

Rubrics for civil calendar month of May, 2017.<sup>1</sup> These rubrics are indebted to the work of Fr Paul Mercurief,<sup>2</sup> of blessed memory. Memory eternal!

**PLEASE NOTE: This Typicon is provided for the benefit of our parishes, NOT as a directive that every service or instruction is to be served in every parish. Each parish has its own situation and the priest should act accordingly.**<sup>3</sup>

*In this season, Feast" and "festal" indicate hymns special to the Sunday (for instance, Sunday of the Paralytic), or if it is a weekday, the preceding Sunday; "resurrection" and "Sunday" indicate hymns from the Octoechos in the tone of the week; "Pascha" and "paschal" mean hymns from the day of Pascha itself. Festal, resurrection, and paschal hymns are printed in the Pentecostarion. Hymns for saints are found in the menaion.*

**April 21 / May 4** Monday ~ Holy New-Martyr Basil Martysz (1945).

**April 23 / May 6** Saturday ~ **Holy Glorious Greatmartyr and Wonderworker George.** The hymns of the feast are found in the pentecostarion (Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week after Pascha, the week of the Myrrhbearers). If it is a temple of St George, or if the rector wishes, we perform a vigil.

**GREAT VESPERS Paschaltide beginning.** Blessed is the man (1st antiphon). **Lord, I Call** on 8: 4 of the feast: T-2 "The myrrhbearing women, at early dawn, took sweet-smelling spices ..." (1<sup>st</sup> is repeated), + 4 of the saint: T-4: "As noble among martyrs, O passionbearer George ..." **Glory:** T-6 "You conducted your life in a manner worthy of your name ..." **NE** dogmaticon T-2 "The shadow of the law ..." Entrance, prokeimenon of day, 3 readings (saint): **a.** Isaiah 43:9-14 **b.** Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 **c.** Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15. Augmented litany: "Let us all say ..." Vouchsafe (sung); Supplication litany "Let us complete ..." **Litya:** 1 stanza of temple, and the stanzas of the saint, T-1 "The illustrious and most excellent George ...", and T-4. **Glory:** saint T-5 "Spring has shone ..." **NE:** feast T-6 "Joseph asked for the body of Jesus ..." **Aposticha:** resurrection T-2: "Your resurrection, O Christ our Savior ..." (same as Sat. evening, with the verses: "The Lord is King ..." etc.) **Glory:** saint T-4: "In spirit, let us praise the intellect of steel ..." **NE:** feast T-5 "Joseph with Nicodemus took you down, who wrap yourself in light as with a garment ..." **Troparia:** (At vespers alone:) feast T-2 resurr: "When you descended to death, O Life Immortal ..." **Glory:** saint T-4: "O liberator of captives ..." **NE:** feast T-2: "The angel came to the myrrhbearing women ..." (At vigil:) saint (*twice*); Rejoice, Virgin (*once*).

**FESTAL MATINS Paschaltide beginning.** After **God is the Lord: Troparia:** feast T-2 resurr: "The Noble Joseph ..." (*once*), "When you descended to death ..." (*once*), **Glory:** saint T-4: "O liberator of captives ..." **NE:** feast T-2: "The angel came ..." Kathismas 16, 17. Small litany. Sessional hymns after each kathisma: feast (pentecostarion). **Polyeleos.** Magnification of saint (menaion): "We magnify you, O greatmartyr and victorious George, and we honor your precious sufferings, which you have endured for Christ." Selected psalm. Little litany. **Sessional hymns:** all of those for saint are read; **Glory:** the sessional hymn for the saint following the polyeleos, in T-4; **NE:** feast (myrrhbearers), T-2. Hymns of ascents, 1<sup>st</sup> antiphon of T-4 "**From my youth.**" Prokeimenon, T-4: saint: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; like a cedar in Lebanon shall he increase." Verse: "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." "Let everything that has breath ..." etc. **Gospel:** Luke 12:2-12. "Having beheld the resurrection ..." (*once*). Psalm 50. **Glory:** Through the prayers of the Passionbearer ... **NE:** Through the prayers of the Theotokos ... Have mercy on us ... Stanza of saint, T-6: "Today all the inhabited earth ..." **Canons:** feast (pentecostarion: Sunday of the myrrhbearing women), T-2 with irmos on 6 (irmos sung twice); + great-martyr, 2 canons, on 8. **Katavasias** of Pascha: "This is the day of resurrection." **After ode 3:** kontakion of feast, T-2: "You commanded the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ ..." & icos of feast, T-2; sessional hymn of saint; **Glory:** another; **NE:** feast. **After ode 6:** kontakion & ikos of the great-martyr George, T-4. **At ode 9:** we sing the Magnificat. **After ode 9:** "It is truly ..." is not sung. **Exapostilaria:** great-martyr; **Glory:** another of the great-martyr; **NE:** feast: "Hearken, O women." "Let every breath praise the Lord" and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 6: 3 of the resurrection (pentecostarion), T-2, and 3 of the greatmartyr, same tone. **Glory:** greatmartyr, T-2; **NE:** feast, pentecostarion, T-1 (from matins praises in the pentecostarion, for this day). **Great doxology.** After trisagion: **Troparion** of

1 If any mistakes are found, please send email to: juven\_29@yahoo.com.

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 For many of these services, the texts needed for singing are posted at: sites.google.com/site/ocaaktexs.

4 From matins aposticha for this day.

resurrection: T-2 “When you descended to the depths ...” **Gloria:** saint T-4: “O liberator of captives ...” **NE:** feast T-2: “The angel came to the myrrhbearing women ...”

**HOURS Troparia:** the 3 troparia of the feast – “Noble Joseph” “When you descended” and “The angel came” - are alternated, one being read at each of the hours; then: **Gloria:** saint. **Kontakia:** feast and saint, read alternately.

**DIVINE LITURGY Paschaltide beginning.** Beatitudes on 8: 4 from canon of feast (myrrhbearers), ode 9, with irmos, + 4 from canon of saint (menaion), ode 6. At entrance: “... Who rose from the dead ...” **Troparia:** feast T-2 “The Noble Joseph ...” “When you descended to death ...” “The angel came ...; temple (if of the Theotokos<sup>5</sup>); greatmartyr T-4: “O liberator of captives ...” **Gloria:** kontakion of greatmartyr; **NE:** kontakion of feast T-2: “You commanded the myrrhbearers to rejoice ...” **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!” (*and, T-7:*) “The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall set his hope on him.” **Epistle:** Acts 9:20-31 (Saturday) Acts 12:1-11 (saint). **Alleluia** T-8: “O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.” v. “Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other” (*and, T-4:*) “The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; like a cedar in Lebanon shall he increase.” **Gospel:** John 15:17-16:2 (Saturday and saint). **Hymn to the Theotokos:** “The angel cried ...” and “Shine, shine ...” **Communion:** **Pascha:** “Receive the body of Christ ...” & saint: “The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance ...” Alleluia ...

**April 24 / May 7 Fourth Sunday of Pascha. Tone 3. Paralytic.** The service of the feast is found in the Pentecostarion.

**GREAT VESPERS Paschaltide beginning.**<sup>6</sup> “Bless the Lord, O my soul ...” (Psalm 103) as usual. 1<sup>st</sup> kathisma (Blessed is the man). Little litany. **Lord, I Call** on 10: 7 verses of the resurr. T-3 “By your Cross, O Christ our Savior ...” + 3 of the feast T-1 (1<sup>st</sup> being repeated) “O compassionate Christ, who by your immaculate hand fashioned ...” **Gloria:** feast T-5 “Jesus went up to Jerusalem ...” **NE:** dogmaticon T-3 “How can we not marvel, O All-honored Lady ...” Entrance, prokeimenon of the day, T-6: “The Lord is King ...” Augmented litany. Vouchsafe. Supplication litany. **Litya:** 1 temple,<sup>7</sup> then: **Gloria:** feast T-5 “At the sheep's gate ...” **NE:** Resurr. Theot. T-5 “You are the Temple, the Gate ...” **Aposticha:** 1<sup>st</sup> verse of the Sunday aposticha, T-3 “O Christ, who by your Passion darkened the sun ...” Then the **Paschals:** T-5 “Let God arise...” etc. up to the words “Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles.” Then **Gloria:** feast T-8 “In Solomon's Portico there lay a multitude of infirm ...” **NE:** Pascha: “This is the day of resurrection ...” and “Christ is risen ...” (once). **Dismissal troparia:** **At vespers alone:** Resurr. T-3 “Let the heavens rejoice ...” **GNE:** Theotokion: “We sing your praises ...” **At vigil:** Rejoice, Virgin Theotokos (thrice).

**SUNDAY MATINS Paschaltide beginning.** Six Psalms. Great Litany. At **God is the Lord: Troparia** Resurr. T-3 “Let the heavens rejoice ...” (*twice*); **GNE:** resurrectional theotokion: “We sing your praises ...” **Kathismas 2 & 3.** Little litany. Sessional hymns: resurrection. **Polyeleos.**<sup>8</sup> Then we immediately sing: **Resurrectional evlogitaria:** “The assembly of angels.” Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-3). **4<sup>th</sup> resurrection gospel:** Luke 24:1-12. “Having beheld the resurrection” (thrice). After psalm 50, **Gloria:** “Through the prayers of the apostles ...” **NE:** “Through the prayers of the Theotokos ...” Sticheron of the resurrection T-6: “Jesus having risen from the grave ...” Litany: “O God, save ...” **Canons (2):**<sup>9</sup> Pascha, with irmos and theotokia on 8 (irmos sung twice); feast (Paralytic) on 6. **Katavasia:** Pascha. **After ode 3:** kontakion of Pascha, T-8: “You descended into the tomb, O Immortal ...” & ikos: “Before the dawn, the myrrhbearing women ...” Sessional hymns: feast. **After ode 6,** kontakion of feast, T-3: “By your divine intercession, O Lord ...” & ikos “O Jesus God, holding in the grasp of your hand ...” **No magnificat.** At ode 9: usual censuring of entire church. **No** “It is truly ...” Little litany. “Holy is the Lord our God.” **Exapostilarion:** Pascha: “In the flesh you fell asleep ...” **Gloria:** feast: “The lover of man and all-merciful Lord ...” **NE:** repeat. “Let every breath

5 Troparion and kontakion of the temple of a saint are not sung.

6 See instructions for the season of Paschaltide (Eastertide) given after Bright Saturday in the April 2015 rubrics.

7 1<sup>st</sup> stanza from the litya of the patronal feast of the temple.

8 According to the typicon, Kathisma 17 (“Blessed are the blameless”) is sung instead of the polyeleos until the leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Cross (Sept 21 / Oct 4). But in parish practice usually the polyeleos is sung.

9. Biblical canticles are sung (usually in monasteries): Let us sing to the Lord ...

praise the Lord ..." and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8:** Resurr. T-3: "Come, all you nations ..." **Glory:** feast, T-8: "O Lord, the sheep's pool did not heal ..." **NE:** T-2: "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology.** **Troparion:** "Today salvation ..." Litanies and resurrectional dismissal. Then: **GNE:** gospel sticheron #3, T-3. "When Mary Magdalene announced the good news ..."

**HOURS Troparia:** Resurr: "Let the heavens rejoice ..." **Kontakion:** feast, "By your divine intercession ..."

**DIVINE LITURGY Paschaltide beginning:** "Blessed is the Kingdom ..." "Amen." Clergy: "Christ is risen ..." (2½ times). Choir: "... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." Great Litany. Regular antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 8 (printed in Pentecostarion): 4 resurrection, T-3 (octoechos), + 4 from canon of feast (paralytic), Ode 6. **After entrance: Troparion:** Resurr. T-3 "Let the heavens rejoice ..." **Glory: kontakion:** feast, T-3 "By your divine intercession, O Lord ..." **NE:** Pascha: "You descended into the tomb, O Immortal ..." **Prokeimenon,** T-1: "Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!" v. "Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just!" **Epistle:** Acts 9:32-42. **Alleluia,** 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." **Gospel:** John 5:1-15. **Hymn to the Theotokos:** "The angel cried ..." and "Shine, shine ..." **Communion: Pascha:** "Receive the body of Christ ..." & **Sunday:** "Praise the Lord from the heavens ..." Alleluia ...

**April 25 / May 8 Monday – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.** Hymns of the feast are found in the pentecostarion (Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week after Pascha, the week of the Paralytic). Those of St Mark are in the menaion (April 25).

**GREAT VESPERS Sunday evening:** In place of "Come, let us worship ..." the reader says "Christ is risen ..." (thrice). Read Psalm 103. Great Litany. No kathisma. **Lord, I call** on 8: 3 feast, T-8: "O, most glorious wonder! The Creator of all ..." + 5 apostle: T-1 "O faithful, let us sing praises to him who wrote down ..." (1<sup>st</sup> 2 are repeated). **Glory,** apostle, T-6: "Grace is poured out upon your lips ..." **NE:** feast T-5: "A man lay sick by the Sheep's Pool ..." Entrance with censer. **Great Prokeimenon,** T-7: "Who is so great a God as our God ..." with 3 verses. **3 readings: a.** James 1:1-12. **b.** James 1:13-27. **c.** James 2:1-13. Augmented litany. Vouchsafe, O Lord. Supplication litany. **Aposticha,** apostle, T-1: "O Mark, wise in God, you were the pen ..." (with verses of the apostle, see menaion). **Glory,** apostle, T-8: "Come, let us all praise Mark ..." **NE:** feast, T-1: "With Your pure hand ..." Song of St Symeon. Trisagion – Our Father. **Troparia:** resurrection, T-3: "Let the heavens rejoice ..." **Glory:** Apostle, T-3: "O Holy Apostle and evangelist Mark ..." (Or this one in the same tone: "Taught by the pre-eminent Peter ..." **NE,** Resurr. theotokion T-3: "We praise you, the mediatrix ..." **Resurrectional dismissal.**

**DIVINE LITURGY Prokeimenon, Alleluia, and Communion hymn:** feast and apostle. **Epistle:** Acts 10:1-16 (Monday) 1 Peter 5:6-14 (Apostle) **Gospel:** John 6:56-69 (Monday) Mark 6:7-13 (Apostle). **Hymn to the Theotokos:** Pascha.

**April 27 / May 10 Wednesday ~ Midfeast of Pentecost, also called Midpentecost.** Hieromartyr Simeon, the kinsman of the Lord. The texts of the midfeast are found in the Pentecostarion.

**VESPERS Paschaltide beginning.** Psalm 103 (read). Great Litany. Kathisma 9. Little litany. **Lord, I Call** on 6: all midfeast, T-4 "The middle of the midfeast days is here ..." (each stanza is repeated); **GNE:** midfeast T-6 "The midpoint of the feast of your resurrection ..." **Entrance** with censer; Gladsome Light. **Prokeimenon of the day.** 3 readings (midfeast):<sup>10</sup> **a & b.** (composite). **c.** Proverbs 9:1-11. Augmented litany, "Let us all say ..." Vouchsafe. Supplication Litany. **Aposticha:** midfeast, T-1 & T-2: "The midpoint of the days of pentecost has appeared ..." (with special verses for midfeast). **GNE** midfeast, T-8: "The middle of the feast having come, while you taught ..." After Our Father: **Troparion:** midfeast T-8 "In the middle of the feast ..." (*once*). Dismissal.

**MATINS Paschaltide beginning.** Six Psalms. Great Litany. At **God is the Lord:** Troparion: midfeast T-8 "In the middle of the feast ..." (*twice*), **GNE** (*repeat*). Kathismas 10 and 11. Small litany. Sessional hymns: midfeast. "Having beheld the resurrection" (*once*). Psalm 50. (No prayer, "O God, save ...") **Canons:** 2, of midfeast: 1<sup>st</sup>, T-

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10 The composite readings are difficult, if not impossible, to reference using biblical references, since they skip around, use parts of verses, and slightly modify the biblical text. The 3 readings for the midfeast are printed in the service posted at [sites.google.com/site/ocaaktex](http://sites.google.com/site/ocaaktex).

4, with irmos on 8 (irmos sung twice); + 2<sup>nd</sup>, T-8, on 6. **Katavasia:** midfeast. **After ode 3:** Sessional hymns: midfeast. **After ode 6,** kontakion and icos: midfeast. **No magnificat.** Usual censuring of entire church. **After ode 9:** No “It is truly ...” **Exapostilarion:** midfeast; **Glory:** repeat; **NE:** repeat. “Let every breath praise the Lord ...” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 4:** midfeast, T-4 (1<sup>st</sup> is repeated). **GNE** midfeast T-4. **Great doxology.** After Our Father: **Troparion:** midfeast, T-8. Litanies and dismissal.

**HOURS Troparion and kontakion:** midfeast.

**DIVINE LITURGY** Paschaltide beginning. **Beatitudes** on 8, from midfeast canons: 4 from 1<sup>st</sup> canon, ode 3 (with irmos), + 4 from 2<sup>nd</sup> canon, ode 6. At entrance: “... who rose from the dead ...” **Troparion:** midfeast; **GNE:** midfeast. Trisagion is sung. **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.” **Epistle:** Acts 14:6-18. **Alleluia,** T-1 “Remember your congregation, which you have gotten of old.” v. “God is our King before the ages; he has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.” **Gospel:** John 7:14-30. **Hymn to the Theotokos:** Irmos of the 9<sup>th</sup> ode, 2<sup>nd</sup> canon of midfeast: “Virginity is foreign ...” (This is also sung on the leave-taking of the midfeast, which is the following Wednesday. But on the days in between, the usual zadostoynik of Pascha is sung: “The Angel cried ...” and “Shine, shine ...”). **Communion:** “He who eats my flesh and drinks by blood abides in me and I in him. Alleluia ...” **After (or before) Divine Liturgy a blessing of water is often celebrated.**

**April 30 / May 13** Saturday. Holy Apostle James, the Brother of St John. Acts 12:1-11 (Saturday and apostle) John 8:31-42 (Saturday) Luke 5:1-11 (Apostle)

**May 1 / 14 Fifth Sunday of Pascha. Tone 4. The Samaritan Woman.** Texts are found in the Pentecostarion.

**GREAT VESPERS** Paschaltide beginning. “Bless the Lord, O my soul ...” (Psalm 103) as usual. Great litany. 1<sup>st</sup> kathisma (Blessed is the man). Little litany. **Lord, I Call** on 10: 4 verses of the resurr. T-4 “Always venerating your life-creating Cross ...” + 3 midfeast (from **Lord, I Call** of the midfeast) T-4 “The middle of the midfeast days is here ...” + 3 feast (Samaritan woman) T-1 “The fount of wonders came to the fount ...” & T-2; **Glory:** feast: T-6 “Beside Jacob's well Jesus found the Samaritan woman ...” **NE:** Dogmatikon T-4: “The Prophet David was an ancestor of God ...” Entrance, prokeimenon of the day, T-6: “The Lord is King ...” Augmented litany. Vouchsafe. Supplication litany. **Litya:** temple; **GNE:** T-3 “Today let heaven and earth resplendantly rejoice ...” **Aposticha:** the first verse of the Sunday aposticha, **T-4** “By ascending the Cross, O Lord ...” Then the **Paschals:** T-5 “Let God arise...” etc. up to the words “Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles.” Then **Glory:** feast T-8 “When you appeared in the flesh, O Christ God, out of ineffable compassion ...” **NE:** Pascha: “This is the day of resurrection ...” and “Christ is risen ...” (once). **Troparia: (at vespers alone:)** Resurrection T-4 “When the women disciples of the Lord ...” **GNE:** midfeast “In the middle of the feast ...” **(at vigil:)** “Rejoice, Virgin Theotokos ...” (*thrice*).

**SUNDAY MATINS** Paschaltide beginning. Six Psalms. Great Litany. At **God is the Lord: Troparia** Resurr. T-4 “When the women disciples of the Lord ...” (twice), **GNE:** midfeast “In the middle of the feast ...” Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: resurrection. **Polyeleos.**<sup>11</sup> Then we immediately sing: **Resurrectional evlogitaria:** “The assembly of angels.” Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-4). 7<sup>th</sup> **resurrection gospel:** John 20:1-10. “Having beheld the resurrection” (*thrice*). After psalm 50, **Glory:** “Through the prayers of the apostles ...” **NE:** “Through the prayers of the Theotokos ...” Sticheron of the resurrection T-6: “Jesus having risen from the grave ...” Litany: “O God, save ...” **Canons (3:** all from Pentecostarion): Pascha, with irmos and theotokia on 6 (irmos sung twice), + 2<sup>nd</sup> canon of midfeast, on 4, + feast (Samaritan woman) on 4. **Irmos:** Pascha. **Katavasia:** Pascha. **After ode 3:** kontakion of midfeast, T-4: “Christ God, the Creator and Master of all ...” & icos. Sessional hymns: feast (Samaritan woman); **GNE** midfeast. **After ode 6,** kontakion of feast (Samaritan woman), T-8 “Having come to the well in faith ...” & icos. **No magnificat.** At ode 9, usual censuring of entire church. **After ode 9:** “It is truly ...” is not sung. Little litany. “Holy is the Lord our God.” **Exapostilaria:** Pascha; **Glory:** feast: “You came to Samaria ...”; **NE:** midfeast. “Let every breath praise the Lord ...” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8:** 6 Resurrection, T-4 “We glorify your resurrection ...” + 2 feast, T-3 “Let heaven and earth rejoice today ...” & T-6; **Glory:** feast, T-6 “Jesus our Savior, the

<sup>11</sup> In parish practice. Per the typicon, Kathisma 17 (“Blessed are the blameless”) is sung instead of the polyeleos until the leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 21 / October 4), unless there is a feast calling for the polyeleos.

Fountain of Life ..." NE T-2: "You are most blessed ..." **Great doxology.** Troparion: "By rising ..." Litanies ("Let us say ..." and "Let us complete ...") and Sunday dismissal. Then: **GNE:** gospel sticheron #7, T-7. "See, it is dark and early! ..."

**HOURS (1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>): Troparia:** Resurrection; **Glory:** midfeast. **kontakion:** midfeast.

**(3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>): Troparia:** Resurrection; **Glory:** midfeast. **kontakion:** Samaritan woman.

**DIVINE LITURGY** Paschaltide beginning: "Blessed is the Kingdom ..." "Amen." Clergy: "Christ is risen ..." (2½ times). Choir: "... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." Great Litany. Regular antiphons. **Beatitudes** on 12: 4 Resurrection T-4 (octoechos), + 4 from ode 3, canon of Samaritan woman, + 4 from Ode 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> canon of midfeast. **Troparia:** Resurrection, T-4 "When the women disciples ..." and midfeast T-8 "In the middle of the feast ..."; **Glory: kontakion:** feast (Samaritan woman); **NE:** kontakion of midfeast. **Prokeimenon,** T-3 "Sing praises to our God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises." v. "Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!" **Epistle:** Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. **Alleluia,** T-4 "Go forth, and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness!" v. "For you have loved righteousness and hated iniquity." **Gospel:** John 4:5-42. **Hymn to the Theotokos:** "The Angel cried ..." and "Shine, shine ..." **Communion: Pascha:** "Receive the body of Christ ..." and "Praise the Lord from the heavens ... Alleluia ..."

**May 2 / 15** Monday. St. Athanasius the Great, archbishop of Alexandria.

**May 8 / 21** Sixth Sunday of Pascha ~ **The Blind Man** ~ Tone 5 ~ **Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.** The Sunday (resurrection) and feast (blind man) texts are found in the pentecostarion; those of the apostle are in the menaion. The commemoration of St Arsenius is set aside and sung when the rector wishes.

**GREAT VESPERS** Paschaltide beginning. "Bless the Lord, O my soul ..." (Psalm 103) as usual. 1<sup>st</sup> kathisma (Blessed is the man). Little litany. **Lord, I Call** on 10: 3 resurrection T-5 "Through your precious Cross, O Christ, you put the devil to shame ..." + 3 feast T-2 (1<sup>st</sup> is repeated) "The man born blind, said in his thoughts ..." + 4 apostle, T-1: "The beholder of ineffable revelations ..." (1<sup>st</sup> is repeated), **Glory:** feast T-5 "O Lord, passing by on your way, you found a man ..." **NE:** Dogmaticon T-5 "In the Red Sea of old ..." **Entrance,** prokeimenon of the day, T-6: "The Lord is King ..." **Three readings** of the apostle: **a.** 1 John 3:21-4:6. **b.** 1 John 4:11-16. **c.** 1 John 4:20-5:5. Augmented litany. Vouchsafe. Supplication litany. **Litya:** 1 temple + apostle, T-1: "Rivers of theology ..." **Glory:** apostle, T-4 "Having leaned on the breast ..." **NE:** feast T-4 "The blind man, regarding the whole of life as night ..." **Aposticha:** the first stanza of the Sunday aposticha, T-5 "We magnify you, the incarnate Savior, Christ ..." Then the **Paschals:** T-5 "Let God arise..." etc. up to the words "Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles." **Glory:** apostle, T-6: "O Apostle of Christ, Evangelist ..." **NE:** feast T-8 "O spiritual sun of righteousness, O Christ God ..." <sup>12</sup> **Troparia: (at vespers alone:)** Resurrection T-5 "Let us, the faithful, praise and worship ..." **Glory:** apostle, T-2: "O Apostle, beloved of Christ God ..." **NE:** Resurrectional theotokion, T-2 "All beyond thought and all glorious ..." **(at vigil:)** "Rejoice, Virgin" (*twice*), apostle (*once*).

**SUNDAY MATINS** Paschaltide beginning. Six Psalms. Great Litany. At **God is the Lord: Troparia** Resurrection T-5 "Let us, the faithful, praise ..." (*twice*), **Glory:** apostle, T-2: "O Apostle, beloved of Christ God ..." **NE:** resurr. theotokion, T-2 "All beyond thought and all glorious ..." Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: resurrection. **Polyeleos. Magnification** (apostle): "We magnify you, O Christ the giver of life, and we venerate your divine Ascension with your most pure flesh into heaven."<sup>13</sup> Then **resurrectional evlogitaria:** "The assembly of angels." Little litany. Hypakoe in the tone of the week (T-5). Sessional hymns of the apostle appointed for both kathismas; **Glory:** same, for the polyeleos; **NE;** its theotokion. Hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week (T-5). **8<sup>th</sup> resurrection gospel:** John 20:11-18. "Having beheld the resurrection" (*thrice*). After psalm 50, **Glory:** "Through the prayers of the apostles ..." **NE:** "Through the prayers of the Theotokos ..." Sticheron of the resurrection T-6: "Jesus having risen from the grave ..." Litany: "O God, save ..." **Canons (3: 1 pentecostarion + 1 menaion + 1 pentecostarion):** Pascha, with irmos and theotokia on 6 (irmos

<sup>12</sup> "This is the day of resurrection ..." and "Christ is risen ..." which are usually sung at "now and ever" are replaced by the festal hymn for the Sunday: "O spiritual sun of righteousness ..."

<sup>13</sup> Often when there is a major saint with a magnification falling on a Sunday, the magnification is sung once only, followed immediately by the evlogitaria; the selected psalms are omitted, or abbreviated in any of various ways. But if used, two verses of the selected psalms are: **a.** "Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with loud songs of joy!" **b.** "For the Lord Most High is terrible, and a great King over all the earth."

sung twice), + apostle on 4, + feast (blind man) on 4. (For the 3<sup>rd</sup> canon, that of the feast, we read 1 troparion of the resurrection (check the content), 1 of the feast (blind man, check content), **Glor**y: the troparion to the Trinity, **NE**: theotokion). **Irmos**: Pascha. **Katavasia**: Feast of **Ascension**, T-5, “Concealed in the divine darkness ...” **After ode 3**: **kontakion** of apostle, T-2 “Who shall declare your greatness ...” & icos. **Sessional hymns**: apostle, T-8 (*twice*), **GNE** feast. Sessional hymns: feast. **After ode 6**, **kontakion** of feast (blind man): T-4 “I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes ...” & icos. **No** magnificat. At ode 9, usual censuring of entire church. **After ode 9**: “It is truly ...” is not sung. Little litany. “Holy is the Lord our God.” **Exapostilarion**: Pascha “In the flesh ...”; **Glor**y: apostle, “Being a son of thunder ...” **NE**: feast (blind man): “Enlighten my spiritual eyes ...” (or:) “Our Savior, passing by ...” “Let every breath praise the Lord ...” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises on 8**: 4 stanzas of the resurrection, T-5 “After the tomb was sealed ...”, + 4 of the saint, T-8 “Blessed and all-wise Evangelist ...” (including the **Glor**y, T-8 “O Evangelist John, peer of the angels ...”). Before the last 2 stanzas we say the verses “Their proclamation ...” and “The heavens declare the glory of God ...” (from the vespers aposticha of the saint – menaion, May 8). **Glor**y: feast, T-8 “Who can speak ...” **NE**, T-2: “You are most blessed ...” **Great doxology**. Troparion: “Today salvation ...” Litanies and resurrectional dismissal. Then: **GNE**: gospel sticheron #8, T-8. “Mary’s tears are flowing warmly ...”

**HOURS Troparia**: Resurrection; **Glor**y: apostle. **Kontakion**: feast (blind man): and apostle, alternately.

**DIVINE LITURGY** Paschaltide beginning. **Great Litany**. Regular (typical) antiphons. **Beatitudes on 12**: 4 resurr. T-5 (octoechos), + 4 from canon of feast (blind man), Ode 6, + 4 from canon of apostle, ode 6 (menaion). **Troparia**: resurrection, apostle, **Glor**y: **kontakia**: apostle, **NE**: feast (blind man). **Prokeimenon**: feast T-8 “Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.” v. “In Judah God is known; his Name is great in Israel.” (*and*, T-8:) “Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.” **Epistle**: Acts 16:16-34 (Sunday) 1 John 1:1-7 (apostle). **Alleluia**: feast T-8: “Look upon me and have mercy on me.” v. “Direct my steps according to your word.” (*and*, T-1:) “The heavens will praise your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the congregation of the saints.” **Gospel**: John 9:1-38 (Sunday) John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (apostle). **Hymn to the Theotokos**: “The angel cried ...” and “Shine, shine ...” **Communion**: Sunday: “Praise the Lord from the heavens ...” and apostle: “Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia ...” Sunday dismissal.

**May 10 / 23** Tuesday ~ **Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot**. Acts 17:19-28, John 12:19-36 (Tuesday) 1 Corinthians 4:9-16, Matthew 13:54-58 (Apostle)

**May 11 / 24** Wednesday ~ **Leavetaking of Pascha. Forefeast of the Ascension**. St Cyril and St Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs. The texts are found in the Pentecostarion. **Our tradition for the Leave-taking is that it is served as in Bright Week.**

**GREAT VESPERS** We begin as on Bright Monday. Open royal doors. Priest with cross and triple-candles in left hand and censer in right hand, exclaims: “Blessed is our God ...” Clergy sing “Christ is risen ...” thrice, and the choir also sings the same. Half-censuring of church, with the Paschal verses, “Let God arise ...” etc. (see Bright Monday). No introductory psalm. After censuring and verses, great litany is said before the altar. No kathisma. **Lord, I Call** on 6: all from the feast (Blind Man - Sunday vespers and praises): a) T-2: “The man born blind, said in his thoughts ...” b) “As Jesus passed on his way from the temple, he found a man ...” c) T-4, “The blind man, regarding the whole of life as night ...” d) T-5. “O Lord, passing by on your way, you found a man ...” e) T-8, “O spiritual sun of righteousness, O Christ God ...” f) T-8, “Christ God, who for tender mercies’ sake became incarnate ...” **GNE** T-8: “Who can tell of your mighty acts, O Christ ...” **Entrance with censer**. Gladsome Light. **Great Prokeimenon**, T-7: “Who is so great a God as our God...” with 3 verses. **Augmented Litany**: “Let us all say...” “Vouchsafe, O Lord...” (**is sung**). **Supplication Litany**: “Let us complete our evening prayer...” is said before the altar. **Aposticha**, resurrection T-5: “We magnify you, the incarnate Savior, Christ ...” (as on Saturday evening). **Only this one stanza**; then we at once begin singing the **Paschals**: “Let God arise...” and its verses, etc. “**Today a sacred Pascha is revealed to us...**” as during Bright Week. Great dismissal: “Wisdom!” etc. Paschal dismissal with cross, and same ending as on Easter Sunday. At conclusion, we sing: “**And unto us, he has given eternal life...**”

**FESTAL MATINS** After the opening blessing: “**Glor**y to the holy, consubstantial ...” then we continue exactly same as at vespers, with “**Christ is risen ...**” the paschal verses and the half censuring. (No Six Psalms.)

Great Litany. No kathismas. No polyeleos. **Paschal canon**, T-1:<sup>14</sup> “This is the day of resurrection ...” is sung only by the choir. Little litany **only after ode 9**. Rest of canon is the same as on Pascha. **Exapostilarion**: Pascha “In the flesh ...” (*thrice*). “Let every breath praise the Lord ...” **Praises, on 1 verse**, and stanza of feast (blind man), T-8 “O Christ God, who for tender mercies' sake became incarnate ...” then the **Paschals**: “Let God arise ...” **Augmented Litany**, “Have mercy on us...” and **Supplication Litany**, “Let us complete our morning prayer...” Dismissal – same as at vespers.

HOURS **Troparion** Resurrection, T-5: “Let us, the faithful, praise ...” **Kontakion** feast (blind man).

DIVINE LITURGY Same beginning as Bright Monday. “**Blessed is the Kingdom...**” Clergy sings troparion three times, and the choir also sings the same three times. The paschal verses “**Let God arise...**” etc. are chanted by the priest, and after each the choir sings the Troparion in a selected melody (see beginning of matins). The priest makes a half-censing of the church during this time. **Great Litany. Festal Antiphons**, T-2: “Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!” etc. **Entrance verse**: “Bless God in the churches, the Lord, from the fountains of Israel.” **Troparion**: “Christ is risen...” **Hypakoe**: “Before dawn, Mary and the women...”; **Glory: Kontakion** (blind man) T-4 “I come to you, O Christ, blind from birth ...” **NE kontakion** of Pascha T-8: “You descended into the tomb, O Immortal ...” **Instead** of Trisagion, we sing: “As many as have been baptized...”<sup>15</sup> **Prokeimenon**, T-8: “This is the day which the Lord has made...” **Epistle**: Acts 18:22-28. **Alleluia**, T-4: “Thou didst arise and have mercy on Zion ...” **Gospel**: John 12:36-47. **Hymn to the Theotokos**: “The Angel cried ...” and the 9<sup>th</sup> irmos: “Shine, shine! ...” **Communion hymn**: “Receive the Body of Christ...” (**NOTE**: The Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead...” is sung in place of: a) “Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord...”; b) “We have seen the true light...”; c) “Let our mouth be filled...”; d) “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” (in a fast tempo). **Dismissal**: and blessing with the Cross as on **Pascha Sunday**.

*After the Divine Liturgy, the plashchanitsa is removed from the holy altar and stored.*

**May 12 / 25** Thursday ~ **The Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** ~ The texts are found in the Pentecostarion. **Great Vespers at Vigil.**

*We now set aside the order (ustav) of Paschaltide. Until Pentecost, we still do not say “O heavenly King ...”, and wherever it would normally follow “Glory to thee, our God, glory to thee” we omit those words too.*

GREAT VESPERS At vigil: “Glory to the holy, consubstantial ...” At vespers alone, “Blessed is our God ...” Then “Amen.” “Bless the Lord, O my soul ...” (Ps 103). Great litany. No kathisma. **Lord, I Call** on 10: all feast of Ascension: T-2 “The Lord was taken up into the heavens ...” (each stanza is sung twice). **GNE** T-6 “Not being separated from the bosom of the Father ...” **Entrance**, Gladsome Light, prokeimenon of day, 3 paramyas (feast): **a.** Isaiah 2:2-3. **b.** Isaiah 62:10-12; 63:1-3,7-9. **c.** Zechariah 14:1, 4, 8-12. Augmented litany “Let us all say ...” Vouchsafe (sung). Supplication litany. **Litya**: all feast, T-1 “Ascending into the heavens, from which you also had descended ...” and T-4, **GNE**: feast T-4 “O Lord, fulfilling, as good, the mystery hidden from the ages ...” Prayers of the litya. **Aposticha**: T-2 “You were born as you yourself willed ...” with the festal verses; **GNE** T-6 feast: “God has gone up in jubilation, the Lord with ...” St. Symeon's prayer. Trisagion. At blessing of loaves, **Troparion**: feast T-4 “You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God ...” (*once at vespers alone; thrice at vigil*). “Blessed be the Name ...” (*thrice*), Psalm 33. Then: At vespers alone: Wisdom! Father [Master] bless! and the rest, and festal dismissal: “May he who in glory ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of the God and Father, Christ our true God ...” At vigil: “The blessing of the Lord ...” “Amen” and matins follows.

FESTAL MATINS After “Glory to God in the highest ...” etc. Six psalms. Great litany. After **God is the Lord**: troparion of feast, T-4 “You have ascended in glory...” (*twice*), **GNE** (*3<sup>rd</sup> time*). Kathismas 13 & 14. Little litany. Sessional hymns: feast. **Polyeleos. Magnification**: “We magnify you, O Christ the giver of life, and we venerate your divine Ascension with your most pure flesh into heaven.” Selected psalm: **a.** “Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with loud songs of joy!” **b.** “For the Lord Most High is terrible, and a great King over all the earth.” Little litany. Sessional hymns: feast. **Hymn of ascents**, 1<sup>st</sup> antiphon in T-4: “From my youth ...” **Prokeimenon**: feast, T-4, “God has gone up in jubilation; the Lord, with the sound of a trumpet.” v. “Clap your

14 Along with the Paschal Canon, the **Canon of the forefeast of Ascension** can be sung. Per the *Moscow Typicon*: Paschal canon on 6, + feast (blind man) on 4, + forefeast of Ascension on 4. **Katavasia**: Ascension.

15 According to the typicon, Trisagion is sung.

hands, all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.” “Let everything that has breath ...” **Gospel:** Mark 16:9-20. “Having beheld the resurrection ...” (*once*). Psalm 50. **Glory:** T-6 “Through the prayers of the Apostles ...” **NE:** T-6 “Through the prayers of the Theotokos ...” Have mercy on me ... Festal stanza, T-6: “Today the powers on high ...”

**Canons:** 2, of the feast. 1<sup>st</sup> canon, T-5, with irmos on 8 (irmos is sung twice); 2<sup>nd</sup> canon on 6. **Katavasia:** Ascension. After **ode 3:** sessional hymn: feast. After **ode 6:** kontakion of feast, T-6 “When you had fulfilled ...” and icos. At **ode 9:** “More honorable” is not sung. Instead, **refrains** are sung with the irmos and troparia of the **9<sup>th</sup> ode.** Usual full censuring of church. After **ode 9:** “It is truly” is not sung. **Exapostilaria:** feast “Before the eyes of your disciples ...” **Glory:** (repeat); **NE:** (3<sup>rd</sup> time). “Let every breath praise the Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 4: feast, T-1 “Let us who are in the world ...” **GNE** T-2: “You were born as you yourself desired ...” **Great doxology.** After Holy God: **Troparion** of feast, T-4 “You have ascended in glory...” Litanies “Have mercy on us ...” and “Let us complete ...” and **festal dismissal** (see end of vespers). At the **HOURS:** Troparion and kontakion of feast.

*From Ascension to its Leavetaking: Before beginning the Divine Liturgy, in place of “O Heavenly King” priest says the Troparion of Ascension; then “Glory to God ...” (twice) and “O Lord, open my lips ...” (once)*

**DIVINE LITURGY** **Festal antiphons,** T-2: “Clap your hands, all peoples ...” **Entrance verse:** “God has gone up with a shout ...” Troparion of feast: T-4 “You have ascended in glory...” **GNE:** Kontakion of Ascension: T-6 “When you had fulfilled ...” **Prokeimenon** T-7: “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and your glory over all the earth.” v. “My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody over all the earth.” **Epistle:** Acts 1:1-12. **Alleluia** T-2: “God has gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.” v. “Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy.” **Gospel:** Luke 24:36-53. **Hymn to the Theotokos:** we sing the **refrain & irmos of 9<sup>th</sup> ode of canon:** T-5: “Magnify, O my soul ...” and “We magnify you ...” **Communion:** “God has gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia ...” **In place of “We have seen the true light ...” from now until Pentecost:** we sing Troparion of feast: T-4 “You have ascended in glory...” Festal dismissal (see end of matins). *Leave-taking is Friday, May 20 / June 2.*

**May 15 / 28 Seventh Sunday of Pascha ~ Tone 6 ~ Afterfeast of Ascension ~ Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.** All texts – resurrection, feast, and fathers – are printed in the Pentecostarion. “Feast” refers to the texts of Ascension; “fathers” the texts of the holy fathers.

**GREAT VESPERS** 1<sup>st</sup> kathisma (Blessed is the man). **Lord, I Call** on 10: 3 resurrection, T-6 “Winning the victory ...”; + 3 feast of Ascension, T-6: “The Lord ascended ...” + 4 fathers T-6 “Before the morning star ...” **Glory:** fathers T-6 “Today, let us praise ...”; **NE:** dogmaticon T-6: “Who will not bless you ...” **Entrance,** Gladsome light, prokeimenon of day, 3 readings of the fathers (pentecostarion): **a.** Genesis 14:14-20. **b.** Deuteronomy 1:8-11,15-17. **c.** Deuteronomy 10:14-21. **Litya:** Ascension, T-1: “Having ascended to heaven from where you had descended ...” **Glory:** fathers, T-3: “The holy Fathers are the renowned keepers of the tradition ...” **NE** T-6, Ascension: “Lord, when you had fulfilled the mystery of your dispensation ...” **Aposticha:** resurrection, T-6; **Glory:** T-4 Fathers: “We celebrate today ...” **NE** feast (Ascension), T-4 “Having accomplished, O Lord, in your goodness, the mystery ...” **Troparia: (At vespers alone:)** resurrection T-6: “The angelic powers ...”; **Glory:** Fathers, T-8: “Most glorious are you ...” **NE** feast, T-4: “You have ascended in glory ...” **(At vigil:)** Fathers (2x); feast (Ascension) (1x).

**SUNDAY MATINS** At **God is the Lord:** resurrection T-6: “The angelic powers ...” (*twice*); **Glory:** Fathers, T-8: “Most glorious are you ...” **NE** feast, T-4: “You have ascended in glory ...” Kathismas 2 & 3. Little litany. Sessional hymns: resurrection. **Polyeleos.**<sup>16</sup> **Resurrectional evlogitaria:** “The assembly of angels.” Hypakoe, hymns of ascents, prokeimenon - tone of the week, T-6. **10<sup>th</sup> resurrection Gospel:** John 21:1-14 #66. “Having beheld the resurrection” (*once*). After psalm 50, **Glory:** “Through the prayers of the apostles ...” etc. Sticheron of the resurrection T-6: “Jesus having risen from the dead ...” **Canons (3:** all from pentecostarion): Resurrection, T-6, with irmos on 4 (irmos sung once); + feast, 1<sup>st</sup> canon, on 4; + fathers on 6. **Irmos, T-6:** “When Israel walked on foot over the deep ...” **Katavasia: Ascension. After ode 3: kontakion of Ascension,** T-6

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16 In parish use. Per the typicon, Kathisma 17.

“When you had fulfilled the dispensation ...” & icos. Sessional hymns of fathers; **Glor**y: another of the fathers; **NE**: feast. **After ode 6: kontakion of fathers**, T-8 “The Apostles’ preaching and the fathers’ doctrines ...” & icos. **After Ode 8: Magnificat. After ode 9**: Holy is the Lord our God, T-6. **Exapostilaria**: resurrection #10, “Once upon the Sea of Tiberias ...” **Glor**y: fathers, “By celebrating today ...” **NE**: feast, “Before the eyes of your disciples ...” “Let every breath praise the Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 8: 4 resurrection T-6, “Your Cross, O Lord ...” + 4 fathers, T-6 “When the holy fathers had assembled all of the science of the soul ...” (Before the last 2 stanzas we say the special verses for the fathers - see pentecostarion); **Glor**y: fathers, T-8 “When the choir of the holy fathers ...” **NE**: “You are most blessed ...” **Great doxology**. Troparion of resurrection: “By rising ...” **At dismissal**: “May he who rose from the dead ...” Then: **GNE**: 10<sup>th</sup> gospel sticheron, T-6: “Revealing yourself, O Savior, to your Disciples ...”

**HOURS** (1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>): **Troparion**: Resurrection; **Glor**y: Ascension. **Kontakion**: Ascension. (3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>): **Troparion**: Resurrection; **Glor**y: Fathers. **Kontakion**: Fathers.

**DIVINE LITURGY** **Beatitudes** on 12 (all are printed in the pentecostarion): 4 resurrection, T-6 + 4 Ascension, ode 4 + 4 Fathers, ode 6. At entrance: “... who rose from the dead ...” After entrance: **Troparia**: resurrection T-6; feast (Ascension), and fathers. **Glor**y: **kontakia**: fathers: **NE**: feast. **Prokeimenon**: 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**: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. **Alleluia**: T-1: “The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.” v. “Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!” **Gospel**: John 17:1-13. **Hymn to the Theotokos**: from 9<sup>th</sup> ode of canon of Ascension, T-5: (**refrain**) “Magnify, O my soul ...” (**irmos**) “We magnify you ...” **Communion**: “Praise the Lord from the heavens ...” and: “Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous ...” **In place of**: “**We have seen the true light ..**” we sing the Ascension troparion, T-4: “You have ascended ...” **Sunday dismissal**.

**May 17 / 30 Tuesday** ~ Afterfeast of Ascension ~ **Canonization of St. Alexis Toth** (May 30, 1994). The texts of the feast are in the pentecostarion; those of the saint are from the Orthodox Church in America.

**GREAT VESPERS** Blessed is the man (1<sup>st</sup> antiphon). **Lord, I Call** on 8: 3 of the feast: T-4 “Impassible in divinity, you suffered the passion as man ...” + 5 of the saint, T-6: “Come, all who love the saints ...” **Glor**y: saint, T-6 “Come, O Orthodox faithful ...” **NE** feast T-4 “When you came to the Mount of Olives, O Christ ...” Entrance, prokeimenon of day, **3 readings** (saint): **a**. Composite 2 (Proverbs). **b**. Composite 4 (Wisdom of Solomon). **c**. Composite 5 (Wisdom of Solomon). Augmented litany: “Let us all say ...” Vouchsafe (sung); Supplication litany “Let us complete ...” **Litya**: 1 stanza of temple, and those of the saint, T-6 “Come, all who love the feasts ...” **Glor**y: saint T-6 “O glorious wonder! A new is revealed ...” **NE**: feast T-4 “When You ascended in glory, O Christ God ...”<sup>17</sup> **Aposticha**: saint, T-2: “Come, all you lovers of piety ...” **Glor**y: saint T-4: “Fleeing the harm that comes from vanity ...” **NE**: feast T-4 “O God, You have refashioned the nature of Adam ...” **Troparia**: (**At vespers alone**): saint, T-4: “O righteous Father Alexis ...” **GNE**: feast T-4: “You have ascended in glory, O Christ God ...” (**At vigil**): saint (*twice*); feast (*once*).

**FESTAL MATINS** After **God is the Lord**: **Troparia**: feast T-4: “You have ascended in glory ...” (*twice*), **Glor**y: saint, T-4: “O righteous Father Alexis ...” **NE**: feast. Kathismas 7,8. After each kathisma, small litany and sessional hymns of saint. **Polyeleos**. Magnification: “We magnify you, O holy Father Alexis, and we honor your holy memory, for you led your people back to the Orthodox Faith, and you pray to Christ our God for us.” Selected psalm: “Hear this, all peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world.” Little litany. **Sessional hymns**: saint, T-8 “Like a diligent bee ...” **GNE**: feast. Hymns of ascents, 1<sup>st</sup> antiphon of T-4 “**From my youth.**” Prokeimenon, saint, T-4: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” verse: “What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits toward me?” “Let everything that has breath ...” etc. **Gospel**: John 10:9-16. Psalm 50. **Glor**y: “Through the prayers of our holy Father Alexis ...” **NE**: “Through the prayers of the Theotokos ...” “Have mercy on us ...” Stanza of saint, from his service.

**Canons** (2: 1 pentecostarion + 1 menaion): feast of Ascension, with irmos on 6 (irmos sung twice); + saint, on 8. **Katavasia**s: Ascension. **After ode 3**: kontakion of feast, T-6 “When you had fulfilled ...” and icos. Sessional hymn of saint; **GNE**: feast. **After ode 6**: kontakion of saint, T-5 “Let us the faithful praise the priest Alexis ...” & icos “What praise, what worthy thanks ...” **After ode 8**: Magnificat. **After ode 9**: “It is truly ...” is

17 From matins aposticha for this day.

not sung. **Exapostilaria:** saint, T-8 “With illumined hearts ...”; **Glory:** (repeat); **NE:** feast: “Before the eyes of your disciples ...” “Let every breath praise the Lord” and the psalms of the praises. **Praises** on 6: 3 feast, T-2 “You did not leave as orphans ...”<sup>18</sup> + 3 saint, T-6 “Today the memory of the holy priest Alexis ...” **GNE:** feast T-4 “When You ascended in glory, O Christ God ...”<sup>19</sup> **Great doxology.** **Troparia:** saint, T-4: “O righteous Father Alexis ...” **GNE:** feast T-4: “You have ascended in glory, O Christ God ...”

HOURS **Troparia:** feast; **Glory:** saint. **Kontakion:** (At 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours:) feast. (At 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> hours:) saint.

DIVINE LITURGY Beatitudes on 8: 4 from canon of Ascension, ode 6, + 4 from canon of saint, ode 6. After entrance: In a temple of the Lord or a saint: **troparia:** feast, saint; **Glory:** **kontakia:** saint; **NE:** feast. In a temple of the Theotokos: **troparia:** feast, temple, saint; **kontakia:** feast, **Glory:** saint; **NE:** temple. **Prokeimenon** T-7: “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and your glory over all the earth.” v. “My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody over all the earth.” (*and, T-7:*) “The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and trust in Him.” **Epistle:** Galatians 1:11-19 (saint). **Alleluia** T-2: “God has gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.” v. “Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy.” (*and, T-6:*) “Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in his commandments.” **Gospel:** John 10:1-9 (saint). **Hymn to the Theotokos:** we sing the **refrain & irmos of 9<sup>th</sup> ode of canon:** T-5: “Magnify, O my soul ...” and “We magnify you ...” **Communion:** “God has gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet” and “The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia ...” **In place of “We have seen the true light ...”:** we sing the troparion of Ascension: T-4 “You have ascended in glory ...”

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18 From matins aposticha for Tuesday in the 7<sup>th</sup> week after Pascha.

19 From matins aposticha for Tuesday in the 7<sup>th</sup> week after Pascha, sung also at the litya of the feast.