

February 2017 (civil calendar)

Wednesday

January 19 | **February 1**

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390–391). St. Mark, Archbp. of Ephesus (1444). *Ven. Macarius of the Near Kyivan Caves (XII).* *Ven. Macarius, Deacon, of the Far Kyivan Caves (XIII–XIV).* Virgin–martyr Euphrasia of Nicomedia (303). St. Arsenius, Archbp. of Kerkyra (953). St. Anthony the Stylite of Martqopi (VI) (Georgian). Blessed Theodore, fool-for-Christ (1392). Ven. Macarius the Roman of Novhorod (XVI–XVII). {St. Branwalader of Cornwall (VI)}

Fast day

Ord.: 1 Peter 4:1–11; Mk. 12:28–37

Ven.: Gal. 5:22–6: 2; Mt. 11:27–30

Thursday

January 20 | **February 2**

Ven. Euthymius the Great (473). Ven. Euthymius (XIV) and Lawrence (XIII–XIV) of the Far Kyivan Caves. Martyrs Inna, Pinna and Rimma, disciples of Apostle Andrew (I–II). Martyrs Bassus, Eusebius, Eutychius, and Basilides at Nicomedia (303). New Martyr Zacharias in Patras in Morea (1782).

Ord.: 1 Peter 4:12–5: 5; Mk. 12:38–44

Ven.: Heb. 13:17–21, Lk. 6:17–23

FridayJanuary 21 | **February 3**

Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus (303–305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian and Aquila (III). Virgin–martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius (662). St. Maximus the Greek (1556). Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos “Hodigitria” (“Directress”) and wonderworking “Paramythia” icon of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

*Fast day***Ord.:** 2 Peter 1:1–10; Mk. 13:1–8

SaturdayJanuary 22 | **February 4**

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (c. 96). Monk–Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). *Ven. Anastasius of the Near Kyivan Caves (XII)*. Hieromartyrs Manuel, George, Peter, and Leontius, bishops; Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontius and Parodus, Priests; and 377 companions (c. 817). St. Macarius, Abbot of Zhabyn, wonderworker of Belev (1623).
{St. Brithwald of Wilton (1045)}

Ord.: 2 Tim. 2:11–19; Lk. 18:2–8**BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION**

SundayJanuary 23 | **February 5****Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee.** Tone 8.

Hieromartyr Clement, Bp. of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (296). Ven. Mausimus the Syrian (IV). St. Salamanes the Silent (c. 400). St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bp. of Nola (431). St. Dionysius of Olympus and Mt. Athos (1541). Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680-681).

At Orthros: G11, Jn. 21: 15–25.

At the Divine Liturgy: 2 Tim. 3: 10–15; Lk. 18: 10–14

At Great Vespers: *Blessed is the Man. At Lord, I have cried* 7 Stichera of the *Octoechos* and 3 of the *Triodion*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* the Dohmatyk of Tone 8 – *The King of the heavens*. Entrance. Prokeimenon – *The Lord is King*. At the Aposticha: Stichera of the *Octoechos*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* Theotokion. After the song of Symeon *Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos* – thrice.

At Orthros: at *God is the Lord:* Sunday Troparion – twice; *Glory: both now;* Theotokion. After the kathismas the sessional hymns of Sunday. Polyelei. *The Resurrectional Evlogitaria*. Hypakoe, hymns of ascents and prokiemen of the Tone. 11th Resurrectional Gospel, from 11th Resurrectional Gospel, from St. John per. 67; from Matthew, per. 116. *Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ*. Psalm 50, *Glory: Open the doors of repentance* and the rest, as given in the *Triodion*. Canons – Resurrectional with its Irmos on 4, Stavroanastasimon on 2, Theotokos on 2, and of the *Triodion* on 6; Katavasia of the Meeting – *The Sun once passed over dry land*. After the 3rd Ode: sessional hymn of the *Triodion*. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the *Triodion*. At the 9th Ode – *More honourable than the Cherubim*. 11th Resurrectional Exapostilarion, *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* Theotokion. At the Praises: 4 Stichera of the *Octoechos* and 4 of the *Triodion* in Tone 3 with their verses. *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, Tone 8; *Both now:* *You are most blessed*. After the Great Doxology – the Troparion *Having risen from the tomb*. Dismissal. *Glory: Both now:* 11th Gospel Stichera. 1st hour.

At the hours: Troparion of the resurrectional Tone. Kontakion of the *Triodion*.

At the Divine Liturgy: After the entrance Troparion of the Resurrectional Tone, of the temple (if of the Theotokos or a saint) then, if the temple is named after the Theotokos: *Glory:* Kontakion of the *Triodion*; *Both now:* Kontakion of the temple. If the temple is named after a saint, after *Glory:* we sing the Kontakion of the patron saint of the temple, then at *Both now:* we sing the Kontakion of the *Triodion* (if the temple is named after a feast of the Lord the Troparion and Kontakion are not sung). Prokeimenon and Alleluia of the Tone. Epistle to the Timothy per. 296. Gospel reading from St. Luke per. 89. Communion verse: *“Praise the Lord”*.

MondayJanuary 24 | **February 6****Week of the Prodigal Son. Fast Free.**

Ven. Xenia (V). Martyrs Babylas and his two disciples Timothy and Agapius (III). St. Macedonius, hermit of Mt. Silpius (ca. 420). Translation of the relics of Monk–martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Ven. Xenia of St. Peter sburg (XIX).

Ord: 2 Peter 1: 20–2: 9; Mk 13: 9–13

TuesdayJanuary 25 | **February 7**

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389). *New Hieromartyr Volodymyr, Metropolitan of Kyiv and Halych (1918)*. Martyrs Felicitas of Rome and seven sons: Januarius, Felix, Philip, Silvanus, Alexander, Vitalis, and Martial (ca. 164). Ven. Publius of Syria (380). St. Mares the singer (430). New Martyr Auxentius of Constantinople (1720). St. Demetrius, 'Keeper of the Sacred Vessels' of Constantinople (VIII). Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "*Assuage my Sorrow*".

Vespers: 1) Prov. 3:13–16, 8:6–10, 2) Wis. 6:12–16, 7:30, 8:2–4,7–9, 21, 9:1–4,10–11,13, 3) Wis. 4:7–15.

At Orthros: Jn. 10:1–9

At the Divine Liturgy: Ord.: 2 Peter 2:9–22; Mk. 13:14–23

Hierarch: 1 Cor. 12:7–11; Jn 10:9–16

WednesdayJanuary 26 | **February 8**

Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their sons, Arcadius and John of Constantinople (V–VI). Ven. Xenofon, Abbot of Robeika (1262). Martyrs Ananias the Priest, Peter the prison guard, and seven soldiers, in Phoenicia (295). St. Symeon ‘the ancient’ of Mt. Sinai (ca. 390). Translation of the relics of St. Theodore, Abbot of the Studion (845). St. Joseph, Archbp. of Thessalonica (830).
 {St. Paula of Rome (404). St. Conon, Bp. (648)}

*Fast Free.***Ord.:** 2 Peter 3: 1–18; Mk. 13: 24–31**Thursday**January 27 | **February 9**

Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (437). New Martyr Demetrius at Constantinople (1784).

Vespers: 1) Prov. 3: 13–16, 8: 6–10; 2) Wis. 6: 12–16, 7: 30, 8: 2–4, 7–9, 21, 9: 1–4, 10–11, 13; 3) Wis. 4: 7–15.

At Orthros: Jn. 10: 1–9.

At the Divine Liturgy: Ord.: 1 John 1: 8–2: 6; Mk. 13: 31–14: 2

Hierarch: Heb. 7: 26–8: 2; Jn. 10: 9–16

FridayJanuary 28 | **February 10**

Ven. Ephraim the Syrian (373–379). Ven. Ephraim of the Kyivan Caves, Bp. of Pereyaslav (c. 1098). St. Palladius the Hermit of Antioch (IV). St. Isaac the Syrian, Bp. of Nineveh (VII).
 {Ven. John of Reomans (Gaul)(544)}

*Fast Free.***Ord.:** 1 John 2: 7–17; Mk. 14: 3–9

Saturday

January 29 | **February 11**

Translation of the Relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer (107). *Ven. Lawrence, recluse of the Kyivan Caves, Bp. of Turov, in the Near Caves (1194).* Martyrs Romanus, James, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian and Paregorius, (297). Martyrs Silvanus, bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius the Reader (312).
{St. Sulpicius Severus (406). *Ven. Gildas the Wise, Abbot (570)*}

Ord.: 2 Tim. 3: 1–9; Lk. 20: 45–21: 4

Hieromartyr: Heb. 4: 14–5: 6; Mk. 9: 33–41.

SundayJanuary 30 | **February 12****Sunday of the Prodigal Son.** Tone 1.**Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.**

Hieromartyr Hippolytus, Pope of Rome, and with him Martyrs Censorinus, Sabinus, Ares, the Virgin Chryse, and 20 Martyrs (III). *Ven. Zeno of the Far Kyivan Caves (XIV)*. St. Zeno, hermit of Antioch and disciple of St. Basil the Great (414). St. Theophilus the New (784). St. Peter, King of Bulgaria (967). Martyr Theodore of Mytilene (1784).

“Megalochari” icon of the Mother of God (Tinos)

{St. Bathilde, Queen of France (680)}

Vespers: 1) Deut. 1: 8–11, 15–17; 2) Deut. 10: 14–21; 3) Wis. 3: 1–9.**At Orthros:** G1, Mt. 28: 16–20.**At the Divine Liturgy: Ord:** 1 Cor. 6: 12–20; Lk. 15: 11–32.**Hierarchs:** Heb. 13: 7–16; Mt. 5: 14–19.

At Great Vespers: *Blessed is the Man. At Lord, I have cried* 3 Stichera of the *Octoechos*, 3 of the *Triodion* and 4 of the saints; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now*, Dohmatyk of Tone 1 – *The universal glory*. Entrance. Prokeimenon – *The Lord is King*. Paremii of the hierarchs. At the Aposticha: Stichera of the *Octoechos*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* Theotokion. After the song of Symeon *Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos* – twice, and of the hierarchs – once.

At Orthros: at *God is the Lord:* Sunday Troparion – twice; *Glory:* of the hierarchs, *both now;* Theotokion. After the kathismas the sessional hymns of the hierarchs. Polyelei. Magnification of the hierarchs. *The Resurrectional Evlogitaria*. After the small litany the the sessional hymns of the hierarchs. Prokeimenon of the Tone. 1st Resurrectional Gospel, from St. Matthew, per. 116. *Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ*. Psalm 50, *Glory: Open the doors of repentance* and the rest, as given in the *Triodion*. Canons – Resurrectional with its Irmos on 4, Theotokos on 2, *Triodion* on 4 and of the hierarchs on 4; Katavasia of the Meeting – *The Sun once passed over dry land*. After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the hierarchs, *Glory:* sessional hymn of the hierarchs, *Both now:* of the *Triodion*. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the *Triodion*. At the 9th Ode – *More honourable than the Cherubim*. 1st Resurrectional Exapostilarion, *Glory:* of the hierarchs, *Both now:* of the *Triodion*. At the Praises: 4 Stichera of the *Octoechos* and 4 of the hierarchs, *Glory:* of the *Triodion*; *Both now: You are most blessed*. After the Great Doxology – the Troparion *Today salvation*. Dismissal. *Glory: Both now:* 1st Gospel Stichera. 1st hour.

At the hours: Troparion of the resurrectional Tone, *Glory:* of the hierarchs. Kontakion of the *Triodion*.

At the Divine Liturgy: After the entrance Troparion of the Resurrectional Tone and of the hierarchs, Kontakion of the resurrectional Tone, *Glory:* Kontakion of the hierarchs, *Both now:* Kontakion of the *Triodion*. Prokeimenon and Alleluia of the Tone. Epistle to the Corinthians per. 135 and to the Hebrews per. 334. Gospel reading from St. Luke per. 79 and from St. Mt. per. 11. Communion verse: “*Praise the Lord*” and of the Hierarchs: “*Rejoice in the Lord*.”

Monday

January 31 | **February 13**

Week of the Prodigal Son.

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia and Eudoxia (311). *Ven. Nicitas, recluse of the Kyivan Caves and Bp. of Novhorod (1108)*. Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias of Egypt (251). Martyr Tryphaenes at Cyzicus (I). New Monk–martyr Elias of Mt. Athos (1686). St. Arsenios of Paros (1877).
{*Ven. Marcella of Rome (410)*}

Ord: 1 John 2: 18–3: 10; Mk. 11: 1–11

Tuesday

February 1 | **February 14**

Martyr Tryphon (250). Martyrs Perpetua, of Carthage, and the catechumens Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus, and Felicitas (202–203). St. Peter of Galatia (ca. 403). St. Vendemianus, (ca.512). St. Basil, Archbp. of Thessalonica (IX).
{*Ven. Brigid of Ireland (523)*}

Ord: 1 John 3: 11–20; Mk. 14: 10–42, (for Tuesday); 1 John 3: 21–4: 6; Mk. 14: 43–15: 1 (for Wednesday)

WednesdayFebruary 2 | **February 15****The Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

New Martyr Jordan of Trebizond (1650). New Monk–martyr Gabriel the Deacon, at Constantinople (1676).

Fast day, fish, wine and oil allowed

At Vespers: 1) Ex. 12: 51–13: 3, 10–12, 14–16; Ex. 22: 29; Lev. 12: 1–4, 6–8; Num. 8: 16–17; 2) Is. 6: 1–12; 3) Is. 19: 1–5, 12, 16, 19–21.

At Orthros: Lk. 2: 25–32.

At the Divine Liturgy: Heb. 7: 7–17; Lk. 2: 22–40.

Great Vespers: *“Blessed is the man”*. At “Lord, I have cried” 8 Stichera of the feast; *Glory: Both now*. of the feast. Prokeimenon of the day. Old Testament readings. At the Litia and for the Aposticha–the Stichera of the feast. At the blessing of the loaves: the Troparion of the feast (thrice).

At Orthros: at *God is the Lord* the Troparion of the feast thrice. After the kathismas the sessional hymns of the feast. Polyelei and Magnification of the feast. *From my youth*. Prokeimenon *I shall commemorate your name*. Gospel from St. Luke, per. 8. Psalm 50, *Glory: Through the prayers...* and everything else as given in the *Menaion*. Canon of the feast, Irmoi (twice), tropars on 12. Irmoi and katavasiae of the feast. After the 3rd Ode: sessional hymn of the feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the feast. At the 9th Ode we do not sing *More honourable than the Cherubim*, but rather the refrains of the feast. Exapostilarion of the feast thrice. At the Praises: 4 Stichera of the feast; *Glory: Both now: O Christ our God*. After the Great Doxology – the Troparion of the feast. Dismissal of the feast. 1st hour.

At the hours: Troparion and Kontakion of the feast.

At the Divine Liturgy: Regular (typical) antiphons. Entrance verse: *The Lord has made known His salvation...* (inToned by the Priest or Deacon). Troparion of the feast: *Glory: Both now:* Kontakion of the feast. Prokeimenon of the feast, Tone 3. Epistle to the Hebrews, per. 316. Gospel from St. Luke, per. 7. Hymn to the Theotokos, communion hymn, and dismissal of the feast.

ThursdayFebruary 3 | **February 16***Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord.*

Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess. Prophet Azarias (X B.C.). Martyrs Papius, Diodorus, Claudianus (250). Martyrs Adrian and Eubulus (308–309). Martyr Blaise of Caesaria (III). St. Symeon, Bp. of Polotsk and Tver (1289). St. Romanus, Prince of Uglich (1285). St. Nicholas, enlightener of Japan (1912). {St. Lawrence, Bp. of Canterbury (619). St. Werburga of Chester, Abbess (c. 700). St. Ansgar, Bp. of Hamburg, enlightener of Denmark and Sweden (865).

Ord.: 1 John 4: 20–5: 21; Mk. 15: 1–15.

FridayFebruary 4 | **February 17**

Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (436–440). Martyrs Jadorus and Isidore (249–251). Hieromartyr Abramius, Bp. of Arbela (c. 344–347). St. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (868). St. John, of Irenopolis (ca. 325). New martyr Joseph of Aleppo (1686). St. George, Prince of Vladimir (1238). {Hieromartyr Aldate of Gloucester (VI)}

*Fast day***Ord.** 2 John 1: 1–13; Mk. 15: 22–25, 33–41

Saturday

February 5 | February 18

Meat–fare Saturday–commemoration of the reposed.

We commemorate the reposed Orthodox Christians of all ages, our kith and kin.

Martyr Agatha (251). *St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernihiv (1696)*. *St. Polyeuctus, Patriarch of Constantinople (970)*. *New Martyr Antony of Athens (774)*.

{*St. Avitus, Bp. of Vienna (525)*}

At the Divine Liturgy: Ord.: 1 Cor. 10:23–28; Lk. 21:8–9, 25–27, 33–36;
and of the departed: 1 Thess. 4:13–17; Jn. 5:24–30.

At daily Vespers: *At Lord, I have cried* 3 Stichera of the martyrs from the *Octoechos*, and 3 of the *Triodion*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* Dohmatyk of Tone 1. No entrance. In place of the prokiemen – *Alleluia* in Tone 8 with the verses for the reposed. At the Aposticha: Stichera of the martyrs and for the reposed (with verses for the reposed) from the *Octoechos*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*. *Both now:* Theotokion of the *Triodion* – *Through the prayers of Your Mother*. After the song of Symeon the Troparion *By the depth of Your wisdom*; *Glory:* *Both now:* *We have in you a wall*.

At Orthros: in place of *God is the Lord – Alleluia* with the verses for the reposed. The Troparion *By the depth of Your wisdom* – twice; *Glory:* *Both now:* *We have in you a wall*. After the 16th kathisma the usual small litany and sessional hymns of the *Octoechos*. We sing the first station of the 17th kathisma – *Blessed are the undefiled:* with the refrain *Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes*. Small litany for the reposed. We sing the second station of the 17th kathisma with the refrain – *Save me, O Saviour*. Then the tropars for the reposed with the refrain – *Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes*. Small litany for the reposed, and the sessional hymn – *Give rest, O Saviour*. Psalm 50. Canons: of the temple with its Irmos on 6 and of the *Triodion* on 8; katavasia of the *Triodion* – *Let us offer a song*. After the 3rd Ode: usual small litany sessional hymn of the *Triodion*. After the 6th Ode: small litany for the reposed, Kontakion and Ikos of the *Triodion*. At the 9th Ode – *More honourable than the Cherubim*, regular small litany and exapostilarion of the *Triodion*. At the Praises: Stichera of the *Triodion*. The doxology is read. Litany of supplication. At the Aposticha – 4 stykhyra for the reposed from the *Octoechos*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*; *Both now:* the Theotokion of the *Triodion*. *It is good to give thanks to the Lord*. Trisagion. The Troparion *By the depth of Your wisdom*; *Glory:* *Both now:* *We have in you a wall*. Litany of fervent supplication. Dismissal. 1st hour.

At the hours: Troparion and Kontakion of the reposed.

At the Divine Liturgy: After the entrance the Troparion *By the depth of Your wisdom; Glory: With the saints; Both now: We have in you a wall.* Prokeimenon in Tone 6—*Their souls shall dwell among the blessed.* Epistle to the Corinthians, per. 146 and to the Thessalonians per. 270. Gospel from St. Luke, per. 105 and from St. John per. 16. Communion hymn—*Blessed are they whom You have chosen.* After the Liturgy we serve a general panakhyda for all reposed Orthodox Christians.

Sunday

February 6 | February 19

Meat–fare Sunday, commemoration of the Awesome Judgment. Tone 2.

Afterfeast of the Presentation. St. Bucolus, Bp. of Smyrna (c. 100). Ss. Barsanuphius the Great and John the Prophet, monks of Palestine (VI). St. Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople (891). Virgin–martyr Dorothea, & with her the martyrs Christina and Callista, sisters, and Theophilus, at Caesarea (288). Martyr Julian (312). Virgin–martyr Fausta, and with her Martyrs Evilasius and Maximus, at Cyzicus (ca. 305–311). Virgin–martyrs Martha and Mary, and their brother Monk–martyr Lycarion, in Egypt. {St. Mael, Bp. of Ardagh (488). St. Vedast, Bp. of Arras (540). St. Amand, apostle of Maastricht (675)}

At Orthros: G2, Mk. 16: 1–8**At the Divine Liturgy:** 1 Cor. 8: 8–9: 2; Mt. 25: 31–46.

At Great Vespers: *Blessed is the Man. At Lord, I have cried* 4 Stichera of the *Octoechos*, 3 of the *Triodion* and 3 of the feast; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now*, Dohmatyk of Tone 2 – *The shadow of the law*. Entrance. Prokeimenon – *The Lord is King*. At the Aposticha: Stichera of the *Octoechos*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*. *Both now:* of the feast. After the song of Symeon *Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos* twice, and the Troparion of the feast once.

At Orthros: at *God is the Lord:* Sunday Troparion – twice; *Glory: Both now:* Troparion of the feast. After the kathismas the sessional hymns of *Octoechos*. Polyelei and *By the rivers of Babylon. The Resurrectional Evlogitaria*. Hypakoe, hymns of ascents and prokiemen of the Tone. 2nd Resurrectional Gospel, from St. Mark per. 70. *Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ*. Psalm 50, *Glory: Open the doors of repentance* and the rest, as given in the *Triodion* for the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Canons – Resurrectional on 4, Theotokos on 2, *Triodion* on 4 and of the feast on 4; Irmoi of the *Oktoikh*; katavasia of the feast. After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the feast. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the *Triodion*. At the 9th Ode – *More honourable than the Cherubim*. 2nd Resurrectional Exapostilarion, *Glory:* exapostilarion of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* exapostilarion of the feast. At the Praises: 4 Stichera of the *Octoechos* and 4 of the feast; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*; *Both now: You are most blessed*. After the Great Doxology – the Troparion *Having risen*. Dismissal. *Glory: Both now:* 2nd Gospel Stichera. 1st hour.

At the hours: Troparion of the Tone, *Glory:* Troparion of the feast. Kontakion of the feast and of the *Triodion* alternately.

At the Divine Liturgy: After the entrance Troparion of the Tone, Troparion of the feast: *Glory:* Kontakion of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* Kontakion of the feast; Prokeimenon of the Tone. Epistle to the Corinthians, per. 140. Gospel from St. Matthew, per. 106. Sunday communion hymn – *Praise the Lord*.

Note: From today until Lazarus Saturday during the week at vespers and matins the Aposticha of the *Octoechos* are replaced by the Aposticha from the *Triodion*.

Monday

February 7 | **February 20**

Cheese-fare week – Fast-free week (*all foods are permitted every day with the exception of meat and meat products*).

St. Parthenius, Bp. of Lampsacus (IV). St. Luke of Mt. Steirion (953). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303).

Ord.: 2 John 1: 1–14; Lk. 19: 29–40, 22: 7–39

Tuesday

February 8 | **February 21**

Leavetaking of the feast of the Presentation of our Lord.

Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates ("the General") (319). Prophet Zachariah (ca. 520 B.C.). *Ss. John & Basil of the Near Kyivan Caves*. St. Sabbas II, Archbp. of Serbia (1271).

Ord.: Jude 1: 1–10; Lk. 22: 39–42, 45–23: 1.

Everything as on the feast with the exception of the entrance at Vespers, Old Testament readings, polyelei, and the festal antiphons at the Liturgy.

WednesdayFebruary 9 | **February 22**

Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria (257). *Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1805)*. Ven. *Pancretius of the Far Kyivan Caves (XII)*. Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bp. of Sicily; Philagrius, Bp. of Cyprus; and Pancretius, Bp. of Taormina (I). Hieromartyr Peter Damascene (743).
 {Ss. Aemilianus and Bracchio of Tours (VI). St. Teilo, Bp. of Llandaff, Wales (VI)}

Fast-free

The Divine Liturgy is not served today.

At the 6th hour: Joel 2: 12–26;**At Vespers:** Joel 3: 12–21.

ThursdayFebruary 10 | **February 23**

Hieromartyr Charalampos, Bishop of Magnesia and Martyrs Porphyrius and Baptus, (202). *St. Anna, wife of Yaroslav I (1050)*. Ven. *Prochorus of the Near Kyivan Caves (1107)*. Martyrs Ennatha, Valentina and Paula of Palestine (308).
 {St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict (543)}

Ord.: Jude 1: 11–25; Lk. 23: 1–34, 44–56

FridayFebruary 11 | **February 24**

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bp. of Sebaste (c. 316). *Blessed Prince Vsevolod (in holy baptism Gabriel) of Pskov (1138)*. *St. Demetrius, monk of Priluki (1392)*. Righteous Theodora, Empress of Greece, who renewed the veneration of the holy icons (867). New Martyr George of Kratovo (1515).
 {St. Gonait, Abbess of Ballyvourney, Cork (VII). St. Caedmon of Whitby (680)}

Fast-free

The Divine Liturgy is not served today.

At the 6th hour: Zachariah 8: 7–17;

At Vespers: Zachariah 8: 19–23

Saturday

February 12 | February 25

Commemoration of all the Holy Fathers who shone forth in the ascetic life.

St. Meletius, Archbp. of Antioch (381). *St. Meletius, Archbp. of Kharkiv (1840)*. *St. Alexei, Metr. of Kyiv and wonderworker of all Rus' (1378)*. Ven. Maria, called Marinus, and her father Eugene (VI). St. Antony, Patr. of Constantinople (895). Martyr Christos the gardener (1748).
{St. Ethilwald of Lindisfarne (740). St. Gertrude of Nijvel, Abbess (659)}

Ord.: Rm. 14: 19–26; Mt. 6: 1–13

Venerable ones: Gal. 5: 22–6: 2; Mt. 11: 27–30.

The entire service is from the *Triodion*.

At the Divine Liturgy: after the entrance the Troparion of the venerable ones: *Glory*. Kontakion of the venerable ones: *both now*. Kontakion of Saturday. Prokeimenon of the fathers, in Tone 4 – *The saints shall rejoice in glory*. Epistle: to the Romans, per. 115, and to the Galatians, per. 213. Gospel from Matthew, per. 16 and 43. Communion verse: *Rejoice in the Lord*.

SundayFebruary 13 | **February 26**

Cheese-fare Sunday, Sunday of Forgiveness. Commemoration of the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Tone 3.

Ven. Martinian, St. Zoe of Bethlehem and the virgin Photina (Svitlana) (422). St. Eulogius, Bp. of Alexandria (ca. 607–608). St. Symeon the Myrrh-gusher (1200). St. Joseph of Volokolamsk (1515). *Hieromartyr Sylvester (Ol'shevskyy) (1920).*
{St. Modomnoc, Bp. of Ossory (VI)}

At Orthros: G3, Mk. 16: 9–20

At the Divine Liturgy: Rm. 13: 11–14: 4; Mt. 6: 14–21

At Great Vespers: *Blessed is the Man. At Lord, I have cried* 6 Stichera of the *Octoechos*, 4 of the *Triodion*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion*, *Both now*, dohmatik of Tone 3 – *How can we not marvel.* Entrance. Prokeimenon – *The Lord is King.* At the Aposticha: Stichera of the *Octoechos*; *Glory:* of the *Triodion. Both now:* Theotokion. After the song of Symeon *Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos* – thrice.

At Orthros: at *God is the Lord:* Sunday Troparion – twice; *Glory: Both now:* Theotokion. After the kathismas the sessional hymns of *Octoechos*. Polyelei and *By the rivers of Babylon. The Resurrectional Evlogitaria.* Hypakoe, hymns of ascents and prokiemen of the Tone. 3rd Resurrectional Gospel, from St. Mark per. 71. *Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ.* Psalm 50, *Glory: Open the doors of repentance* and the rest, as given in the *Triodion* for the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Canons – Resurrectional on 4, Stavroanastasimon on 2, Theotokos on 2 and *Triodion* on 6; Irmoi – *He who once by His will;* katavasia of the *Triodion.* After the 3rd Ode: sessional hymn of the *Triodion.* After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos of the *Triodion.* At the 9th Ode – *More honourable than the Cherubim.* 3rd Resurrectional Exapostilarion, *Glory:* exapostilarion of the *Triodion, Both now:* Theotokion of the *Triodion.* At the Praises: 5 Stichera of the *Octoechos* and 3 of the *Triodion* (with their refrains); *Glory:* of the *Triodion; Both now: You are most blessed.* After the Great Doxology – the Troparion *Today Salvation.* Dismissal. *Glory: Both now:* 3rd Gospel Stichera. 1st hour.

At the hours: Sunday Troparion, Kontakion of the *Triodion.*

Note: At the proskomidia three lambs are prepared: one for the Sunday Liturgy, and two for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday and Friday. This is done on every Sunday of the Great Fast.

At the Divine Liturgy: After the entrance, in a temple of the Lord – Sunday Troparion: *Glory: Both now:* Kontakion of the *Triodion*; in a temple of the Theotokos – Troparion of the Sunday and of the temple: *Glory:* Kontakion of the *Triodion*, *Both now:* Kontakion of the temple; in a temple dedicated to a saint – Troparion of the Sunday and of the temple: *Glory:* Kontakion of the temple; *Both now:* Kontakion of the *Triodion*. Prokeimenon in Tone 8 – *Pray and give glory.* Epistle to the Romans, per. 112. Gospel from St. Matthew, per. 17. Sunday communion hymn – *Praise the Lord.*

After the Liturgy (or in the evening, if possible) we serve **Forgiveness Vespers.** Psalm 103 is read. No kathisma. At *Lord, I have cried* 10 Stichera; 4 penitential Stichera of the *Octoechos (Tone 4)*, 3 of the *Triodion* and 3 of the saint. *Glory: Both now:* Theotokion of the *Menaion*. Entrance with the censer. Great Prokeimenon: *Turn not away Thy face from Thy child, for I am afflicted. Hear me speedily. Draw near to my soul and deliver it* – 4 and one – half times. When the prokeimen is sung the last time the Priest closes the royal doors, takes off the phelon, and dons a black (Lenten) epitrahil', and proceeds to the ambon (note: during the singing of the prokiemen the altar cloths are changed from bright to dark. Before the service the dark cloths are put on the altar, tetrapod, etc., then the bright cloths are put over them in such a way that they can easily be removed). *Vouchsafe, O Lord* with prostrations. Litany of supplication (Lenten melody). Aposticha of the *Triodion*. After the song of Symeon the tropars with prostrations – *Rejoice, O virgin Theotokos: Glory: O baptizer of Christ: Both now: O Holy Apostles;* then *Beneath your protection* (without a prostration). *Lord, have mercy* – 40 times. *Glory: Both now: More honourable than the Cherubim. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.* Priest – *Christ our God, the existing One.* Reader – *O King of heaven.* The Priest reads the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian – *O Lord and Master of my life;* with three prostrations¹. The Priest then reads the prayer for the beginning of the Great Fast. After this: the Priest – *Glory to You:* and the dismissal. After the dismissal the Priest offers a teaching about mutual forgiveness. He asks forgiveness of the faithful, and then the faithful proceed forward, venerate the icons and cross, and ask forgiveness of the Priest and of one another

Note: the usual order is for the person approaching to say “forgive me father/brother/sister” and the respondent to say “God forgives. Forgive me, and pray for me.” The first person asks forgiveness of the celebrant, then stands to his right, the next person of the celebrant and the first person, then stands at their right, etc. While the rite of mutual forgiveness is taking place the chanters traditionally chant the Paschal Verses (“*Let God arise*”) or the Paschal canon quietly.

¹ During the Great Fast at vespers, at the prayer of St. Ephraim on Sunday evening we make 3 great prostrations. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings we make 16 prostrations, i.e., three great prostrations when the prayer is said the first time, 12 bows to the waist at the words: “O God, cleanse me, the sinner”, and at the end of the prayer, after it has been intoned the second time, we make another great prostration.

BEGINNING OF THE GREAT FAST

On weekdays during the Great Fast the services are served with their own particularities, as indicated in the *Horologion (Chasoslov)*, according to the *Menaion* and *Triodion*, without the *Octoechos*. The Divine Liturgy is not served during the week, except for Wednesday and Friday – when the **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is served.

On the first four days of the Great Fast at **Great Compline** the **Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete** is read according to the following order: The Priest in a dark (black) epitrahil' – *Blessed is our God*. Reader – *Amen. Glory to You, our God, glory to You. O Heavenly King: Trisagion, after the Our Father – Psalm 69 – O God, be attentive unto helping me*. After this the Priest reads the Great Canon, broken up into four parts, as indicated. At every Troparion – the refrain: *Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me*; with a great prostration. After the 6th Ode, the Kontakion *My soul*. After the 9th Ode, the Irmos *Ineffable is the childbearing* is repeated. And we read the rest of Great Compline – *When I called upon Thee; until – He that dwelleth. God is with us. Having passed through the day. The bodiless nature. I believe*. Then the Priest *O all – holy lady Theotokos*; and the choir repeats this twice, and a prostration. The rest of the verses are intoned by the Priest once, and the choir repeats them once. Trisagion, after the *Our Father – Enlighten mine eyes; Lord, have mercy – 40 times*. And the rest according to the order. After *Glory to God in the highest*: the trisagion, after the *Our Father*; we sing – *Lord of the hosts*. Then – *At all times*: and the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian with 16 bows. The final trisagion, after the *Our Father – Lord, have mercy – 12 times*. The prayer – *O undefiled; And grant unto us.; Most glorious; My Hope; Glory: both now. Lord, have mercy (thrice); Bless*. In place of the dismissal the Priest reads the prayer *O most merciful Master* (during which the faithful bow down to the ground). The forgiveness, litany – *Let us pray*. The faithful approach, venerate the icons, receive a blessing from the Priest, and depart.

MondayFebruary 14 | **February 27****1st week of the Great Fast. Clean Monday.**

Ven. Auxentius (c. 470). **St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869)**. Ven. Isaac of the Near Kyivan Caves (c. 1090) and the 12 Greeks, who built the Dormition Cathedral of the Kyivan Caves Lavra (XI). Translation of the relics (1578) of Prince-martyr Michael and his counselor, St. Theodore of Chernihiv (1244). St. Maron, hermit of Syria (473). St. Abraham, Bp. of Charres (V). St. Raphael, Bp. of Brooklyn (1915).

*Strict fast***Sixth Hour:** Is. 1: 1–20.**Vespers:** Gen. 1: 1–13; Prov. 1: 1–20.**Tuesday**February 15 | **February 28****Clean Tuesday.**

Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy (c. 109). *Ven. Paphnutius of the Far Kyivan Caves (XIII)*. St. Paphnutius, monk and his daughter St. Euphrosyne, nun, of Alexandria (V). St. Eusebius, hermit of Asikha in Syria (430–440). {St. Oswy, King of Northumbria (670)}

*Fast day***Sixth Hour:** Is. 1: 19–2: 3.**Vespers:** Gen. 1: 14–23; Prov. 1: 20–33.