

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

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### 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)

“Let every breath....” **Gospel:** (70) Mark 16:1–8. “Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ....” Psalm 50 and the Hymns of Repentance (Tone 8): “Glory... Open to me the gates of repentance...” (and the rest). “O God, save Thy people....”

**Canons:** Resurrection—4; Theotokos—2; Triodion—8. **Irmos:** Resurrection. **Katavasia:** “A Helper and a Protector...” (Triodion). After the 3rd Ode: **Kathisma Hymns—Triodion.** After the 6th Ode: **Kontakion and Ikos—Triodion.** The Magnificat is sung. After the 9th Ode: “Holy is the Lord...” (Tone 2). **Exapostilaria:** Resurrection—2; Triodion; Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... Theotokion.

**Praises:** Tone 2, on 9: Resurrection—5; Triodion—4 (with verses); Glory... Triodion; Now and ever... “Thou art most-blessèd, O Theotokos...” (as usual). **Great Doxology.** **Troparion:** “By rising....” Usual Litanies and Dismissal. Glory..., now and ever... **Gospel Stikheron 2.**

## HOURS

**Troparion:** Resurrection. **Kontakion:** Triodion.

## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOS-

## TOM

After the Entrance, **Troparia:** Resurrection and Church, if of Theotokos or Saint(s); Glory... **Kontakion—Triodion;** Now and ever... Church, if of Theotokos. If not, then Glory... **Kontakion—Church,** if of Saint(s), Now and ever... **Kontakion—Triodion.** **Prokeimenon,** Tone 3:

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; /  
His understanding is beyond measure!  
(146:5) V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to  
sing praises to our God! (146:2)

**Epistle:** (140) 1 Cor. 8:8–9:2. **Alleluia,** Tone 8:

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make  
a joyful noise to God our Savior! (94:1) V.  
For the Lord is a great God and a great King  
over all the earth. (94:3)

**Gospel:** (106) Matt. 25:31–46. **Communion Hymns:**

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

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