

August

DORMITION FAST

Thursday, August 1

Wine & Oil

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Lifegiving Cross of the Lord (First of the three “Feasts of the Savior” in August). Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs: Abimus, Antoninus, Gurias, Eleazar, Eusabonus, Alimus, and Marcellus, their mother Solomonia, (Salomé) and their teacher, Eleazar (166 B.C.). The Holy Martyrs of Perge in Pamphylia: Leontius, Attius, Alexander, Cindeus, Minsitheus (Mnesitheus), Cyriacus, Mineon (Menæus), Catanus, and Eucleus (3rd c.).

Liturgy of St. John: (125) 1 Cor. 1:18–24

(Cross) (60) John 19:6–11, 13–20, 25–28, 30–35 (Cross)

(330) Heb. 11:33–12:2 (Martyrs)

(38) Matt. 10:32–36; 11:1 (Martyrs)

Blessing of Waters: (306) Heb. 2:11–18

(14) John 5:1–4

NOTE: Before Vespers, the Cross is brought from the Table of Preparation to the Holy Table (cf. 3rd Sunday of Lent). This is when Matins is celebrated together with Vespers. If Matins

is celebrated later, apart from Vespers, then the Cross is brought to the Holy Table after the Dismissal of Vespers.

VESPERS (WEDNESDAY EVENING)

Usual Beginning. Usual Kathisma. At “**Lord, I call...**” Stikhera on 6, Tone 4: Cross—3; Martyrs—3; Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Cross. Prokeimenon of the Day.

Apostikha: All Octoechos. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Cross. **Troparia:** Martyrs; Glory..., Now and ever... Cross.

MATINS

After “The Lord is God...” (Tone 1), **Troparia:** Cross (twice); Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Cross. Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Octoechos. Psalm 50.

NOTE: If the church or monastery be of the Lord or Theotokos, and it be Saturday, then we sing the Canons: Church or monastery—4; Cross—6; Martyrs—4.

Canons: 1st Canon from the Octoechos—4; Cross—6; Martyrs—4. Irmos: 1st Canon. Katavasia: From Exaltation of the Cross. After the 3rd Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Martyrs. Kathisma Hymns: Martyrs; Glory..., Now and ever... Cross. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—

the Altar, places the Cross on the Holy Table and censes it once again.

Friday, August 2

Fast day

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428), and the finding of the Relics of the Righteous Nicodemus, Gamaliel, and Abibas. Bl. Vasily (Basil) of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (1552). Bl. Vasily of Kubénsk (15th c.). Hieromartyr Stephen, Pope of Rome, and those with him (257).

(129) 1 Cor. 3:18–23 (Thursday) (54) Matt. 13:36–43 (Thursday)

(130-ctr) 1 Cor. 4:5–8 (55) Matt. 13:44–54

Saturday, August 3

Wine & Oil

Ven. Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, Ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (4th–5th c.). Ven. Anthony the Roman, Abbot, of Novgorod (1147). Martyr Razhden of Persia (Georgian—457). Ven. Cosmas, Eunuch and Hermit, of Palestine (6th c.). Righteous Salomé, Myrrhbearer, mother of Apostles James and John (1st c.).

(100) Rom. 9:1–5 (32) Matt. 9:18–26

Sunday, August 4

Wine & Oil

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 5. Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antoninus (250). Martyr Eudoxia of Persia (362–364). Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople (4th c.).

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

6th Matins Gospel: (114) Luke 24:36–53

Liturgy of St. John: (110) Rom. 12:6–14 (29) Matt. 9:1–8

GREAT VESPERS (ALL-NIGHT VIGIL)

“Blesséd is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**” Stikhera on 10, Tone 5: Resurrection—7 and Saints—3. Glory..., Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 5. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

Litya: Stikhera of the church or monastery. **Apostikha:** All Resurrection. Glory..., Now and ever... Resurrection (Tone 5). At the Blessing of the Loaves, **Troparia:** “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).