismas 13, 14. Little litany. Sessional hymns: menaion. Psalm 50. **Canons (3: menaion)**: new year, with irmos on 6 (irmos sung twice), + holy martyred women on 4, + St Symeon on 4. **Irmos**: "Let us, all peoples, sing a song of victory ..." **Katavasias**: Elevation of the Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon ..." **After ode 3**: kontakion of new year, T-2 "Living in the heights, O Christ our King ..." Sessional hymns: new year, T-8 "Bestower of fruitful seasons ..."; St Symeon, T-8: "Having abandoned all worldly things ..." **Glory**, martyrs, T-

1; **NE** theotokion in menaion. **After ode 6:** kontakion of St Symeon, T-2 "Seeking the things on high ..." & icos. **After ode 8:** Magnificat. **After ode 9:** No "It is truly ..." **Exapostilaria:** new year "O Lord and God of gods ..." **Glory:** St Symeon "Your life ..." **NE:** another of the new year: "O Maker and Ruler ..." "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 4:** 3 new year, T-3, "O pre-eternal Word ..." & T-4, "Your kingdom ...", "Your journeys ..." +1 of the holy women martyrs, T-2 "When by your passion ..." **Glory:** St Symeon, T-2 "The sacred Symeon blossomed as a good fruit ..." **NE:** new year, T-8 "O Christ, Word and God ..." **Great doxology. Troparia as at the end of vespers.** Litanies and dismissal.

HOURS (1st & 6th.) **Troparia:** new year; **Glory:** St Symeon. **Kontakion:** new year.
(3rd & 9th.) **Troparia:** new year; **Glory:** St Symeon. **Kontakion:** St Symeon.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8: 4 from canon of new year, ode 3, with irmos, + 4 from canon of St Symeon ode 6. In temple of the Lord: **troparia:** new year, Theotokos T-1, St Symeon. **kontakia: Glory:** St Symeon; **NE:** new year. In temple of Theotokos: **troparia:** new year, Theotokos T-1, St Symeon. **Kontakia:** new year; **Glory:** St Symeon; **NE:** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia:** new year, Theotokos T-1, temple, St Symeon. **kontakia:** temple; **Glory:** St Symeon; **NE:** new year. **Prokeimenon:** T-3: "Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure." v. "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God" (new year) & T-7: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (St Symeon). **Epistle:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (new year) Colossians 3:12-16 (St Symeon). **Alleluia** T-4: "Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem." v. "Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord" (new year) & T-4: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments" (St Symeon). **Gospel:** Luke 4:16-22 (new year) Matthew 11:27-30 (St Symeon). **Communion:** "Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord" & "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance ..." Alleluia ... (Note: see *Book of needs*, vol. 4, for prayer service for beginning of the new year.)

September 4 / 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Hieromartyr Babylas. Prophet and God-seer Moses. Resurrection service from the octoechos is combined with the service of the saints from the menaion (Sept. 4).

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 4 resurrection T-6: "Possessing the victory ..." + 3 hieromartyr, T-6 "Having dyed your sacred vestment ..." + 3 prophet, T-4 "Instructed in the divine mystery ..." **Glory,** Babylas, T-6 "The Church has acquired your sacred feats ..." **NE:** dogmaticon, T-6 "Who will not call you blessed ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day, T-6: "The Lord is king ..." Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya:** 1 of the temple, + theotokion. **Aposticha:** resurrection, T-6 "Your Resurrection, O Christ ..." **Glory,** St Babylas, T-6 "Standing before the tyrant's judgment seat ..." **NE** Theotokion, T-6 "My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord ..." **Dismissal Troparia: At vespers alone:** resurrection T-6: "The angelic powers were at your tomb ..." **Glory,** St Babylas, T-4 "Sharing the character and ways of the Apostles ..." **NE** Resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery hidden from all the ages ..." **At vigil:** T-4, "Rejoice, Virgin ..." (*thrice*).

SUNDAY MATINS **At God is the Lord: Troparia:** resurrection T-6: "The angelic powers were at your tomb ..." (*once*); hieromartyr, T-4 "Sharing the character and ways ..." (*once*); **Glory,** prophet, T-2 "As we celebrate, O Lord, the memory ..." **NE:** resurr. theotokion, T-2: "All beyond thought ..." Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: resurr., T-6. **Polyeleos. Evlogitaria:** "The assembly of angels ..." Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week, T-6. **4th resurr. gospel:** Luke 24:1-12 #112. "Having beheld the resurrection." After psalm 50, **Glory:** "Through the prayers of the apostles ..." **NE:** "Through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." "Have mercy on me ..." resurr. stanza, T-6: "Jesus having risen from the tomb ..." Litany: O God, save ... **Canons (4:** 2 octoechos + 2 menaion): resurrection T-6, with irmos, on 4 (irmos sung once), + 2 Theotokos, + 4 hieromartyr, + 4 prophet. **Irmos:** "When Israel crossed the sea ..." **Katavasia:** Elevation of the Cross, Sept. 14/27, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon ..." **After ode 3: kontakion** of the hieromartyr, T-8, and icos. **kontakion** of the prophet. **Sessional hymns,** menaion. **After ode 6: kontakion** of resurrection, T-6: "When Christ God, the giver of life ..." & icos, "Let us the faithful praise ..." **Magnificat. After ode 9:** Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria:** resurrection #4: "Lightning-bright with virtues, let us behold ..." **Glory:** hieromartyr (in menion); **NE:** resurrection theotokion #4. "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8:** resurrection, T-6, "Your cross, O Lord ..." **Glory:** 4th gospel sticheron: T-4, "It was early dawn and the women ..." **NE:** T-2 "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology.** After Holy God: **Troparion**

of resurrection: “By rising from the tomb ...” **Litanies and resurrectional dismissal.**

HOURS (1st & 6th): **Troparia:** resurrection; **Glory:** hieromartyr. **Kontakion:** resurrection.
(3rd & 9th): **Troparia:** resurrection; **Glory:** prophet. **Kontakion:** resurrection.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular (typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8: Resurrection T-6. **At entrance:** “... Who rose from the dead ...” **After entrance:** In temple of the Lord: **troparia:** resurrection, hieromartyr, prophet; **kontakia:** hieromartyr; **Glory:** prophet; **NE:** resurrection. In temple of the Theotokos: **troparia:** resurrection, temple, hieromartyr, prophet; **kontakia:** resurrection, hieromartyr; **Glory:** prophet; **NE:** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia:** resurrection, temple, hieromartyr; prophet; **kontakia:** resurrection, temple, hieromartyr; **Glory:** prophet; **NE:** “Steadfast protectress ...” **Prokeimenon:** T-6. “O Lord save your people, and bless your inheritance” v. “To you, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.” **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. **Alleluia** T-6: “He who dwells in the help of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.” v. “He shall say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in whom I will trust.” **Gospel:** Matthew 22:35-46 **Hymn to the Theotokos:** “It is truly ...” **Communion:** “Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest” Alleluia (3).

September 5 / 18 Monday. **Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth**

September 7 / 20 Wednesday. **Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

September 8 / 21 Thursday. **Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary.** The service is found in the menaion.

GREAT VESPERS Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I Call** on 8: T-6 “Today God who rests on the spiritual thrones ...” (1st & 2nd stanzas are sung once each; 3rd & 4th stanzas are sung twice each; 5th & 6th are sung only once each); **GNE:** feast T-6 (same as 1st stanza), “Today God who rests ...” Entrance, prokeimenon of day, T-6: “The Lord is king ...” **3 readings:** a. Gen. 28:10-17. b. Ezek 43:27-44:4. c. Prov. 9:1-11. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya:** feast, T-1 “The first-fruit of our salvation ...” & T-2. **GNE** feast, T-8: “On this solemn day of our ...” **Aposticha:** T-4 “The joy of all the world ...” (with special verses); **GNE:** T-8 “Come, all you faithful ...” **Dismissal troparion,** T-4: “Your nativity, O Virgin ...” (**At vespers alone,** 1x; **at vigil:** 3x)

FESTAL MATINS **At God is the Lord:** **Troparia:** feast, T-4: “Your nativity, O Virgin ...” (*twice*); **GNE** (3rd time). Kathismas 13, 14. Little litany. Sessional hymns of the feast after each kathisma: “Cry out, O David ...” etc. **Polyeleos. Magnification** of feast: “We magnify you, O most holy Virgin, and we honor your holy parents and praise your all-glorious Nativity.”⁹ Selected psalm verses: a. “Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness.” b. “How he made an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob.” Sessional hymns: feast, T-8, “Let the heavens rejoice ...”; **GNE:** another, T-8: “Be renewed, O Adam ...” Hymn of ascents: 1st antiphon in T-4: “From my youth ...” **Prokeimenon** of feast, T-4: “I will remember your name in generation after generation.” v. “My heart overflows with a good word; I will speak of my works to the king.” **Gospel:** feast: Luke 1:39-49, 56. “Having beheld the resurrection.” After psalm 50, **Glory:** “Through the prayers of the Theotokos ...” **NE:** (*repeat*). “Have mercy on me ...” festal stanza, T-6: “This is the day of the Lord ...” Litany: “O God, save ...” **Canons (2:** from menaion): feast, 2 canons, on 12 (irmos of each canon is sung twice). **Irmos,** T-2 “Come, O people ...” **Irmos,** T-8 “To him who shattered the adversaries ...” **Katavasia:** Elevation of the Cross, Sept. 14/27, T-8: “Inscribing the invincible weapon ...” **After ode 3:** sessional hymn, feast: “The Virgin Mary and Theotokos ...”; **GNE** (*repeat*). **After ode 6:** kontakion of feast, T-4: “By your nativity ...” & icos, “The prayer of Joachim over his childlessness ...” **No magnificat** – instead, we sing the refrains and troparia of the 9th ode, beginning with the **refrain** “Magnify, O my soul ...” and **irmos**, “We magnify you, O blessed and most pure ...” **After ode 9:** We sing both katavasiae from the Elevation of the Cross: “O Theotokos, you are a mystical Paradise ...” and “Death, which came upon our race ...” (**No** “It is truly ...”) **Exapostilaria:** feast: “From barren Anna today ...” **GNE** “Be renewed, O Adam ...” “Let every breath praise the Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 4:** T-1: “O marvelous wonder ...” (1st is repeated). **GNE** T-6: “This is the day of

9 During the singing of the polyeleos, the priest censes the altar, sanctuary, and royal doors. During the 1st singing of the magnification, he continually censes the icon of the feast. Then, when the singing of the selected psalm verses with repetitions of the magnification begins, he censes around the icon (if possible, that is, if it is in the center of the church) and then censes the iconostasis, the faithful, and the rest of church.

the Lord ..." **Great doxology. Troparion of feast:** "Your nativity ..." (*once*). Litanies and dismissal.

HOURS **Troparion:** feast. **Kontakion:** feast.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular (typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8: 4 from 1st canon of feast, T-2, ode 3, + 4 from 2nd canon of feast, T-8, ode 6. **At entrance:** "... through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." **After entrance: troparion:** feast; **GNE kontakion:** feast. **Prokeimenon:** Song of the Theotokos, T-3: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." v. "For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden; for behold, all generations shall call me blessed." **Epistle:**¹⁰ Philippians 2:5-11. **Alleluia,** T- 8: "Hearken O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear." v. "Before your face the richest of the people will pray." **Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28. **Hymn to the Theotokos:** refrain from 9th ode: "Magnify, O my soul ..." and irmos: "Virginity is foreign to mothers ..." **Communion:** "I will receive the cup of salvation ..." Alleluia (3).

Leavetaking: September 12 / 25

September 9 / 22 Friday. **Saints Joachim and Anna.** Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

September 11 / 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost. **Tone 7. Synaxis of all the Saints of Alaska.** Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The service of the Alaskan saints was compiled within the Diocese of Alaska of the Orthodox Church in America. Texts of the Afterfeast of Nativity are from the menaion (Sept. 11).

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 3 resurrection T-7: "Come, let us rejoice in the Lord ..." + 3 feast, T-6: "Today God, who rests upon the spiritual thrones ..." + 4 Alaskan saints, T-2: "With joy Saint Innocent, the enlightener of Alaska ..."; **Glorify,** Ak. saints, T-5: "Come all Orthodox believers of America, let us keep ..." **NE dogmaticon** T-7, "You were known to be a Mother above nature ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day. **3 Readings: a.** Isaiah 43:9-14. **b.** Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9. **c.** Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya:**¹¹ feast, T-2 "You mourned from your soul ..." (+ 2 more), then Ak. saints, T-3: "The first martyr of our land came ..." & T-5; **Glorify:** Ak. saints T-5: "Rejoice, all saints of Alaska, precious ..." **NE** feast, T-8 "On this solemn day of our feast, let us strike ..." **Aposticha:** resurrection T-7: "As the Savior of the world ..." **Glorify,** Ak. saints, T-6: "Greater love has no man than this ..." **NE** feast T-6: "Let the barren and childless Anna ..." **Dismissal troparia: At vespers alone:** resurrection T-7: "By your Cross you destroyed death ..." **Glorify:** Ak. saints, T-8 "The first-fruits of sanctity ..." **NE:** feast T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin ..." **At vigil:** "Rejoice, Virgin ..." (2x); Ak. saints (1x)

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparia:**¹² resurrection T-7: "By your Cross ..." (*once*); Ak. saints, T-8 "The first-fruits of sanctity ..." (*once*), **Glorify:** T-4: "Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates ..." **NE:** feast T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin ..." Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: octoechos, T-7. **Polyeleos. Magnification:**¹³ "We magnify, * we magnify you, * all saints who have shown forth in Alaska, * and we honor your holy memory, * for you pray for us *** unto Christ our God." **Evlogitaria:** "The assembly of angels ..." **Little litany.** Hypakoe in tone of the week (T-7). Sessional hymns: saints, T-1: "Today the world rejoices with us ..." **GNE:** feast. (These sessional hymns are found in the menaion and in the service of the saints, appointed to be read after the kathisma readings and the polyeleos). Hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-7). **5th resurr. gospel:** Luke 24:12-35 #113. "Having beheld the resurrection." After psalm 50, **Glorify:** T-6, "Through the prayers of the apostles ..." etc. as usual. Resurrection stanza, T-6: "Jesus has risen from the tomb ..." **Litany:** "O God save ..." **Canons (3:** 1 octoechos + 1 menaion + 1 saints): resurr., T-7, with irmos on 4 (irmos sung once), + feast on 4, + saints on 6. **Irmos:** "The water changed its nature ..." **Katavasia:** feast, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon ..." **After ode 3: kontakion** of feast, T-4: "By your nativity, O most

10 The daily readings are read on Tuesday.

11 The litya hymns consist of: hymns of the feast, from vespers aposticha for Sept. 11 (without the verses); the litya verses for the Alaska saints; **Glorify:** from service of the Alaska saints; **NE:** feast, from **GNE** at matins aposticha of Sept. 11.

12 Or: resurrection, T-7 (*twice*); **Glorify:** Ak. saints, T-8 "The first-fruits of sanctity ..." **NE:** feast.

13 Often when a major feast of a saint falls on a Sunday, the magnification is sung only once, by the clergy (the selected psalm verses being omitted) followed immediately by the evlogitaria. However, if sung, the 1st 2 selected psalm verses are: **a.** "Hear this all you nations; give heed, you inhabitants of the world." **b.** "My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding."

pure ..." & icos, "The prayer of Joachim over his childlessness ..." **kontakion** of Ak. saints, T-4 (found after ode 6 in the service of the saints): "Like bright stars in the sky ..." & ikos: "The saints are like comely trees ..." Sessional hymns: Ak. saints, T-4: "Today Valaam joins chorus ..." **GNE** feast (in menaion, Sept 24). **After ode 6:** kontakion of resurr., T-7: "The dominion of death can no longer ..." & icos. **After ode 8:** Magnificat. **After ode 9:** Holy is the Lord our God. (No "It is truly ...") **Exapostilaria:** resurrection #5: "Christ, the life and the way leading ..." **Glory:** Ak. saints: "The Arctic night is illumined with ..." **NE:** feast "Be renewed, O Adam ..." "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8:** 4 resurrection, T-7 "Christ is risen ...", + 4 Ak. saints, T-4: "Rejoice today, O Valaam ..." (the 4th stanza of the saints the one after "**Glory**" T-6: "We bring our thanks to you ...". Before the last 2 stanzas we say the verses from the vespers aposticha found in the service of the saints.) Then: **Glory:** gospel sticheron #5, T-5: "How wise, O Christ, are your judgments! ..." **NE:** T-2 "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology.** After trisagion: **Troparion of resurrection:** "Today salvation ..." **Litanies and Sunday dismissal.**

HOURS (1st) **Troparia:** resurrection; **Glory:** feast. **Kontakion:** feast.
 (3rd) **Troparia:** resurrection; **Glory:** saints. **Kontakion:** resurrection.
 (6th) **Troparia:** resurrection; **Glory:** feast. **Kontakion:** saints.
 (9th) **Troparia:** resurrection; **Glory:** saints. **Kontakion:** feast.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 12: 4 resurrection T-7 (octoechos), + 4 from canon of feast, odes 7 & 8, + 4 from canon of Ak. saints, ode 6. At the entrance: "... who rose from the dead ..." **After entrance: troparia:** resurrection, feast, saints; **kontakia:** resurrection; **Glory:** saints; **NE:** feast. **Trisagion** is sung. **Prokeimenon,**¹⁴ T-6 "O Lord save your people, and bless your inheritance." v. "To you, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me." (Sunday before Elevation); (*and, T-7:*) "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ak. saints). **Epistle:** Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday before) 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Sunday) Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Ak. saints). (*The 1st 2 epistle readings are read as one.*) **Alleluia** T-1: "I have exalted one chosen out of my people." v. "For my hand shall defend him and my arm shall strengthen him" (Sunday before), (*and, T-2:*) "Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness and your saints shall rejoice with joy." (Ak. saints) **Gospel:** John 3:13-17 (Sunday before) Matthew 25:14-30 (Sunday) Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Ak. saints). (*The 1st 2 gospel readings are read as one.*) **Hymn to the Theotokos:** Feast, 2nd canon, T-8: (*Refrain*) "Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious Nativity of the Mother of God" (*Irmos*) "Virginity is foreign to mothers ..." **Communion:** "Praise the Lord from the heavens ..." (*and:*) "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!" Alleluia (3x). **Sunday dismissal.**

September 13 / 26. Tuesday. Forefeast of the Elevation. Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem. Holy Hieromartyr Cornelius.

GREAT VESPERS (not at vigil). Begin as daily vespers. Kathisma 6 (no "Blessed is the man"). **Lord, I Call** on 6: 3 of the dedication, T-6 "To hold in honor festivals of consecration ..." + 3 hieromartyr, T-3 "Christ, inclining to your good deeds ..." **Glory:** dedication, T-6 "As we keep the memorial ..." **NE** forefeast T-6, "Today the wood is made manifest ..." **Entrance.** Prokeimenon of the day. **3 readings: 1.** 3 Kingdoms (1 Kings) 8:20-21, 25-28. **2.** Proverbs 3:21-37. **3.** Proverbs 9:1-11. Augmented litany, vouchsafe, supplication litany. **Aposticha:** forefeast, T-5 "Rejoice, O lifegiving Cross, invincible trophy ..." (with special verses). **Glory:** dedication, T-2 "As we celebrate the dedication ..." **NE:** forefeast, T-2 "Divine treasure hidden in the earth ..." **Dismissal troparia:** Dedication, T-4: "Like the beauty of the firmament above ..." **Glory,** hieromartyr, T-4: "Sharing the character and ways ..." **NE:** Forefeast T-4: "We offer you, as intercession, the lifecreating Cross ..." Dismissal of the day.

September 14 / 27 Wednesday. The Universal Elevation (Exaltation) of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. The whole service is to the feast; texts are found in the menaion. **Feast and fast.**

Before vespers, the priest (vested for great vespers) stands the gospel in an upright position on the altar table against the tabernacle, and then transfers the cross from the table of oblation to the altar (prestol) in this manner: Priest: "Blessed is our God ..." Deacon (or reader) in the sanctuary: Amen. Trisagion, etc. Our Father. During this time the priest censes the cross. Then is sung the troparion, T-1: "O Lord, save thy people ..." GNE

¹⁴ The prokeimenon and alleluia of the tone of the week are set aside.

kontakion, T-4: “As you were voluntarily crucified ...” during which the priest lifts up the cross, places it on his head, and is preceded by an altar server (or deacon) with a candle, in procession to the altar table (prestol), where he sets the cross in the gospel's place. He then makes one prostration. There is one censuring around the altar. Small dismissal: “Glory to you ...” etc.

GREAT VESPERS **No “Blessed is the man.”**¹⁵ **Lord, I Call** on 8: T-6 “The Cross is raised on high ...” (1st 2 stanzas – *thrice*; 3rd stanza - *twice*), **GNE**: T-2 “Come, all you peoples ...” Entrance, **Prokeimenon of the day**. **3 readings**: a. Exodus 15:22-27, 16:1-2. b. Proverbs 3:11-18. c. Isaiah 60:11-16. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya**, T-1: “Today the holy words ...,” T-2, T-4, **GNE**, T-4: “Moses prefigured the power ...” **Aposticha**, T-5: “Hail, O life-giving Cross ...” **GNE**, T-8 “Today, O Christ our God ...” **Dismissal Troparion**: T-1: “O Lord, save your people ...” (once at great vespers alone; thrice at vigil). At great vespers alone: **dismissal of feast (cross)**: “May Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother, by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross ...”

FESTAL MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparion** T-1: “O Lord, save your people ...” (*twice*); **GNE**: (3rd time). Kathismas 10, 11. Little litany. Sessional hymns, feast: “We venerate the wood ...” **Polyeleos**. Censing of the sanctuary. (*Magnification is sung by clergy before the altar {prestol}.*) **Magnification**: “We magnify you, O Christ the Giver of Life, and we honor your precious Cross, whereby we have been saved from the bondage of the enemy.” (*Priest then censes the iconostasis and the rest of the church as usual.*) Selected psalm: a. Blessed is the man that fears the Lord. b. He shall greatly delight in his commandments. **Little litany**. Sessional hymns, feast, T-8: “In times past ...” Hymn of ascents: 1st antiphon in T-4: “From my youth.” Prokeimenon, T-4 (menaion): “All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.” v. “Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvellous things.” **Gospel**: John 12:28-36. “Having beheld the Resurrection ...” (as on Sundays). After Psalm 50: **Glory**, T-6: “Through the prayers of the Apostles ...” **NE** “Through the prayers of the Theotokos...” “Have mercy on me ...” Festal stanza, T-6: “O Cross of Christ ...” **Litany**: O God save ...¹⁶ (*Usual veneration of icon & anointing with oil is not done now, but after the Cross is brought out.*)

Canon: of the feast, on 14 with irmos (irmos sung 2x). **Irmos** and **katavasia**, T-8: “Inscribing the invincible weapon ...” **After ode 3**: Sessional hymns, feast: “In paradise of old ...” **After ode 6**: kontakion of cross, T-4, “As you were voluntarily crucified ...” & ikos “He who was caught up in the third ...” **No Magnificat**. Instead, at the 9th ode we sing the megalynarions, the first being: (*Refrain*) “Magnify, O my soul ...” (*Irmos*) “You are the mystical paradise ...” **After ode 9**: (**No** “It is truly.”) **Exapostilaria**: “The Cross is the guardian ...” **GNE**: “Today the Cross is exalted ...”

“Let every breath praise the Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 4, T-8 (1st stanza 2x): “O marvellous wonder ...” **GNE**, T-6 “Today the Cross of the Lord ...” **Great Doxology**. *During the singing of the Praises, the priest puts on all his priestly vestments (without reading the related prayers). While the Great doxology is being sung quietly, the priest, with the deacon, censes three times around the altar table on which the cross lies on a tray decorated with branches of basil or flowers; he censes from the four sides. While the choir sings the concluding “Holy God” to a slow and solemn melody, he makes 3 prostrations before the holy table, takes the tray with the cross and places it on his head. He then goes around the altar table and exits through the north deacon's door, preceded by candles and the deacon with a censer. He stops before the open royal doors, facing east. When the concluding “Holy God” has ended, he says “Wisdom! Stand aright!” The choir then sings the troparion of the Cross (“O Lord save ...”) three times, while the priest carries the cross with tray down the amvon to the middle of the church and lays it on a prepared anoly (lectern). He censes the cross, going around the anoly three times.*

When the troparion has ended, the priest chants: “**Before your cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and your holy resurrection we glorify,**” T-6, thrice (each time, the clergy and people make a prostration to the floor). This hymn is then repeated by the choir and people thrice. The other clergy, in order of rank, and the people then venerate the cross and are anointed with blessed oil.

15 When the feast of the Elevation of the Cross falls on Sunday, 1st kathisma is chanted as usual. When it falls on Monday, 1st antiphon only. On other evenings, no kathisma.

16 The royal doors are closed, either after the exclamation “Through the mercy and compassion ...” or else after “Having beheld ...”

During the veneration of the Cross, the choir sings the **stichera of the cross**, T-2 “Come, you faithful, and let us venerate ...” etc. & T-5; **Glory** T-8 “Today the Master of creation ...” **NE**, T-6 “Today he who is ...” **Litanies. Festal dismissal** (see end of vespers).

HOURS **Troparion** and **kontakion**: Cross.

DIVINE LITURGY Festal antiphons, T-2: “God, my God attend to me ...” Entrance verse: “Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool, for it is holy.”¹⁷ We sing: “Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who was crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to you ...”¹⁸ **Troparion**: feast. **GNE: kontakion**: feast. **Instead of the trisagion**, we sing: “Before your Cross ...” **Prokeimenon**, T-7: “Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool, for it is holy.” v. “The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble.” **Epistle**: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. **Alleluia**, T-1: “Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old.” v. “God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.” **Gospel**: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35. **Hymn to the Theotokos**: From the 9th ode of the canon: (**Refrain**) “Magnify, O my soul ...” (**Irmos**) “You are the mystical paradise ...” **Communion**: “The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. Alleluia ...” **Festal dismissal**.

~~ *Leavetaking: Wednesday, Sept. 21 / Oct. 4* ~~

September 15 / 28 Thursday. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Greatmartyr Nicetas the Goth. The service is found in the menaion.

VESPERS¹⁹ (sung Wednesday). Begin as daily vespers. No kathisma. Lord, I Call on 6: 3 feast, T-5 “Rejoice, life-bearing Cross, invincible trophy of godliness ...” + 3 saint, T-1 “Arrayed in the armor of piety ...” **Glory**: saint, T-6 “O luminary of the martyrs ...” **NE** feast, T-6: “The voices of the prophets ...” **Entrance. Great prokeimenon**, T-7: “Our God is in heaven and on earth; he does whatever he pleases” (with its 3 verses). Augmented litany, vouchsafe, supplication litany. **Aposticha**: feast, T-6 “The cross is raised on high ...” **Glory**: saint, T-8 “You showed yourself to be the namesake of victory ...” **NE**: feast, T-8 “**The words of your prophet Moses ...**” **Dismissal troparia**: saint, T-4: “Your martyr Nicetas, O Lord ...” **GNE**: feast, T-1 “O Lord, save your people ...” **Festal dismissal**.

17 Before the entrance verse, “Wisdom! Let us attend!” is said as usual.

18 This is sung at the entrance throughout the period of the feast of the Cross, except on Sunday.

19 Some sources call this service great vespers, some call it vespers; it has some features of each. According to the typicon, it is sung.