

Rubrics for civil calendar dates of December 1-31, 2017.¹ These rubrics are indebted to the work of Fr Paul Mercurief, of blessed memory. Memory eternal!²

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November 20 / December 3 26th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1. Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos. St. Gregory of Decapolis. St Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople. The texts of the resurrection are found in the octoechos; those of the forefeast and saint are in the menaion (Nov. 20). The hymns of St Proclus are set aside.

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). Lord, I Call on 10: 4 resurrection T-1: "Accept our evening prayers ..." + 3 of the forefeast, T-1: "The virgins bearing lamps, who with their light ..." + 3 of St Gregory, T-1 "Dwelling in the heavenly tabernacles in joy ..." **Glory**, forefeast, T-4: " Today the Temple that is to hold God ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-1, "Let us praise Mary ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day. Augmented litany; Vouchsafe; Supplication litany. **Litya**: 1 of temple, then **GNE**, forefeast³ T-1: " Today let heaven above greatly rejoice, and let the clouds ..." **Aposticha**: resurrection T-1: "We have been freed ..." **GNE** feast,⁴ T-4: "Come, all you faithful, let us praise her ..." **Dismissal troparia: At vespers alone**: resurrection T-1: "When the stone had been sealed ..." **Glory**: St Gregory, T-3 "You were an icon of abstinence ..." **NE**: forefeast, T-4: " Today Anne betroths to us joy in place of grief ..." **At vigil**: Rejoice, Virgin ... (3x).

SUNDAY MATINS **At God is the Lord: Troparia**: resurrection T-1: "When the stone had been sealed ..." (*twice*), **Glory**: St Gregory, T-3 "You were an icon ..." **NE**: forefeast, T-4: " Today Anne betroths to us joy ..." **Kathismas 2, 3**. Little litany. Sessional hymns, octoechos: T-1. **Polyeleos. Evlogitaria of the resurrection**: "The assembly of angels ..." Little litany. Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week, T-1. **4th resurrection gospel**: Luke 24:1-12 #112. "Having beheld the resurrection." After psalm 50, **Glory**: T-6, "Through the prayers of the apostles ..." **NE**: T-6 "Through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." "Have mercy ..." Stanza of resurr., T-6: "Jesus having risen from the ..." **Litany**: "O God save ..." **Canons (4)**: 2 octoechos + 2 menaion): 4 resurrection, with irmos (irmos sung once), + 2 Theotokos, + 4 forefeast, + 4 St Gregory. **Irmos**: "Your victorious right arm ..." **Katavasia**: "I will open my mouth ..." **After ode 3: kontakion** of forefeast, T-4: "Today the universe is filled with joy ..." & icos; **kontakion** of St Gregory, T-3 "The Church knows you to be a brilliant sun ..." **Glory**: sessional hymn of St Gregory, in menaion; **NE**: sess. hymn of forefeast. **After ode 6: Kontakion** of resurrection, T-1: "As God you arose from ..." & icos "Let us sing the praises ..." **After ode 8: Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria**: resurrection #4: "Lightning-bright with virtues ..." **Glory**: of St Gregory (in menaion), **NE**: of forefeast. "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8**: 4 resurr., T-1 "We praise in song ..." + 4 of forefeast (including the "Glory", T-1, from matins aposticha of Nov. 20. Before the last 2 stanzas, we say the special verses in the menaion. **Glory**: gospel stanza #4, T-4 "It was early dawn and the women ..." **NE**: T-2 "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology**. After trisagion: **Troparion of resurrection**: "Today salvation ..." **Litanies and Sunday dismissal**.

HOURS (1st & 6th): **troparia** resurrection; **Glory**: forefeast. **Kontakia**: forefeast.
(3rd & 9th): **troparia** resurrection; **Glory**: St Gregory. **Kontakia**: resurrection.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular (typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 10: 6 resurrection (octoechos), + 4 from canon of forefeast, ode 3 (menaion). "... who rose from the dead ..." **After entrance**: In temple of the Lord & of the Theotokos: **troparia**: resurrection, forefeast, St Gregory; **kontakia**: resurrection, **Glory**: St Gregory; **NE**: forefeast. In temple of a saint: **troparia**: resurrection, forefeast, temple, St Gregory; **kontakia**: resurrection,

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2 The Moscow typicon, St. Tikhon's Calendar and Rubrics, the Slavonic menaion, *Orthodox Daily Services*, and rubrics at the Moscow Patriarchate website were also used.

3 From matins aposticha of Nov. 20, also sung as 1st hymn at litya of the feast.

4 Also sung as 3rd hymn at litya of the feast.

temple, **Glory**: St Gregory; **NE**: forefeast. **Prokeimenon**: Resurrection T-1: "Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on you." v. "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just." **Epistle**: Ephesians 5:8-19 (Sunday). **Alleluia** T-1: "God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me." v. "He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, his anointed, and his seed forever." **Gospel**: Luke 12:16-21 (Sunday). **Hymn to the Theotokos**: "It is truly ..." **Communion**: "Praise the Lord from the heavens ... Alleluia (3)". Sunday dismissal.

November 21 / December 4 Monday. **Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple**. Glorification of New-martyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky). The service is all to the feast of the Theotokos and is found in the menaion (November 21); also in the *Festal Menaion*.

GREAT VESPERS "Blessed is the man" (1st antiphon). **Lord, I Call** on 8: feast, T-1 "Today let us the faithful ..." + T-4; **GNE** T-8 "After your birth, O Lady and Bride of God ..." **Entrance**, prokeimenon of the day, 3 readings: **a. Exodus** 40:1-5,9,10,16,34-35. **b. 1 Kings** 7:51; 8:1,3-7,9-11. **c. Ezekiel** 43:27-44:4. **Litya**: feast, T-1: "Today let heaven above ..." + T-4. **GNE** T-5 "A day of joy has dawned ..." **Aposticha**: T-5 "Heaven and earth rejoice ..." **GNE** T-6 "Today let us, the arrays ..." **Dismissal Troparion**: T-4 "Today is the prelude ..." (thrice at all-night vigil; once at vespers alone).

FESTAL MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparion**: T-4 "Today is the prelude ..." (*twice*), **GNE** (*3rd time*). Kathismas 4, 5. Little litya. Sessional hymns, feast: "The fruit of righteous ..." **Polyeleos. Magnification**: "We magnify you, O most holy Virgin, Maiden chosen of God, and we honor your presentation into the temple of the Lord." Selected psalm verses: **a.** "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and on his holy mountain." **b.** "The city of the great King is well planted on the mountains of Zion, with the joy of the whole earth." **Sessional hymns**, feast: "Let David the Psalmist ..." **Hymn of ascents**, 1st antiphon in T-4 ("From my youth"). **Prokeimenon**: feast, T-4: "Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear." v. "My hear has poured forth a good word; I will speak of my works to the King." **Gospel**: Luke 1:39-49, 56. Psalm 50, then: **Glory**, T-2: "Today the living Temple ..." **NE** (repeat). "Have mercy on me ..." Then **festal stanza**, T-4: "Today the Theotokos, the temple that ..." **Canons (2: from menaion)**: 1st canon on 8 (irmos twice, + 6 troparia), + 2nd canon on 8, same way. **Irmos**: "I will open my mouth ..." **Katavasia** of Christmas: "Christ is born."⁵ **After ode 3**: sessional hymn of feast, T-4: "Cry out, O David ..." **After ode 6: kontakion** of feast, T-4: "The most pure temple ..." & icos. **After ode 8: Magnificat** is not sung; instead, we sing the festal **refrains**, beginning with "The angels beheld ..." **Irmos**: "As you are a living temple ..." **After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." **Exapostilaria**, T-3: "Let us praise in faith ..." **Glory**: repeat; **NE** 3rd time. "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 4: feast, T-1 "The virgins bearing lamps ..." **GNE** feast T-2 "Today the Virgin ..." **Great doxology. Troparion**, T-4 "Today is the prelude ..." (*once*). Litanies and dismissal.

HOURS **troparion** and **kontakion**: feast.

DIVINE LITURGY Usual (typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8, from the canons of the feast: 4 from 1st canon, ode 3, + 4 from 2nd canon, ode 6. At entrance: "... through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." After entrance: **Troparion**: feast; **GNE kontakion**: feast. Trisagion is sung. **Prokeimenon**, T-3: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." v. "For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed." **Epistle**: Hebrews 9:1-7 **Alleluia**, T-2: "Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear." v. "The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance." **Gospel**: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. (The daily readings are read on Tuesday.) **Hymn to the Theotokos: Feast**, from canon, ode 9: (*refrain*) "The angels beheld ..." (*irmos*) "As you are a living temple ..." (this is sung until the leave-taking). **Communion**: "I will receive the cup of salvation ..." Dismissal.

~~ *Leavetaking: Friday, Nov. 25 / Dec. 8* ~~

November 26 / December 9 Saturday. **Holy Hierarch Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk**. The service is found in the menaion (in some editions, it may be in the appendix or supplement section of the menaion).

5 Sung as katavasia from now until the leavetaking of Nativity of Christ on any day when there is a great doxology.

GREAT VESPERS Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I call** on 6, saint, T-6: "Let us praise a man ..." **Glory**, saint T-8: "O Father, Saint Innocent ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-1, "Let us praise Mary ..." Entrance, Prokeimenon of day. **3 readings: a.** Isaiah 35:1-10. **b.** Wisdom 3:1-9. **c.** Wisdom 4:7-15. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya:** 1 of temple, then saint, T-5, "O peoples of Siberia ..." **Glory:** T-4: "Upon you, O saint ..." **NE** Theotokion T-4: "Incline to the entreaties ..." **Aposticha**, saint, T-7, "O brethren, let us commemorate ..." (with special verses); **Glory**, saint, T-8: "O father hierarch Innocent ..." **NE** resurr. aposticha theotokion, T-8: "O unwedded Virgin ..." **Troparia: At great vespers alone:** saint, T-3 "O most glorious illuminator ..." **GNE** resurr. theotokion, T-1: "When Gabriel announced to you, Rejoice, O Virgin ..." **At vigil:** saint (2x); Rejoice (1x).

FESTAL MATINS After **God is the Lord: Troparia:** saint, T-3 "O most glorious illuminator ..." (*twice*), **GNE** resurr. theotokion, T-1: "When Gabriel ..." **Kathismas** 19, 20. Small litany. Sessional hymns, saint: "Your eyes did not sleep ..." **Polyeleos. Magnification:** "We magnify you, O holy hierarch father Innocent, and we honor your holy memory, for you pray to Christ our God for us." **Selected psalm: a.** "Hear this, all you nations, give heed, all you that dwell in the world." **b.** "My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding." Little litany. **Sessional hymns:** saint, T-3: "The Lord, not withholding good things ..." **GNE** theotokion: "Be to me a defense and mediation ..." **Hymn of ascents:** 1st antiphon in T-4: "From my youth." **Prokeimenon**, T-4: "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:** Matthew 5:14-19. Psalm 50. **Glory**, T-6: "Through the prayers of our hierarch Innocent ..." **NE** "Through the prayers of the Theotokos..." "Have mercy on me ..." **festal stanza**, T-6: "Let our mouths be filled ..." **Litany:** O God save ... **Canons:** On Saturday, the form of the canon varies according to the dedication of the temple (church). **In temples of the resurrection:** 4 canons are used: 3 octoechos + 1 menaion. From the octoechos we say 6 troparia from the canons from matins of the preceding Sunday (T-1), as follows: 4 from canon of the resurrection (including irmos twice), + 1 cross and resurrection, + 1 Theotokos. Then from the menaion, we say 8 troparia of the hierarch. **In temples of the Lord or of the Theotokos:** 2 canons are used: we say 6 troparia (including irmos, twice) from canon of the patronal feast of the temple, + 8 from canon of the hierarch. **In temples of a saint:** 2 canons are used: we say 6 troparia (including irmos, twice) from canon of supplication to the Theotokos, + 8 troparion from canon of the hierarch. **Katavasia**s of Christmas, T-1: "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3: Sessional hymns**, saint: "We are in need of such a hierarch ..." **Glory:** "Water rose up in the wilderness ..." **NE** "You, O Maiden ..." **After ode 6: kontakion** of the hierarch, T-4: "You faithful, let us all praise ..." & icos: "You were exalted ..." **Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." **Exapostilaria:** "Glory to you, the God who ..." **GNE** theotokion, "In birthgiving, you shone forth ..." "Let every breath" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 4: saint, T-8: "The great multitude of your miracles ..." **Glory**, T-8: "Rejoice, O Father Innocent ..." **NE** "Accept, O Lady, the supplication of your servants ..." **Great Doxology. Troparia:** saint, T-3 "O most glorious illuminator ..." **GNE** T-3: "We sing your praises ..."

Litanies and dismissal.

HOURS troparion & kontakion: Saint Innocent.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8, from canon of the saint: 4 from ode 3 (with irmos), + 4 from ode 6. In temple of the Lord or Theotokos: **troparia:** temple, saint; **kontakia: Glory:** saint; **NE** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparion:** saint; **kontakia: Glory:** saint; **NE**, "Steadfast protectress ..." **Prokeimenon**, T-1: "My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding." v. "Hear this all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!" **Epistle:** Hebrews 7:26-8:2. **Alleluia**, T-1: "The saints shall exult in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds." v. "This glory shall be to all his saints." **Gospel:** John 10:9-16 (the daily readings are read on the nearest convenient day). **Communion:** "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia ..."

November 27 / December 10 27th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2. Holy Greatmartyr James the Persian. The texts of the resurrection are in the octoechos; those of the saint are in the menaion (Nov. 27).

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 6 resurrection T-2: "Come, let us worship the Word of God ..." + 4 of the greatmartyr St James, T-2 "Having abandoned the delights of the

world ..." **Glory**, greatmartyr, T-5 "You were marveled at, O James ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-2, "The shadow of the law ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day, T-6: "The Lord is king ..." Augmented litany "Let us all say ..." Vouchsafe. Supplication litany. **Litya**: 1 stanza of temple, **Glory**: greatmartyr T-2 "Enduring amid your sufferings ..." (from matins aposticha of Nov. 27); **NE** resurr. aposticha theotokion T-2, "A new wonder ..." **Aposticha**: resurrection T-2 "Your Resurrection, O Christ ..." **Glory**: greatmartyr, T-8 "Faithfully assembling today ..." **NE** resurr. aposticha theotokion, T-8: "O unwedded Virgin ..." **Dismissal troparia: At vespers alone**: resurrection T-2: "When you descended to hell ..." **Glory**, greatmartyr, T-4: "Your martyr James, O Lord ..." (or this one, same tone:) "You astounded all, long-suffering James ..." **NE** resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery of all eternity ..." **At vigil**: "Rejoice, O Virgin ..." (*thrice*).

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparia**: resurrection T-2: "When you descended to hell ..." (*twice*), **Glory**, greatmartyr, T-4: "Your martyr James ..." (or:) "You astounded all ..." **NE** resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery ..." **Kathismas** 2, 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns, octoechos, T-2. **Polyeleon. Resurrectional evlogitaria**: "The assembly of angels ..." Little litany. Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-2). **5th resurrection gospel**: Luke 24:12-35 #113. "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 ..." & resurrection stanza, T-6: "Jesus has risen ..." Litany: "O God, save ..." **Canons (4**: 3 octoechos + 1 menaion): 4 resurrection, T-2, with irmos (irmos sung once), + 2 cross & resurrection, + 2 Theotokos, + 6 greatmartyr. **Irmos**: "In days of old ..." **Katavasias** of Christmas: "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3: kontakion** of greatmartyr, T-2: "You listened to your faithful wife ..." & icos "Let us all sigh ..." Sessional hymns: greatmartyr James (in menaion): "Christ has caused ..." **GNE** theotokion. **After ode 6: kontakion** of resurrection, T-2: "Hell became afraid ..." & icos "You are the light of those in darkness ..." **Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." Little litany. Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria**: resurrection #5: "Christ, the life and the way leading from death ..." **Glory**: greatmartyr "The Lord has glorified you ..." **NE** resurrection theotokion, #5 "I hymn your mercy that cannot be measured ..." "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8**: 4 resurrection, T-2: "Every breath and every creature glorify ..." **Glory**: gospel sticheron #5, T-5: "How wise, O Christ, are your judgments! ..." **NE** T-2 "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology. Troparion** of resurrection: "By rising ..." Litanies and resurrectional dismissal.

HOURS **Troparia**: resurrection, **Glory**: saint. **Kontakion**: resurrection.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular Sunday antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 10: 6 resurrection, T-2 (octoechos), + 4 from odes 3 of canon of saint (menaion). At entrance: "... who rose from the dead ..." After entrance: In temple of the Lord: **troparia**: resurrection, saint, **kontakia: Glory**: saint, **NE** resurrection. In temple of the Theotokos: **troparia**: resurrection, temple, saint, **kontakia**: resurrection; **Glory**: saint, **NE** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia**: resurrection, temple, saint; **kontakia**: resurrection, temple, **Glory**: saint, **NE** "Steadfast protectress of Christians ..." **Prokeimenon**: resurrection T-2: "The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." v. "The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death." **Epistle**: Ephes. 6:10-17. **Alleluia** T-2: "The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you." v. "Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!" **Gospel**: Luke 13:10-17. **Communion**: "Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise him in the highest. Alleluia ..."

November 30 / December 13 Wednesday. **Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called**. The service of the saint is found in the menaion.

GREAT VESPERS (not at vigil) Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I call** on 8, apostle, T-4: "O Glorious Andrew, being transformed by the Forerunner's ..." (1st 2 stanzas sung 3x; last one, 2x). **Glory**, apostle T-4: "Having abandoned catching of fish ..." **NE**: dogmaticon T-1, "Let us praise Mary the Virgin ..." Entrance, Prokeimenon of day. **3 readings**: a. 1 Peter 1:1-2:6. b. 1 Peter 2:21-3:9. c. 1 Peter 4:1-11. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya**: 1 of temple,⁶ then apostle, T-1, "The first-called disciple and imitator ..." & T-8; **Glory**: T-8: "Let us praise the preacher of the faith ..." **NE** Theotokion, T-8: "O Lady, accept the supplications ..." **Aposticha**, apostle, T-5, "Rejoice, O heaven gifted with speech ..." (with special verses);

⁶ "1 of temple": The first stanza of the litya verses from the patronal feast day of the temple.

Glory, apostle, T-3: "Let us honor the kinsman of Peter ..." **NE** forefeast, T-3: "Joseph, tell us ..." **Troparia**: apostle, T-4 "O Andrew, the first-called of the Apostles ..." **GNE**: resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery of all eternity ..."

FESTAL MATINS After God is the Lord: **Troparia**: apostle, T-4 "O Andrew, the first-called ..." (*twice*), **GNE**: T-4: "The mystery ..." Kathismas 10, 11. Small litany. **Sessional hymns**: saint: "With love we praise you, O apostle ..." etc. **Polyeleon. Magnification**: "We magnify you, O Andrew, first-called Apostle of Christ, and we honor the pangs and labors by which you struggled in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ." **Selected psalm**: **a**. "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands." **b**. "The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord." **Little litany. Sessional hymns**: saint, T-5: "Let us all praise the apostle ..." (2x); **GNE** Theotokion: "O all-pure Virgin, praying ..." **Hymn of ascents**: 1st antiphon in T-4: "From my youth." **Prokeimenon**, T-4: "Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe." v. "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands." **Gospel**: Matthew 4:18-23. Psalm 50. **Glory**, T-6: "Through the prayers of the holy apostle Andrew ..." **NE**, T-6 "Through the prayers of the Theotokos..." "Have mercy on me ..." **festal stanza**, T-8: "Let us praise Andrew, the preacher ..." **Litany**: O God save ...

Canons (3: menaion). 6 Theotokos, with irmos (irmos twice), + 8 apostle (2 canons). **Irmos**: "Let us all sing a song of victory to God ...", with irmos on 6 (irmos twice), and 2 canons of the apostle, on 8. **Katavasia**, T-1: "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3**: Sessional hymn, T-8: "We honor you as is fitting ..." **Glory**: "Setting at naught the audacity ..." **NE** Theotokion: "Rejoice, fiery throne ..." **After ode 6: kontakion of apostle**, T-2: "The divinely-eloquent namesake ..." & **icos**: "Of old David constrained ..." **Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." **Exapostilarion**, apostle: "Finding you, the Word who is ..." **Glory**: another: "Most gloriously let us praise ..." **NE**: "O all-immaculate Virgin ..." "Let every breath" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 4, T-1: "Be glad now, O Bethsaida ..." **Glory**, T-8: "Let us praise Andrew ..." **NE**: T-8, forefeast: "Receive now, O Bethlehem, the Mother of God ..." **Great Doxology. Troparia**: apostle, T-4 "O Andrew, the first-called ..." (*once*), **GNE**: T-4: "The mystery ..." **Litanies and dismissal**.

HOURS: troparion & kontakion: St Andrew.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular (Typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8, from canon of the apostle: 4 from ode 3 (with irmos), + 4 from ode 6. **At entrance**: "... who are wonderful in your saints ..." **After entrance**: In a temple of the Lord or the Theotokos: **troparia**: temple, apostle; **kontakia**: **Glory**: apostle; **NE**: temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia**: temple, apostle; **kontakia**: temple, **Glory**: apostle; **NE**: "Steadfast Protectress ..." Trisagion. **Prokeimenon**, T-8: "Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe." v. "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands." **Epistle**: 2 Timothy 4:9-22 (Wednesday) 1 Cor. 4:9-16 (apostle). **Alleluia**, T-1: "The heavens shall confess your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the congregation of the saints." v. "God is glorified in the council of his saints." **Gospel**: Luke 20:1-8 (Wednesday) John 1:35-51 (apostle). **Hymn to the Theotokos**: "It is truly ..." **Communion**: "Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia ..." Dismissal.

December 4 / 17 28th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Greatmartyr Barbara and martyr Juliana. Venerable John of Damascus. Glorification of St. Alexander (Hotovitzky), new hieromartyr of Russia and missionary to America. The 6-stichera-rank service for Ss. Barbara and John together is combined with the Sunday service.⁷ The texts of the resurrection are found in the octoechos and those of the saints are in the menaion (Dec. 4).

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). Little litany. **Lord, I Call** on 10: 4 resurrection T-3: "By your Cross, O Christ our Savior ..." + 3 of St Barbara, T-2 "When the all-blessed Juliana beheld ..." + 3 of St John, T-8 "O all-wise Father John, you adorned ..." **Glory**: St. Barbara, T-6 "Having left behind your homeland ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-3, "How can we not marvel ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day. Augmented

⁷ This is according to the typicon and many editions of the menaion. There also exists a polyeleos-rank service for St Barbara alone.

litany; Vouchsafe; Supplication litany. **Litya**.⁸ 1 temple; **GNE** theotokion. **Aposticha**: resurrection T-3 (octoechos) "The sun was darkened ..." **Glory**: St John, T-6 "O Venerable Father, the report of your good deeds ..." **NE** resurr. aposticha theotokion, T-6: "My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord ..." **Dismissal troparia**: **At vespers alone**: resurrection T-3: "Let the heavens rejoice ..." **Glory**: Greatmartyr Barbara, T-8 "Let us honor Saint Barbara ..." **NE** resurrectional theotokion, T-8: "For our sake you were born of a Virgin ..." **At vigil**: Rejoice, Virgin ... (3x).

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord**: **Troparia**: resurrection T-3: "Let the heavens rejoice ..." (*once*), Greatmartyr Barbara, T-8 "Let us honor Saint Barbara ..." (*once*), **Glory**: St. John, T-8 "O Guide of Orthodoxy ..." **NE** resurr. theotokion, T-8: "For our sake you were born ..." Kathismas 2, 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns, octoechos: T-3. **Polyeleos. Evlogitaria of the resurrection**: "The assembly of angels ..." Little litany. Hypakoe, hymns of ascent, prokeimenon - tone of the week, T-3. **6th resurrection gospel**: Luke 24:36-53 #114. "Having beheld the resurrection." After psalm 50, **Glory**: T-6, "Through the prayers of the apostles ..." **NE** T-6 "Through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." "Have mercy on me ..." Stanza of resurr., T-6: "Jesus having risen from the ..." **Litany**: "O God save ..." **Canons (4)**: 2 octoechos + 2 menaion): 4 resurrection, with irmos (irmos sung once), + 2 Theotokos, + 4 St Barbara, + 4 St John. **Irmos**: "He who of old by a divine command gathered the waters ..." **Katavasias** of Christmas: "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3: kontakion** & icos of St Barbara, T-4 (found after ode 6 in the menaion): "Following God, who is piously hymned ..." and icos, "Assembling, let us fittingly honor Barbara ..." **Kontakion** & icos of St John, T-4 (found after ode 3 in menaion): "Let us hymn John ..." and icos, "Together let us cry out ..." Sessional hymns, menaion.. **After ode 6: kontakion** of resurrection, T-3: "On this day you arose ..." & icos "Let heaven and earth this day dance ..." **After ode 8: Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria**: resurrection #6: "Showing, O Savior, that you are man according to essence ..."; greatmartyr Barbara: "Like a beautiful rose ..." **Glory**, Ven. John: "You shined like a divine light ..." **NE** resurrection theotokion #6, "The maker of creation and God ..." "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8**: 4 resurrection, T-3: "O come, all you nations ..." + 4 of St Barbara, T-1, T-2, and T-6 (including the "Glory". Before the last 2 stanzas we chant the verses uses as the prokeimenon: "God is wonderful in his saints, the God of Israel." and: "In the churches bless God, the Lord, from the wellsprings of Israel.") **Glory**: gospel sticheron #6, T-6: "O Christ, truly you are God's peace ..." **NE** T-2 "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology**. After trisagion: **Troparion of resurrection**: "Today salvation ..." **Litanies and Sunday dismissal**.

HOURS (1st & 6th) **troparia** resurrection; **Glory**: St Barbara. **Kontakia**: resurrection.
(3rd & 9th) **troparia** resurrection; **Glory**: St John. **Kontakia**: resurrection.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular (typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 12: 4 resurrection, T-3 (octoechos), + 4 from canon of St Barbara, ode 3 (menaion), + 4 from canon of St John, ode 6. At entrance: "... who rose from the dead ..." **After entrance**: In temple of the Lord: **troparia**: resurrection, Barbara, John; **kontakia**: Barbara, **Glory**: John; **NE** resurrection. In temple of the Theotokos: **troparia**: resurrection, temple, Barbara, John; **kontakia**: resurrection, Barbara, **Glory**: John, **NE** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia**: resurrection, temple, Barbara, John; **kontakia**: resurrection, temple, Barbara, **Glory**: John, **NE** "Steadfast protectress of Christians ..." **Prokeimenon** T-3: "Sing praises to our God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises." v. "Clap your hands, all people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!" **Epistle**: Colossians 1:12-18. **Alleluia** T-3: "In you, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame." v. "Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me." **Gospel**: Luke 17:12-19. **Hymn to the Theotokos**: "It is truly ..." **Communion**: "Praise the Lord from the heavens ..." **Sunday dismissal**.

December 5 / 18 Monday. Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified.

December 6 / 19 Tuesday. **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**. The service of the vigil-rank saint is found in the menaion (Dec. 6).

8 If desired, after "**Glory**" at litya the "Glory" from matins aposticha of Dec. 4, T-8, for St John, which will not be used at matins, can be sung: "We, the multitudes of monastics ..." then **NE**: T-8, resurr. aposticha theot, "O unwedded Virgin ..."

GREAT VESPERS Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I call** on 8, saint, T-2: "You physically dwelled among the people of Myra ..." **Glory**, saint T-6: "Let us praise the adornment of hierarchs ..." **NE** forefeast, T-6 "Make ready O cave ..." Entrance, Prokeimenon of day. **3 readings: a.** Proverbs 10:7a,6a; 3:13-16; 8:32, 34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 1:23 (Composite 2). **b.** Proverbs 10:31-11:12. **c.** Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15. Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Litya:** 1 of temple, then saint, T-2, "Christ God showed you to your flock ..." T-4, & T-8; **Glory:** T-6: "Well done, O good and faithful servant, well done ..." **NE** forefeast T-6: "O Zion, celebrate, O Jerusalem rejoice ..." **Aposticha**, saint, T-5, "Rejoice, O sacred head, pure abode of the virtues ..." (with special verses); **Glory**, saint, T-6: "O Man of God and faithful servant ..." **NE** forefeast, T-6: "O unwedded Virgin, whence have you come? ..." **Troparia: at great vespers alone:** saint, T-4 "The reality of your deeds revealed you to your flock ..." **GNE** resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery hidden from all ages ..." **At vigil:** saint (2x); "Rejoice, O Virgin ..." (1x).

FESTAL MATINS After **God is the Lord: Troparia:** saint, T-4 "The reality of your deeds ..." (*twice*), **GNE** resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery hidden from all ages ..." **Kathismas** 7, 8. Small litany. Sessional hymns, saint: "Dwelling bodily in Myra ..." etc. **Polyeleos. Magnification:** "We magnify you, O holy hierarch, father Nicholas, and we honor your holy memory, for you pray to Christ our God for us." **Selected psalm: a.** "Hear this, all you nations, give heed, all you that dwell in the world." **b.** "My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding." Little litany. **Sessional hymns**, saint, T-5: "You faithful, let us all piously praise the God-bearing Nicholas ..." **Glory**, T-4 (another); **NE** Theotokion, T-4. **Hymn of ascents:** 1st antiphon in T-4: "From my youth." **Prokeimenon**, T-4: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint." v. "What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has rendered to me?" **Gospel:** John 10:9-16. Psalm 50. **Glory**, T-6: "Through the prayers of the hierarch Nicholas ..." **NE** "Through the prayers of the Theotokos..." "Have mercy ..." festal stanza, T-6: "Heir of God ..." **Litany:** O God save ... **Canons (3,** from menaion): 6 Theotokos, with irmos (irmos sung twice); + 8 of St Nicholas (2 canons). **Irmos:** T-1 "Let us sing a song of victory to God ..." **Christmas katavasias**, T-1: "Christ is born, glorify him ..." **After ode 3:** Sessional hymns, menaion: "The abyss of mercy ..." etc. **After ode 6: kontakion of saint**, T-3: "In Myra, O holy Nicholas ..." & icos. **Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." **Exapostilaria:** "Let us all praise Nicholas ..." **Glory:** another, of the saint; **NE** Theotokion "O Virgin who has borne Christ ..." "Let every breath" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 6: saint, T-1: "You have fixed your gaze ..." **Glory**, T-5: "Rejoicing, let us sound the trumpet ..." **NE**, T-5: "Let us sound the trumpet of hymns ..." **Great Doxology. Troparia:** saint, T-4: "The reality of your deeds ..." **GNE** resurr. theotokion, T-4: "The mystery hidden..." **Litanies and dismissal.**

HOURS troparion & kontakion: saint.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8, from canons of the saint (menaion): 4 from 1st canon, ode 3 (with irmos), + 4 from 2nd canon, ode 6. In temple of the Lord or Theotokos: **troparia:** temple, saint; **kontakia: Glory:** saint; **NE** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia:** saint; **kontakia: Glory:** saint; **NE**, "Steadfast protectress ..." **Prokeimenon**, T-7: "The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall set his hope on him." v. "Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you." **Epistle:** Hebrews 13:17-21. **Alleluia**, T-4: "Your priests shall clothe themselves in righteousness, and your saints shall rejoice with joy." v. "The Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation." **Gospel:** Luke 6:17-23. (The daily readings are read on Wednesday). **Communion:** "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings."

December 7 / 20 Wednesday. St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.

December 9 / 22 Friday. **Conception by St Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos.** The doxology-rank service is found in the menaion (Dec. 9).

DAILY VESPERS No kathisma. **Lord, I Call** on 6: T-4 "Contrary to hope the barren woman brings forth ..." (each stanza repeated); **GNE** T-2 "The mighty work that was kept hidden from angels and men ..." No entrance. Prokeimenon of the day. Supplication litany: "Let us complete ..." **Aposticha:** menaion, T-5 "When Anna, the divine grace, was praying for a child ..." (with special verses); **GNE** menaion T-2 "Today the royal

purple has blossomed ..." **Troparion:** T-4 "Today the bonds of barrenness are loosed ..." (*once*).⁹

DAILY MATINS At God is the Lord: **Troparion:** conception, T-4 "Today the bonds ..." (*twice*), **GNE** 3rd time. Kathismas 19, 20. Little litany. **Sessional hymns**, menaion. Psalm 50. (No litany "O God save ...") **Canons** (2, both in menaion): conception, 1st canon with irmos on 8 (irmos sung 2x) + 2nd canon on 6. **Katavasia:** "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3:** sessional hymns, menaion. **After ode 6:** kontakion & icos of the conception, T-4. Magnificat. **No** "It is truly ..." **Exapostilarion:** conception; **GNE** *repeat*. "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 4: conception, T-1 (1st stanza is repeated); **GNE** conception, T-8. **Great doxology.** **Troparion,** T-4 "Today the bonds ..." (*once*).

HOURS Troparion & kontakion: Conception.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8: 4 from 1st canon of conception, ode 3 (with irmos) + 4 from 2nd canon, ode 6. **After entrance:** In temple of the Lord: **troparia:** temple, conception; **kontakia:** **Glory:** temple; **NE** conception. In temple of the Theotokos: **troparion:** conception; **GNE kontakion:** conception. In temple of a saint: **troparia:** conception, temple; **kontakia:** **Glory:** temple; **NE** conception. **Prokeimenon,** T-4: "God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel." v. "Bless God in the churches, the Lord, from the fountains of Israel!" **Epistle:** Hebrews 7:18-25 (Friday) Galatians 4:22-31 (Conception). **Alleluia, T-1:** "The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord, and He is their protector in time of affliction." v. "The Lord shall help them, and deliver them, and He shall deliver them from sinners, and save them, because they hope in Him." **Gospel:** Luke 21:37-22:8 (Friday) Luke 8:16-21 (Conception). **Communion:** "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia ..."

December 11 / 24 29th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4. **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Christ.** St Daniel the Stylite. The resurrection texts are from the octoechos; the texts for the Sunday of the Forefathers are in the menaion (Sunday that falls between Dec. 11 and 17). The service of St Daniel is set aside and sung when the rector desires.

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 6 resurrection T-4: "We glorify your resurrection on the third day ..." + 4 forefathers (Ffrs), T-8 "As we celebrate today ..."; **Glory,** Ffrs, T-6, "Let us the faithful ..." **NE:** dogmaticon T-4, "The prophet David was a Father ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of the day, T-6: "The Lord is king ..." **Litya:** sticheron of temple; **Glory:** Ffrs, T-1 "Enlightened by the rays of divine utterance ..." **NE,** resurr. theotokion, T-1 "Behold, Isaiah's prophecy ..." Augmented litany, Vouchsafe, Supplication litany. **Aposticha:** resurrection T-4 (octoechos) "By ascending the Cross, O Lord ..." **Glory,** T-3, Ffrs: "Come, you who love the feasts ..." **NE:** Res. Apost. Theot. T-3 "Without seed, by the will ..." **Dismissal Troparia:** **At vespers alone:** resurrection T-4: "When the women disciples ..." **GNE:** Ffrs, T-2: "By faith, you have justified ..." **At vigil:** "Rejoice, Virgin ..." (*twice*), Ffrs.

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord:** **Troparia** resurrection T-4: "When the women disciples ..." (*twice*), **GNE:** Ffrs, T-2: "By faith, you have justified ..." Kathismas 2, 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: octoechos, T-4. **Polyeleos. Evlogitaria:** "The assembly of angels ..." Hypakoe, in tone of the week, T-4. Sessional hymns, Ffrs. T-8: "Let us all praise the memorial ..." **GNE,** theotokion, T-8, "Like the widow who gave two mites ..." Hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-4). **7th resurrection Gospel:** John 20:1-10 #63. "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 (3: 1 octoechos + 2 menaion, Sunday of the Ffrs.): 4 resurrection, T-4, with irmos (irmos sung 1x), + 4 holy three youths (in menaion, with the canon of the Ffrs), + 6 Ffrs. **Irmos:** "In days of old ..." **Christmas katavasia,** T-1: "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3:** hypakoe of Ffrs, T-2: "The fire was transformed ..." **After ode 6:** kontakion of Ffrs., T-6: "Refusing to honor ..." and icos "Stretch forth your hand ..." Magnificat. **After ode 9:** Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria:** resurrection #7 "After Mary said, 'They have taken the Lord away ...'" **Glory:** Ffrs. "Let us praise Adam ..." **NE:** (menaion) "The great Sun, the Creator ..." "Let every breath praise the

9 There is no additional theotokion, since the troparion of the Conception is a theotokion.

Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8:** 4 resurrection, T-4, + 4 of Ffrs, T-2 “Let us all now celebrate ...” (1st stanza is repeated. Before last 2 stanzas, we use the verses in menaion: “Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers ...” & “For you are just in all that you have done ...”); **Glory**, Ffrs. T-7: “Come, let us all faithfully celebrate ...” **NE:** T-2 “You are most blessed ...” **Great doxology.** After trisagion: **Troparion of resurrection:** “By rising from the tomb ...” **Litanies and Sunday dismissal.** Then: **GNE:** gospel sticheron #7, T-7. “See, it is dark and early ...”

HOURS: **troparion** of resurrection, T-4; **Glory:** Forefathers. **Kontakion:** Forefathers only.

DIVINE LITURGY Regular (Typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 10: 6 Resurrection, T-4 (octoechos), + 4 Forefathers, from ode 3 of the canon (menaion). After entrance: **troparia:** resurrection, forefathers; **GNE:** **kontakion:** forefathers. **Prokeimenon:** Ffrs. (*Song of the Fathers*) T-4: “Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name forever.” v. “For you are just in all that you have done for us.” **Epistle:** Coloss. 3:4-11. **Alleluia** T-4: “Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who called on his name.” v. “They called to the Lord, and he answered them.” **Gospel:**¹⁰ Luke 14:16-24. **Communion:** “Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia ...”

December 12 / 25 Monday. St Spyridon the Wonderworker of Tremithus. The service is found in the menaion and in the octoechos.

DAILY VESPERS 18th kathisma. **Lord, I Call** on 6: St Spyridon, T-5: “Rejoice, rule of hierarchs ...” (each stanza sung twice). **Glory:** St Spyridon, T-1 “O venerable father, blessed, wise Spyridon ...” **NE** theotokion, T-1: “Joy of the heavenly hierarchies ...” No entrance. Prokeimenon of the day. Vouchsafe. Supplication litany, “Let us complete ...” **Aposticha:** octoechos, T-4 “You have given us an invincible weapon, your Cross ...” **Glory:** St Spyridon, T-2: “O venerable, wise Father Spyridon, you were revealed as a divine treasury ...” **NE** theotokion T-2 “Rejoice, O Mary, Birthgiver of God ...” **Troparion**, T-1: “You were revealed as a champion of the first Council ...” **GNE** Dismissal theotokion, T-1 “Seeing in you the miracle of miracles ...” Litany of fervent supplication, “Have mercy on us ...” Dismissal. (MATINS are sung at the usual time).

DIVINE LITURGY **Beatitudes** on 8: 4 from octoechos (T-4, Monday), + 4 from canon of the saint, ode 3 (menaion). At entrance: “... who are wonderful in your saints ...” **After entrance:** In a temple of the Lord: **troparia:** day*, saint; **kontakia:** saint; **Glory:** “With the saints give rest ...” **NE** day.* In a temple of the Theotokos: **troparia:** day*; temple; saint; **kontakia:** day*; saint; **Glory:** “With the saints give rest ...” **NE** temple. In a temple of a saint: **troparia:** day*; temple; saint; **kontakia:** day*; temple; saint; **Glory:** “With the saints give rest ...” **NE** “Steadfast protectress of Christians ...” (*The troparion and kontakion of the day are those for Monday: troparion, “Supreme leaders of the heavenly hosts ...”; kontakion, “Supreme leaders of the hosts of God ...”). **Prokeimenon**, T-4: “He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flaming fire.” v. “Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great.” (*and for the saint, T-1:*) “My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.” **Epistle:** Hebrews 8:7-13 (Monday) Hebrews 13:17-21 (saint). **Alleluia**, T-5: “Praise the Lord, all you His angels; praise Him all you His hosts.” v. “For He spoke, and they came to be; He commanded and they were created.” (*and, T-2:*) “The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.” **Gospel:** Mark 8:11-21 (Monday) Luke 6:17-23 (saint). **Communion:** “He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flaming fire.” (*and:*) “The righteous shall be in eternal memory; He shall not fear evil tidings.”

December 13 / 26 Tuesday. **Rest of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of Alaska and All America.** The texts are provided by the Orthodox Church in America,¹¹ with a few from the octoechos.

10 Note: 28th Sunday gospel & 29th Sunday epistle are always transferred to the Sun. of the Holy Forefathers, i.e. 2 Sundays before the Nativity of Christ.

11 The rubrics provided here are based on the service for August 9 published in the 1970 book “Saint Herman of Alaska.” There is also a service of St Herman for the December 13/26 feast - different from the August 9 service - printed in the 1978 Slavonic menaion of the Moscow Patriarchate. The English translation of the texts of vespers and the divine

GREAT VESPERS Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I call:** 6 stanzas, saint T-8: "Your evangelical light ..." **Glory,** saint, T-6: "The great precepts ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-6, "Who will not call you blessed ..." Entrance, Prokeimenon of the day. **3 Readings:** **a.** Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9. **b.** Wisdom 5:15-6:3. **c.** Wisdom 4:7,6,17,19-20; 5:1-7. **Litya:** 1 sticheron of temple, then saint, T-1: "On this day of joy ...", T-2, T-4, **Glory:** T-4: "Come, all you inhabitants ..." **NE** resurr. theotokion T-4: "Look on the entreaties ..." **Aposticha,** saint, T-1 "Your festival fills this world ..." (with special verses: "Precious in the sight ..." & "Blessed is the man that fears ..."), **Glory,** T-1: "Today we remember ..." **NE,** resurr. theotokion, T-1: "Behold, the prophecy of Isaiah ..." **Troparia: At vespers alone:** saint, T-7 "O joyful north star ..." **Glory:** saint, T-4 "Our blessed Father Herman ..." **NE** resurr. dismissal theotokion T-4: "The mystery hidden from all ages ..." **At vigil:** saint, T-7 "O joyful north star ..." (*twice*); "Rejoice, Virgin ..."

FESTAL MATINS After God is the Lord: **Troparion,** saint, T-7 "O joyful north star ..." (*twice*), **Glory:** saint, T-4 "Our blessed Father Herman ..." **NE** resurr. dismissal theotokion T-4: "The mystery hidden ..." **Kathismas** 7, 8. Small litany. **Sessional hymns,** saint: "Come and follow me ..." **Polyeleos. Magnification:** "We bless you, O blessed Father Herman, and we honor your holy memory; instructor of the monastics, and converser with the angels." Selected psalm: **a.** "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my prayer." **b.** "He set my feet upon a rock and guided my footsteps." **Little litany. Sessional hymns,** saint: "O holy Father, when we consider ..." **Hymn of ascents:** 1st antiphon in T-4: "From my youth." **Prokeimenon,** T-4: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." v. "What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" "Let every breath ..." etc. **Gospel:** Matthew 11:27-30. Psalm 50. **Glory,** T-6: "Through the prayers of our blessed father Herman ..." **NE,** T-6 "Through the prayers of the Theotokos..." "Have mercy on me ..."; stanza to St Herman, T-6: "The Orthodox Church in America ..." **Litany:** "O God save ..." **Canons (2):** Theotokos¹² with irmos on 6 (irmos sung 2x); and St Herman on 6. **Irmos,** T-8: "Having crossed the water ..." **Katavasias** of Christmas, T-1: "Christ is born ..." **After ode 3:** sessional hymns: saint, T-5: "O good and wise hermit ..." etc. **After ode 6:** kontakion of saint, T-3: "The eternal light ..." & icos. **Magnificat. After ode 9: No** "It is truly ..." **Exapostilaria:** saint: "You were filled ..." **GNE** theotokion. "Let every breath" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises,** saint, on 4, T-3: "You have undergone ..." **Glory,** St Herman, T-3, **NE** Theotokion, T-8: "O Theotokos, through your intercessions ..." **Great Doxology. Troparion,** St Herman, T-7 "O joyful north star ..." **GNE** Resurr. Theot. T-7: "As you are the treasury of our Resurrection ..." **Litanies** and **dismissal.**

HOURS **troparion** and **kontakion:** St Herman.

DIVINE LITURGY Typical antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8 from canon of St Herman, with irmos. At entrance: "... who are wonderful in your saints ..." **After entrance:** In temple of the Lord or of the Theotokos: **troparia:** temple, St Herman T-7, St Herman T-4, **kontakia: Glory:** St Herman; **NE** temple. In temple of a saint: **troparia:** St Herman T-7, St Herman T-3, **Glory: kontakia:** St Herman; **NE** "Steadfast Protectress of Christians ..." Trisagion. **Prokeimenon,** T-7: "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 given to me?" **Epistle:** Gal. 5:22-6:2. **Alleluia,** T-6: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments." v. "His posterity shall be mighty on the earth." **Gospel:** Luke 6:17-23 (The daily readings are read on Monday). "It is truly ..." **Communion Hymn:** "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings."

December 18 / 31 30th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. **Sunday before Nativity. Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Sunday of the Genealogy.** Martyr Sebastian and his companions. The service of the resurrection, from the octoechos, is combined with that of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers (Sun. before Nativity) found in the menaion for December 18-24. (Note that hymns of the forefeast of Nativity that are included when this Sunday falls during the forefeast, Dec 20-24, are not sung when it falls before the forefeast.) The service of St Sebastian is sung at another time.

GREAT VESPERS 1st kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 6 resurrection T-5 "By your precious Cross ..." + 4 of the fathers T-6 "The memorial of the Forefathers ..." (1st is repeated); **Glory:** fathers T-

liturgy of the 1978 service will be posted at sites.google.com/site/ocaaktexts for Dec. 13/26.

12 The supplicatory canon to the Theotokos is found the back of the menaion, also in various prayerbooks and booklets.

6 “Daniel the man of desires ...” **NE** dogmaticon T-5, “In the Red Sea of old ...” Entrance, prokeimenon of day. **3 readings: a. Genesis** 14:14-20. **b. Deut.** 1:8-10,15-17. **c. Deut.** 10:14-21. **Litya:** 1 of the temple, then: fathers T-1 “Illumined by the rays of divine speech ...” **Glory:** fathers T-3, “Accept, O feast-lovers, the assembly of the forefathers ...” **NE** resurrectional theotokion, T-3 “Without seed, from the holy Spirit ...” **Aposticha:** resurrection T-5 “We magnify you in songs ...” **Glory:** fathers T-2, “Rejoice, O honorable prophets ...” **NE:** resurrectional theotokion T-2, “O new wonder! ...” **Dismissal troparia: At vespers alone:** resurrection T-5 “Let us the faithful ...” **Glory:** fathers T-2, “Great are the accomplishments of faith ...” **NE:** resurrectional theotokion, T-2 “All beyond thought ...” **At vigil:** “Rejoice, Virgin” (2x); fathers T-2 (1x).

SUNDAY MATINS At **God is the Lord: Troparia** resurrection T-5, “Let us the faithful ...” (*twice*); **Glory:** fathers T-2, “Great are the accomplishments ...” **NE:** resurrectional theotokion, T-2 “All beyond thought ...” **Kathismas** 2, 3. Little litya. Sessional hymns: resurrection, T-5. **Polyeleos. Evlogitaria of the resurrection:** “The assembly of angels ...” Hypakoe - tone of the week (T-5). Little litya. **Sessional hymns,** fathers, T-8 “With hymns, let us all praise Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ...” **GNE:** “From the bosom of the Father you came down ...” Hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-5). **8th resurrection Gospel:** John 20:11-18 #64. “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, O God ...” & stanza of the resurrection, T-6: “Jesus has risen from the tomb ...” **Litany:** O God save ...

Canons: (4: 3 octoechos + 1 menaion from Sun. of the Fathers): 4 resurrection, with irmos (irmos sung once), + 2 cross & resurrection, + 2 Theotokos, + 6 Fathers. **Irmos:** “Christ has destroyed the armies ...” **Katavasias:** “Christ is born ...” **After ode 3:** Hypakoe of fathers, T-8: “The fire was transformed ...” **After ode 6: Kontakion** of fathers,¹³ T-6: “You would not worship the image made by hands, O thrice-blessed ones ...” & icos “Stretch forth your hand ...” **Magnificat. After ode 9:** Holy is the Lord our God. **Exapostilaria:** resurrection #8: “Seeing two Angels within the tomb ...” **Glory:** fathers: “Verily the chief of the patriarchs ...” **NE** theotokion from menaion: “The unblemished ewe-lamb ...” “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 fathers T-5, “Raise your voice in truth ...” (1st stanza is repeated; special verses before the last 2 stanzas); **Glory:** fathers T-8 “Truly, the collection of the teachings ...” **NE:** “You are most blessed ...” **Great doxology. Troparion** of resurrection: “Today salvation ...” **Litanies and Sunday dismissal. GNE:** gospel stanza #8, T-8 “Mary’s tears are flowing warmly ...”

HOURS: Troparia: resurrection; **Glory:** fathers. **Kontakion:** fathers.

DIVINE LITURGY **Beatitudes** on 10: 6 resurrection T-5 (octoechos), + 4 from canon of fathers ode 3. **After entrance: Troparia:** resurrection, fathers, “Great are the accomplishments ...”; **GNE:** fathers, “You would not worship the image ...” **Prokeimenon:** Song of the Fathers T-4: “Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name forever.” v. “For you are righteous in all that you have done for us.” **Epistle:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (Sunday before Nativity). **Alleluia:** Fathers T-4: “O God, we have heard with our ears, for our fathers have told us.” v. “For you have saved us from those who afflict us, and you have put to shame those who hate us.” **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25 (Sunday before Nativity). Communion hymn: “Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise him in the highest.” (*and:*) “Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just. Alleluia ...”

13 This kontakion is used when this Sunday falls on Dec. 18 or 19. The same kontakion was sung at matins on the Sunday of the Forefathers, a week earlier.