








Services in the Byzantine Rite for each Rank of Feast

Type of feast	Symbol	Vespers	Matins	Divine Liturgy	If it is Sunday:
Great feast of the Lord		Great Vespers with Litija and blessing of bread	Festal Matins with anointing	Feast-day antiphons Entrance hymn Magnification and irmos*	Replaces Sunday
Great feast of the Mother of God		Great Vespers with Litija and blessing of bread	Festal Matins with anointing	Magnification and irmos*	Combine with Sunday
Great feast of a saint		Great Vespers with Litija and blessing of bread	Festal Matins with anointing	Magnification and irmos*	Combine with Sunday
Saint with a vigil (or patronal feast)		Great Vespers with Litija and blessing of bread	Festal Matins with anointing	Hymns for the saint*	Combine with Sunday
Saint with the polyeleos		Great Vespers	Festal Matins (including the Polyelelos)	Hymns for the saint	Combine with Sunday
Saint with the Great Doxology	 (red)	Daily Vespers, with 6 stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"	Daily Matins with Great Doxology (sung)	Hymns for the saint (may be omitted)	Combine with Sunday; Divine Liturgy may omit saint entirely
Saint with six stichera	 (black)	Daily Vespers, with 6 stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"	Daily Matins with Lesser Doxology (chanted)	Hymns for the saint (may be omitted)	Combine with Sunday; Divine Liturgy may omit saint entirely
Ordinary saint	(none)	Daily Vespers, with 3 stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"	Daily Matins with Lesser Doxology (chanted)	Hymns for the saint (may be omitted)	Combine with Sunday; Divine Liturgy may omit saint entirely

Note: every day of the calendar has a troparion, kontakion, prokeimenon, Alleluia, and Communion Hymn at the Divine Liturgy for the saint or feast of the day

* Anointing may follow Divine Liturgy if not done at Matins.