

(72) 1 John 3:11–20 (64) Mark 14:10–42

Wednesday, February 19

Fast day

Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Ap-
phia (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, The-
odotus, Hesychius and Asclepiodota, of
Adrianopolis (305–311). Ss. Eugene and
Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at
Antioch (363). Ven. Dositheus of Pales-
tine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus
(7th c.). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530).
Ven. Theodore of Sanaksáry (1791).

(73) 1 John 3:21–4:6 (65) Mark 14:43–15:1

Thursday, February 20

St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (ca.
780). Ven. Agafón (Agathon), Wonder-
worker of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—
13th-14th c.). Beheading of Ven. Corne-
lius, Abbot of the Pskov Caves (1570).
Hieromartyr Sadoc (Sadoth), Bishop of
Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342–
344). St. Agathon, Pope of Rome (682).

(74) 1 John 4:20–5:21 (66) Mark 15:1–15

Friday, February 21

Fast day

Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithy-
nia (9th c.). St. Eustathius, Archbishop
of Antioch (377). St. George, Bishop of
Amastris on the Black Sea (802–811).
The “Kozel’shchanskaya” Icon of the
Most-holy Theotokos (1881).

(75) 2 John 1:1–13 (68) Mark 15:22, 25, 33–41

Saturday, February 22

MEMORIAL SATURDAY — SATURDAY OF
MEATFARE. Uncovering of the Relics of
the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius
at Constantinople (395–423). Martyrs
Maurice and his son, Photinus, and Mar-
tyrs Theodore, Philip, and 70 soldiers, at
Apamea in Syria (ca. 305). Ven. Thalas-
sius, Limnæus and Baradates, Hermits,
of Syria (5th c.). St. Athanasius the Con-
fessor, of Constantinople (821).

(146) 1 Cor. 10:23–28 (105) Luke 21:8–9, 25–
27, 33–36

(270) 1 Thess. 4:13–17 (Departed) (16) John
5:24–30 (Departed)

VESPERS (FRIDAY EVENING):

Usual Beginning and Kathisma. At “**Lord,
I call...**” Stikhera on 6, Tone 1: Oc-
toechos—3 (cf. Triodion); Triodion—
3; Glory... Triodion; Now and ever...

Dogmatic, Tone 1. In place of the Prokeimenon of the Day we sing “Alleluia” (Tone 8), with prescribed verses for the departed.

Apostikha: All Octoechos (may be found in The Lenten Triodion). Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... Triodion. **Troparia:** Departed—“Thou who with wisdom profound...”; Glory..., now and ever.... Theotokion—“We have thee as a wall and a haven....”

NOTE: At the end of Vespers we celebrate in the Narthex a Memorial Service (Panikhida) for the Departed, at which we sing the Canon of the Departed (in the Tone of Week, Tone 1) from the Octoechos.

MATINS

In place of “The Lord is God...,” we sing “Alleluia”, (Tone 8), with the prescribed verses (as at Vespers). Troparia: same as at Vespers. Usual Kathismas.

NOTE: The 17th Kathisma is divided into two stanzas.

The royal doors are now opened, according to the usual practice, and the priest and deacon go to the center of the church where there has been prepared a table with a vigil lamp for the Commemor-

ation of the Departed.

The reader begins reading the Kathisma, “Blessèd are the blameless in the way...,” while the choir sings continuously in a quieter voice, “Blessèd art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.” (In some places, it is customary for the Priest to begin reading the first verses of the Kathisma.) the Triple-alleluia, etc., is not read at the end of each stasis (division) of the Kathisma, but rather the reader continues reading until verse 92, “If Thy law had not been my delight...,” which is sung by the choir, together with verse 93, each repeated three times.

Then the Little Litany for the Departed. At its conclusion, the reader begins reading the second stasis of the Kathisma, beginning with verse 94, “I am Thine, save me...,” and the rest of the Kathisma, while the choir sings, continuously in a quieter voice, “Save me, O Savior!” until verse 175, “Let me live that I may praise thee...,” which, along with verse 176 is sung three times by the choir. Then the choir sings, “Blessèd art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes...” and the prescribed Stikhera for the Departed.

At their completion, the Little Litany, and then the Kathisma Hymns for the Departed (Tone 5), “Give rest with the just, O our Savior...” Psalm 50.

Canons: Saint of the church or monastery—6; Triodion—8. Irmos: From the 1st Canon. Katavasia: “O you people, let us raise a song...” (from the Triodion). After the 3rd Ode: Little Litany and Kathisma Hymns from the Triodion. After the 6th Ode: Little Litany for the Departed; Kontakion and Ikos—Departed.

NOTE: At this time the deacon censes around the table prepared for the Commemoration of the Departed, the Iconostasis, the celebrant, and the faithful. Upon completion, the deacon re-enters the sanctuary and closes the royal doors.

The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode, the Exapostilaria: Triodion.

Praises: (Read) Tone 8, on 4: All Triodion. Glory... Triodion. Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... Triodion. Small Doxology. Morning Litany.

Apostikha: All Octoechos. Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... Triodion. “It is good to give thanks to the Lord...” (Ps. 91:2–3)

and the Trisagion. After “Our Father...,” **Troparia:** Same as at Vespers. Litany of Fervent Supplication and the 1st Hour.

HOURS

Troparion: Departed. Kontakion: Departed.

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After the Entrance, **Troparia:** Departed; Glory... Kontakion—Departed; Now and ever... Theotokion—Departed (cf. Vespers). Prokeimenon, Tone 6:

Their souls shall dwell / in blessedness.
(24:13) V. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted my soul! O my God, in Thee I trust, let me not be put to shame! (24:1)

Epistles: (146) 1 Cor. 10:23–28 and (270) 1 Thess. 4:13–17 (Departed). Alleluia, Tone 6:

Blessèd are they whom Thou hast chosen and taken to Thyself, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. (64:5; 101:13) V. Their souls shall dwell in blessedness. (24:13)

Gospels: (105) Luke 21:8–9, 25–27, 33–36 and (16) John 5:24–30 (Departed).

Communion Hymns:

Blessèd are they whom Thou hast chosen and taken to Thyself, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation.

Alleluia....

Sunday, February 23

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — TONE 2. SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT. Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (167). Ven. Polycarp of Briansk (1620–1621). Ven. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, Ascetics, of the Syrian deserts (5th c.). Ven. Alexander, founder of the Monastery of the “Unsleeping Ones” (ca. 430). Ven. Damian of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1280). Monk Martyr Damian of Philotheou (Mt. Athos—1280). Monk Martyr Damian of Philotheou (1568).

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

2nd Matins Gospel: (70) Mark 16: 1–8

Liturgy of St. John: (140) 1 Cor. 8:8–9:2

(106) Matt. 25:31–46

NOTE: Today is the last day before Lent for eating meat. It is permitted to eat milk and eggs on every day of this week (incl. Wednesday and Friday).

GREAT VESPERS (ALL-NIGHT VIGIL)

“Blessèd is the man...” (1st Kathisma). At “**Lord, I call...**” Stikhera on 10, Tone 2: Resurrection—6; Triodion—4; Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... Dogmatic, Tone 2. Entrance and Prokeimenon of the Day.

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

Apostikha: All Resurrection; Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 8). **Troparia:** “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (thrice).

MATINS

After “The Lord is God...” (Tone 2), **Troparia:** Resurrection (twice); Glory..., now and ever... Resurrectional Theotokion (Tone 2). Usual Kathismas. Kathisma Hymns: Resurrection. Polielely, “By the waters of Babylon...,” and the rest, as usual. After the Polielely: Ypakoe and Antiphons: Resurrection. Prokeimenon, Tone 2:

Arise, O Lord my God, by the decree which Thou hast commanded, / and the assembly of the nations shall surround Thee!
(7:7–8) V. Save me, O Lord my God, for I have hoped in Thee. (7:2)