

of Vorónezh (1846). Repose of St. John of Kronstadt (1908).

(285) 1 Tim. 4:4–8, 16 (46) Mark 10:23–32

Saturday, December 21

Wine & Oil

SATURDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Virgin Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 500 men and 130 women (304). Repose of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1326). St. Juliana, Princess of Viaz'ma (1406). Repose of Bl. Prokópii (Procopius) of Viátka, Fool-for-Christ (1628). Martyr Themistocles of Myra in Lycia (251).

(205) Gal. 3:8–12 (Sat. & Sat. Before) (72)

Luke 13:18–29 (Sat. Before)

(81) Luke 16:10–15

Sunday, December 22

Wine & Oil

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 1 (14TH OF LUKE). SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Greatmartyr Anastasia, “Deliverer from Bonds”, and her teacher, Martyr Chrysogonus, and with them Martyrs Theodota, Evodias, Eutychianus, and

others, who suffered under Diocletian (ca. 304).

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

Vespers: 1. Genesis 14:14–20

2. Deuteronomy 1:8–11, 15–17

3. Deuteronomy 10:14–21

4th Matins Gospel: (112) Luke 24:1–12

Liturgy of St. John: (328) Heb. 11:9–10, 17–23, 32–40 (Sun. Before)

(1) Matt. 1:1–25 (Sunday Before)

NOTE: The Service to the Martyr is sung whenever the Superior wishes.

GREAT VESPERS (ALL-NIGHT VIGIL)

“Blesséd is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**” Stikhera on 10, Tone 1: Resurrection—4; Forefeast—3; Fathers—3; Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. Entrance, Prokeimenon of the Day and 3 Readings (cf. Lectionary).

Litya: Stikhera of the church or monastery and the Fathers. Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast.

Apostikha: All Resurrection. Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. At the Blessing of the Loaves, **Troparia:** “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (twice) and Fathers (once).

MATINS

After “The Lord is God...” (Tone 1),

Troparia: Resurrection (twice); Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polielely and the rest, as usual. After the Polielely: Kathisma Hymns: Fathers. Glory..., Now and ever... Forefeast. Antiphons: Resurrection. Prokeimenon, Tone 1:

“Now will I arise,” saith the Lord, / “I will set Myself to salvation and not turn away.” (11:6)

V. The words of the Lord are pure words. (11:7)

“Let every breath....” **Gospel:** (112) Luke 24:1–12 “Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ....” Psalm 50, and the rest, as usual. “O God, save Thy people....”

Canons: Resurrection—4; Forefeast—4; Fathers—6. Irmos: Resurrection. Katavasia: “Christ is born....” After the 3rd Ode: Ypakoe—Fathers. After the 6th Ode: Kontakion and Ikos—Forefeast. The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 1). Exapostilaria: Resurrection—4; Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast.

Praises: Tone 1, on 8: Resurrection—4; Fathers—4; Glory... Fathers; Now and ever... “Thou art mostblessèd, O The-

otokos...” (as usual). Great Doxology.

Troparion: “Today Salvation...” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. “Glory..., Now and ever...” Gospel Stikheron—4.

HOURS

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory... Forefeast and Fathers (to be said alternately). Kontakia: Forefeast and Fathers.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

After the Entrance: Troparia: Resurrection, Forefeast and Fathers; Glory... Kontakion—Fathers; Now and ever... Forefeast. Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Song of the Fathers):

Blessèd art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three, V. 3) V. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (V. 4)

Epistle: (328) Heb. 11:9–10, 17–23, 32–40 (Sunday Before). Alleluia, Tone 4 (Fathers):

We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (43:2) V. For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame them that hate us. (43:8)

Gospel: (1) Matt. 1:1–25 (Sunday Before).
Communion Hymns:

Praise the Lord from the heavens... Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia....

Monday, December 23

Wine & Oil

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete: Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompeius, Agathopus, Basilides, and Evaristus (3rd c.). Repose of St. Theoctíst, Archbishop of Novgorod (1310). St. Niphon, Bishop of Cyprus (4th c.). St. Paul, Bishop of Neo-Cæsarea (4th c.).

(285-ctr b) 1 Tim. 5:1–10 (48) Mark 10:46–

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VESPERS (SUNDAY EVENING)

Usual Beginning. No Kathisma. At “**Lord, I call...**” Stikhera on 6, Tone 4: Forefeast—3 and Martyr—3. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Forefeast. Prokeimenon of the Day.

Apostikha: All Forefeast. Glory... Martyrs; Now and ever... Forefeast. **Troparia:** Martyrs; Glory..., Now and ever... Forefeast. And the rest of Vespers, as usual.

Tuesday, December 24

Strict fast

EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST. Nun Martyr Eugenia of Rome, and with her Martyrs Philip, her father, Protus, Hyacinth, Basilla, and Claudia (ca. 262). Ven. Nicholas the Monk, of Bulgaria (9th c.).

ROYAL HOURS

1st Hour: Micah 5:2–4

(303) Heb. 1:1–12

(2) Matt. 1:18–25

3rd Hour: Jer. (Baruch) 3:35–4:4

(208) Gal. 3:23–29

(5) Luke 2:1–20

6th Hour: Is. 7:10–16; 8:1–4, 9–10

(304) Heb. 1:10–2:3

(3) Matt. 2:1–12

9th Hour: Is. 9:6–7

(306) Heb. 2:11–18

(4) Matt. 2:13–23

NOTE: Vespers begin about the 7th Hour—1:00 P.M.

Vespers: 1. Genesis 1:1–13

2. Numbers 24:2–3, 5–9, 17–18

3. Micah 4:6–7; 5:2–4

4. Isaiah 11:1–10

5. Jeremiah (Baruch) 3:35–4:4

6. Daniel 2:31–36, 44–45

7. Isaiah 9:6–7

8. Isaiah 7:10–16; 8:1–4, 9–10

Liturgy of St. Basil: (303) Heb. 1:1–12