Immovable Feasts

September 7
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

**Troparion - Tone 4:**

To-day is born to us, from the root of Jesse and the loins of David, Mary, the godly child. Therefore, all creation rejoices and is renewed.

Heaven and earth rejoice together. You families of nations sing her praise.

Joachim is elated and Anna cries out in celebration: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos and the Sustainer of our Life.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 3:**

To-day the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos, is born from a barren womb according to the divine plan. She is the inviolate bridal
chamber of the heavenly bridegroom. The chariot of the Word is made ready, for this is why she was preordained to be the gateway of God and truly the Mother of Life.

September 8

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Troparion - Tone 4:

Your birth, O Virgin Theotokos, heralded joy to the universe; for from you arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. Removing the curse, he gave the blessing, and by destroying Death, he granted us eternal life.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 4:

At your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness and Adam and Eve from the
Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.
Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Or the following:

Irmos:

Tone 2 Samopodoben
Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice, the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos is September 12.
On the Saturday from September 7 to 12
SATURDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
If the Saturday before the Exaltation falls on September 7, 9, 10, 11, or 12 then the following
Prokeimenon and Alleluia are sung:

Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Psalm 46:7,2):

Sing praise to our God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise,
sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.

Alleluia - Tone 5 (Psalm 88:2,3):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: I shall sing forever of your mercies, O Lord;
through all generations my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Verse: For you have said: Mercy is built to last forever.
Your truth is firmly established in heaven.

On the Sunday from September 7 to 12
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
If the Sunday before the Exaltation is September 13, please see page 249.

Troparion: Prescribed Resurrection Tone

Only on September 7:
Troparion of the Pre-feast of the Nativity - Tone 4: (music found on page 242)
Today is born to us, from the root of Jesse and the loins of David, * Mary, the godly child. * Therefore, all creation rejoices and is renewed. * Heaven and earth rejoice together. * You families of nations sing her praise. * Joachim is elated and Anna cries out in celebration: * The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos and the Sustainer of our Life.
On September 8 through 12:
**Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4: (music found on page 243)**

Your birth, O Virgin Theotokos, * heralded joy to the universe; * for from you arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. * Removing the curse, he gave the blessing, * and by destroying Death * he granted us eternal life.

Only on September 7:

Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion of the Pre-feast of the Nativity - Tone 3: (music found on page 242)**

Today the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos, * is born from a barren womb according to the divine plan. * She is the inviolate bridal chamber of the heavenly bridegroom. * The chariot of the Word is made ready, * for this is why she was preordained * to be the gateway of God and truly the Mother of Life.

Only on September 8 and 12:

Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion of the Nativity - Tone 4: (music found on page 243)**

At your holy birth, O Immaculate One, * Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness * and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. * Your people, delivered from the guilt of their faults, * celebrate your birth and cry out: * The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos and the Sustainer of our Life.

On September 9 through 11:

Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion: Prescribed Resurrection Tone**

On September 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12:

**Prokeimenon – Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):**

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\text{Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance,}
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\text{and bless your inheritance.}
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**Verse:** To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.
On September 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12:

**Alleluia - Tone 1** (Psalm 88:20-22):

Verse: I have exalted one chosen from my people and with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Verse: My hand shall protect him and my arm shall make him strong.

On September 8 through 12, instead of “It is truly proper…”

**Magnification:** (music found on page 245)

Extol, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of the barren woman.

**Irmos:** Virginity is something foreign to mothers, *and* childbearing is strange for virgins. *But* in you, O Theotokos, both the one and the other have come to pass. *Therefore,* we, the peoples of the earth, unceasingly extol you.

**Communion Hymns:**

*For Sunday,* the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78 - 81)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*On September 8 through 12, for the Mother of God,* the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 115:4):

(music found on page 246)

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

September 13

On a Sunday

PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Jerusalem

**Troparion:** Prescribed Resurrection Tone
Troparion of the Dedication - *Tone 4:*

Lord, Life, and Res-ur-rec-tion of All, you showed the beauty of the holy dwelling-place of your glo-ry on earth like the splen-dor of the fir-ma-ment on high.

Make it stand firm for-ev-er. Through the The-o-to-kos, ac-cept our pray'rs which we unceasingly of-fer to you with-in it.

Troparion of the Pre-feast - *Tone 4:*

Lord, we of-fer to you in in-ter-ces-sion the good-ness of your life-cre-at-ing cross which you gave to us, your unwor-thy peo-ple.

Save our na-tion and your Church which im-plores you through the The-o-to-kos.

For you a-lone love us all.

Glory... Now and ever...
Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 8:

To-day the sav-ing wood shines forth from the bo-som of the earth. It is rever-ent-ly lifted up in the church by the hands of the bish-op. The whole world prostrates and kiss-es it with awe. Save us through your cross, O Lord.

Prokeimenon – Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance, and bless your in-her-i-tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:20-22):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: I have exalted one chosen from my people and with my holy oil I have anointed him.
Verse: My hand shall protect him and my arm shall make him strong.

Communion Hymn: For Sunday
September 13

On a day other than a Sunday

PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Commemoration of the Dedication of the
Church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Jerusalem

**Troparion of the Dedication - Tone 4: (music found on page 250)**
Lord, Life, and Resurrection of All, * you showed the beauty of the holy dwelling-place of your glory on earth * like the splendor of the firmament on high. * Make it stand firm forever. * Through the Theotokos, * accept our prayers which we unceasingly offer to you within it.

**Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4: (music found on page 250)**
Lord, we offer to you in intercession * the goodness of your life-creating cross * which you gave to us your unworthy people. * Save our nation and your Church * which implores you through the Theotokos. * For you alone love us all.

Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 8: (music found on page 251)**
Today the saving wood shines forth * from the bosom of the earth. * It is reverently lifted up in the church * by the hands of the bishop. * The whole world prostrates and kisses it with awe. * Save us through your cross, O Lord.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 92:5,1):**

![Prokeimenon sheet music](image)

Verse: The Lord reigns, he is clothed in majesty; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

**Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 86:1-3):**

![Alleluia sheet music](image)
Verse: On the holy mountain is his city cherished by the Lord.
The Lord prefers the gates of Zion to all Jacob’s dwellings.
Verse: Of you are told glorious things, O City of God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 25:8):

O Lord, I love the splendor of your house
and the place where your glory dwells, and the place where your glory dwells.

Refrain
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

September 14
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Antiphon (Psalm 21:2):

My God, my God, hear me; why have you forsaken me?

Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. (music found on page 15)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.
Second Antiphon (Psalm 73:1):

Why, O God, have you cast us off for-ev-er? Why does your an-ger smoulder against the sheep of your pas-ture? O Son of God, cru-ci-fied in the flesh, save us who sing to you: Al-le-lu-ia!

The faithful [STAND] as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: (music found on pages 18 - 21)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Third Antiphon - Tone 1 Troparion (Psalm 98:1):

The Lord is King; let the peo-ple rage. He is en-throned up-on the Cher-u-bim; let the earth quake.

Troparion - Tone 1:

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry
Entrance Hymn - *Tone 1 Troparion* (Psalm 98:5):

Troparion - *Tone 1*: (music found on page 254)

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. * Grant victory to your Church over evil, * and protect your people by your cross.

Glory…Now and ever…

Kontakion - *Tone 4*:

Christ our God, who were willingly raised upon the cross, grant your mercies to the new people who bear your name. By your power grant joy to the Church.

Give her victory over evil with your invincible trophy,

the weapon of peace, as an ally.
Instead of “Holy God”: (music found on pages 32-33)
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection. (Three times)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
And we glorify your holy resurrection.
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

Ex-alt the Lord, the Lord our God and wor-ship at his foot-stool;

for he is ho-ly, for he is ho-ly.

Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 73:2,12):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.
Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”
Magnification:

Ex-tol, ex-tol, O my soul, O my soul,

the most pre-cious cross of the Lord.
Irmos: 

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

You are a mystical paradise, O The-o-to-kos; Christ has blossomed forth from you without till-ing. He planted the life-bearing tree of the cross on the earth.

As we now ex-alt the cross and bow be-fore it, we pro-claim your great-ness.

Or the following:

Irmos: 

Tone 8 Samopodoben

You are a mys-tic-al par-a-dise, O The-o-to-kos; Christ has blossomed forth from you without till-ing. He planted the life-bearing tree of the cross on the earth.

As we now ex-alt the cross and bow be-fore it, we pro-claim your great-ness.
The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Exaltation is September 21.

On the Sunday from September 15 to 21

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Antiphon (Psalm 21:2): (music found on page 253)
My God, my God, hear me; why have you forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 73:1): (music found on page 254)
Why, O God, have you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?
O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The faithful [STAND] as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: (music found on pages 18 - 21)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

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Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to you:

Al-le-lu-ia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. O Son of God,

crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to you: Al-le-lu-ia!

Troparion - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1: (music found on page 254)
Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. * Grant victory to your Church over evil, * and protect your people by your cross.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4: (music found on page 255)
Christ our God, who were willingly raised upon the cross, * grant your mercies to the new people who bear your name. * By your power grant joy to the Church. * Give her victory over evil * with your invincible trophy, the weapon of peace, * as an ally.

Instead of “Holy God”: (music found on pages 32-33)
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection. (Three times)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
And we glorify your holy resurrection.
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection.
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

Exalt the Lord, the Lord our God and worship at his footstool;

for he is holy, for he is holy.

Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 73:2,12):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.
Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification: (music found on page 256)
Extol, O my soul, the most precious cross of the Lord.

Irmos: You are a mystical paradise, O Theotokos; Christ has blossomed forth from you without tilling. He planted the life-bearing tree of the cross on the earth. As we now exalt the cross and bow before it, we proclaim your greatness.

Communion Hymns:

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78 -81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the Cross, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 4:7): (music found on page 258)
We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Exaltation is September 21.
October 1
THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Troparion - Tone 4:

Protect ed by your appear ance, O Moth er of God; to day, we devout people

solemn ly cel ebrate. Gaz ing up on your most pure i con, we fer vent ly say:

Protect us with your ho ly veil, and de liv er us from all evil,

im ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Glory…now and ever…

Kontakion - Tone 3:

To day the Vir gin is pres ent in the Church, and with the

choirs of saints, invisibly prays to God for us. The an gels wor ship

with the hier archs, the a pos tles re joyce with the proph ets;

be cause the The o to kos prays for us to the e ter nal God.

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Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. 
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

Refrain
On the Sunday from October 11 to 17
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Troparion - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

Troparion - Tone 8:

O Christ our God, you are above all praise. You have established our fathers as beacons on the earth, leading us all to the true faith through them. O most merciful Lord, glory to you!

Kontakion - Tone 6:

The Son shone forth from the Father indescribably. In two natures he was born of a woman. Recognizing this, we do not reject the representation of his human form; rather, we depict it with reverence and honor it with faith.

Therefore the Church holds fast to the true faith and kisses the image of the incarnation of Christ.
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):

Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa-
thers,

and glo-ri-ous for-ev-er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 49:1,5):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken
and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Verse: Gather before him his righteous ones who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

Communion Hymns:

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78 - 81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the Council Fathers, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):

Re-joice in the Lord you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right,

Refrain

the up-right is fit-ting. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!
**Troparion - Tone 4:**

Leaders of the heavenly armies, although we are unworthy, we always beseech you to fortify us by your prayers and to shelter us beneath the wings of your sublime glory. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out fervently: Deliver us from danger, for you are the commanders of the powers on high.

Glory... Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 2:**

Leaders of God's armies and ministers of divine glory, commanders of angels and guides of mortals, plead on our behalf for what we need and for great mercy; since you are the leaders of the heav'n-ly hosts.
Prokeimenon - *Tone 4 (Psalm 103:4,1):*

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

Alleluia - *Tone 5 (Psalm 148:2,5):*

Verse: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him all his hosts.
Verse: He spoke and they were made; he commanded and they were created.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 103:4):
November 20
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE

**Troparion - Tone 4:**

Today Anna prepares for us a joy that dispels all sadness for she has blossomed and borne the only Ever-Virgin. Today she fulfills her vows with gladness and leads into the Temple of the Lord the one who is the true temple of God the Word and his pure Mother.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 4:**

Filled with joy today by the auspicious feast of the Theotokos, the whole world cries out: This is the Heavenly Ark.
November 21
THE ENTRANCE
OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE

Troparion - Tone 4:

Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her:

Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 4:

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the most precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God.

God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.
Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.
Irmos: **Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting**

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God;
but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of
the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

Or the following:

**Irmos:**  **Tone 4 Samopodoben**

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice, the chalice of salvation,

and call upon the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entrance is November 25.

On the Thursday from November 22 to 28
THANKSGIVING DAY

Troparion - Tone 7:

You made the earth, O God, and all it contains. You have given us a share in your life. All creation sings praise to you. As our forefathers gave thanks to you after coming to these shores, we, your unworthy servants, also give thanks on this day for all your benefits bestowed throughout the years.
Kontakion - *Tone 3:*

Today, O faithful, sing to God your thanksgiving hymns; learning Scripture’s command to give thanks with heart as well as lips, and to seal heart and lips with blessed deeds. Let America play her thankful part among the nations, giving praise to our saving Lord, the benefactor of our souls.

Prokeimenon - *Tone 2 (Psalm 115:8,3):*

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I shall call on the Lord’s name,

I shall call on the Lord’s name.

**Verse:** What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?
Verse: I shall thank you for you have answered and you are my Savior.
Verse: You are my God, I thank you; my God, I praise you.

Communion Hymns:

The First Hymn is (Psalm 68:31):

Refrain

The Second Hymn is (Psalm 66:7):

Refrain
December 6
OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER,
ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

**Troparion - Tone 4:**

Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through humility and wealth through poverty. O father and archbishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 3:**

You were renowned as a priest in Myra, O holy Nicholas; for you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O venerable father. You risked your life for your people and saved the innocent from death. Thereby you have been initiated into the mysteries of the grace of God.
**Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):**

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord and will put his trust in him.

*Verse:* Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

**Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 131:9; 111:1):**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:* Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

*Verse:* Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

**Cherubic Hymn on the hymn, “O kto, kto”**

Let us, who mystic-ly represent the cher-ubim, and sing the thrice-ho-ly hymn to the life-cre- at - ing, life-cre- at - ing Trin - i - ty, now set a-side all earth-ly cares.
Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered for ever; evil news he will not fear.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
December 7
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE MATERNITY

Troparion - Tone 4:

Today the beginning of our salvation is conceived in a barren womb;

and Anna rejoices with Joa-chim, Adam rejoices to be freed,

and, with them, we also begin our hymn: Rejoice, O woman full of grace,

the Lord is with you.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 3: (music found on page 242)

Today the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos,* is born from a barren womb according to the divine plan.* She is the inviolate bridal chamber of the heavenly bridegroom.* The chariot of the Word is made ready,* for this is why she was preordained* to be the gateway of God and truly the Mother of Life.

December 8
THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA

Troparion - Tone 4:

Today the bonds of barrenness are loosed, for God has heard the pray'r's

of Joa-chim and Anna. He promised, beyond hope, the birth of their
Kontakion - Tone 4:

Today the whole world celebrates how Anna becomes a mother by the power of God. She conceived the woman whose conception of the Word is beyond our words.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel, the God of Israel.

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.
Alleluia - *Tone 1* (Psalm 36:39,40):

> Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse:** The salvation of the just is from the Lord; he is their protector in time of distress.

**Verse:** The Lord will help them and deliver them and rescue them from sinners and save them, for they have hoped in him.

*Instead of “It is truly proper…”*

**Magnification:**

> Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul the won-drous con-cep - tion of the Moth-er of God.

**Irmos:**

> Let us, the faith-ful, ex-tol the The-o-to-kos, the ev-er-flow-ing Foun-tain of Life, ra-diant Bea-con of Grace, Liv-ing Tem-ple, and most pure Tab-er-na-cle, more spa-cious than earth and heav-en.
Irmos:

Tone 1 Samopodoben

Let us, the faithful, exalt the Theotokos,
the ever-flowing Fountaing of Life, radiant Beacon of Grace, Living Temple, and most pure Tabernacle,
more spacious than earth and heaven.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the up-right,

the up-right is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!
On the Sunday from December 11 to 17
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Forefathers

**Troparion** - *Prescribed Resurrection Tone*

**Troparion** - *Tone 2:*

\[
\text{By faith, you, O Christ, justified the forefathers. Through them you betrothed yourself to a Church from all nations. The saints rejoice in glory because a glorious offspring has blossomed from their seed:}
\]

the Mother who bore you without seed. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion** - *Tone 6:*

\[
\text{You did not worship a man-made image, O thrice-bless'd youths. You armed yourselves with uncreated divinity. You were glorified in the}
\]
Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Communion Hymns:

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78 - 81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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And for the righteous ones, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):

Re-joice in the Lord you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right, the up-right is fit-ting. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!

December 20
On a day other than a Sunday
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY

Troparion - Tone 4:

Beth-le-hem, make read-y, E-den has been o-pened for all.

Eph-ra-thah, pre-pare your-self, for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Vir-gin in the cave. Her womb has become a spir-it-ual para-dise in which di-vin-i-ty was plant-ed. If we par-take of it, we shall live and not die like A-dam. Christ is born to raise up the like-ness that had fall-en.
Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 3**

Today the Virgin is coming to the cave to give birth to the eternal Word in a manner beyond expression.

Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the angels and shepherds glorify the eternal God who chose to appear as a new-born child.

**December 21 to 23**

*On days other than Sunday*

**PRE-FESTIVE DAYS OF THE NATIVITY**

**Troparion - Tone 4:** *(music found on page 283)*

Bethlehem, make ready, * Eden has been opened for all. * Ephrathah, prepare yourself, * for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Virgin in the cave. * Her womb has become a spiritual paradise * in which divinity was planted. * If we partake of it, * we shall live and not die like Adam. * Christ is born to raise up the likeness that had fallen.

**Kontakion - Tone 2:**

As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in
On the Sunday from December 18 to 24
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

**Troparion** - *Prescribed Resurrection Tone*

**Troparion - Tone 2:**

swaddling clothes in Beth-le-hem, let us of-fer our hymns in anticipation to
the one who gave him birth; for with a mother's joy she cra-dles the
Son of God.

Great are the ac-com-plish-ments of faith: the three ho-ly youths rejoiced in
the streams of fire as if in re-fresh-ing wa-ters; and Dan-i-el the prophet
shep-herd-ed li-ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O

Christ our God, save our souls.
On December 20 through 23:

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4: (music found on page 283)
Bethlehem, make ready, * Eden has been opened for all. * Ephrathah, prepare yourself, * for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Virgin in the cave. * Her womb has become a spiritual paradise * in which divinity was planted. * If we partake of it * we shall live and not die like Adam. * Christ is born to raise up the likeness that had fallen.*

Only on December 24:

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4:

At that time, Mar-y regis-tered in Beth-le-hem with the el-der Joseph, who was of the house of Da-vid. She had con-ceived with-out seed and was with child, and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn, but the cave be-came a pleas-ant pal-ace for the Queen. Christ is born to raise up the like-ness that had fall-en.

On December 18 and 19:

Glory…Now and ever…

Kontakion - Tone 6: (music found on page 281)
You did not worship a man-made image, O thrice-blessed youths. * You armed yourselves with uncreated divinity. * You were glorified in the trial by fire. * Withstanding the flames, you stood and called out: * Hasten, O compassionate God, and hurry to help us in your mercy. * For you can do whatever you will.
On December 20 and 24:
Glory…Now and ever…
Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 3: (music found on page 284)
Today the Virgin is coming to the cave * to give birth to the eternal Word * in a manner beyond expression. * Let the world dance when it hears the news; * with the angels and shepherds glorify the eternal God * who chose to appear as a newborn child.

On December 21 through 23:
Glory…Now and ever…
Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 2: (music found on page 284)
As we see the One who holds the world in his hands * now wrapped in swaddling clothes in Bethlehem, * let us offer our hymns in anticipation to the one who gave him birth; * for with a mother’s joy she cradles the Son of God.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 43:2,8):

Verse: O God, we have heard with our own ears; our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.
Verse: You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.

Communion Hymns:
For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78 - 81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the righteous ones, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1): (music found on page 283)
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Troparion - Tone 4: (music found on page 286)
At that time, Mary registered in Bethlehem * with the elder Joseph who was of the house of David. * She had conceived without seed and was with child, * and her time to give birth had come. * They found no room at the inn, * but the cave became a pleasant palace for the Queen. * Christ is born to raise up the likeness that had fallen.

Troparion - Tone 8:
In you, O mother, the divine image was strictly preserved; taking up your cross, you followed Christ. You taught us by example how to spurn the flesh, for it passes away, and how to care for the soul, which is immortal. Therefore, O venerable Eugenia, your soul rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 3: (music found on page 284)
Today the Virgin is coming to the cave * to give birth to the eternal Word * in a manner beyond expression. * Let the world dance when it hears the news; * with the angels and shepherds glorify the eternal God * who chose to appear as a newborn child.
December 25
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

First Antiphon (Psalm 110:1; 9:2):

I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall declare all your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. *(music found on page 15)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1):

Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you.

Alleluia!

The faithful *STAND* as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: *(music found on pages 18 - 21)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Third Antiphon - *Tone 4 Troparion* (Psalm 109:1):

The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your
Troparion - Tone 4:

Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshiped the stars have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, and to know you, the Dawn from on High. Glory to you, O Lord!

Entrance Hymn - Tone 4 Troparion (Psalm 109:3,4):

From the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn and he will not repent: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Troparion - Tone 4: (music found above)

Your birth, O Christ our God, * has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; * for through it, those who worshiped the stars * have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, * and to know you, the Dawn from on High. * Glory to you, O Lord!
Kontakion - *Tone 3:*

Instead of “Holy God…” (Galatians 3:27) – *Not sung on the post-festive days:*

*music found on page 31*

All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia! *(Three times)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia!

All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia!

Prokeimenon - *Tone 8 (Psalm 65:4,1,2):*

Let all the earth worship you and sing praise to you; let ev-'ry-one

sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Verse:* Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 18:2,3):

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Verse: Day unto day pours out the word and night unto night imparts knowledge.

Cherubic Hymn: on the hymn, "Divnaja novina"

Let us, who mystically represent the cherubim, and sing the thrice-holy hymn, thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating, life-creating Trinity, now set aside all earth-ly cares, all earth-ly cares.

Amen. That we may receive, may receive the King of All, invisibly escorted by angelic hosts. Alleluia!
Anamnesis Acclamation:

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you,

our God, pray to you, our God.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,

Christ the King born in a cave, Christ the King, born in a cave.

Irmos:  

Tone 1 Samopodoben

I see a strange and marvelous mystery: heaven is a cave;

the cherubic throne, a virgin; the manager has become the place

in which Christ the incomprehensible God lies down. Let us
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December 26
THE SYNAXIS OF THE
THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

First Antiphon (Psalm 110:1; 9:2): (music found on page 289)
I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall declare all your wondrous deeds. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1): (music found on page 289)
Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands. O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The faithful [STAND] as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: (music found on pages 18 - 21)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. O Son of God,

Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4: (music found on page 290)
Your birth, O Christ our God, * has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; * for through it, those who worshiped the stars * have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, * and to know you, the Dawn from on High. * Glory to you, O Lord!

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 6:

Before the morning star, he was born of the Father without a mother; today,

on earth, he has become man from you without a father. A star announces
Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices

Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.
Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul, the most ho - ly Vir - gin The - o - to - kos who is more hon - or - a - ble
Irmos:

(Tone 1 Samopodoben)

Rev'rent si-lence would run no risk; but love com-pels us, O Vir-gin, to a more
dif-fi-cult task: to weave well-wrought hymns of de-vo-tion.

O Moth-er, give us the strength to do what we in-tend.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 110:9): (music found on page 294)

The Lord has sent deliverance to his people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
First Antiphon (Psalm 110:1; 9:2): *(music found on page 289)*
I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall declare all your wondrous deeds. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1): *(music found on page 289)*
Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands. O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The faithful **STAND** as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: *(music found on pages 18 - 21)*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): *(music found on page 295)*
Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): *(music found on page 295)*
Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4: *(music found on page 290)*
Your birth, O Christ our God, * has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; * for through it, those who worshiped the stars * have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, * and to know you, the Dawn from on High. * Glory to you, O Lord!

Troparion - Tone 4:

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Kontakion - Tone 3:

Yesterday, in human flesh the Master came to us; today, from the flesh, his servant departs. Yesterday, the King was born in the flesh; today, his servant is killed by stoning. Thus the holy Stephen, the first martyr, is brought to perfection.

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification: (music found on page 293)
Extol, O my soul, Christ the King, born in a cave.

Irmos: I see a strange and marvelous mystery: * heaven is a cave; * the cherubic throne a Virgin; * the manger has become the place * in which Christ, the incomprehensible God, lies down. * Let us praise him and extol him.

Communion Hymns:

For the Nativity, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 110:9): (music found on page 294)
The Lord has sent deliverance to his people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Holy Martyr Stephen, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia!
SATURDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

First and Second Antiphons of the Nativity
Post-festive Third Antiphon
Post-festive Entrance Hymn
Troparion of the Nativity
Troparion for the Saint of the Day
Kontakion for the Saint of the Day (Optional)
Kontakion of the Nativity

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 44:18,11):

I shall make your name remembered in all generations.

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.
Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification: (music found on page 293)
Extol, O my soul, Christ the King, born in a cave.

Irmos: I see a strange and marvelous mystery: * heaven is a cave; * the cherubic throne a Virgin; * the manger has become the place * in which Christ, the incomprehensible God, lies down. * Let us praise him and extol him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name
First Antiphon (Psalm 110:1; 9:2): *(music found on page 289)*
I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall declare all your wondrous deeds.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1): *(music found on page 289)*
Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The faithful **STAND** as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: *(music found on pages 18 - 21)*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): *(music found on page 295)*
Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.
O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): *(music found on page 295)*
Come, let us worship and bow before Christ.
O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!
Troparion - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4: (music found on page 290)
Your birth, O Christ our God, * has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; * for through it, those who worshiped the stars * have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, * and to know you, the Dawn from on High. * Glory to you, O Lord!

Troparion - Tone 2:

Kontakion - Tone 3:

To day the god - ly Da - vid is filled with joy; Jo - seph of - fers hymns of praise with James. Re - joic - ing, they take up the garland of re - la - tion - ship with Christ. They sing praise to him whose birth on earth
Prokeimenon - Prescribed Resurrection Tone
Then, immediately after the verse:
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel,
the God of Israel.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 131:1,2):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Lord, remember David and all his humility.
Verse: How he swore to the Lord and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”
Magnification: (music found on page 293)
Extol, O my soul, Christ the King, born in a cave.
Irmos: I see a strange and marvelous mystery: * heaven is a cave; * the cherubic throne a Virgin; * the manger has become the place * in which Christ, the incomprehensible God, lies down. * Let us praise him and extol him.
Communion Hymns:
For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia!

And for the Relatives of the Lord, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting.

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity is December 31.

January 1
THE CIRCUMCISION
OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
and
OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT,
ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA

Troparion of the Circumcision - Tone 1:

O Jesus, although you are seated on a fiery throne with the eternal Father and your divine Spirit, you were pleased to be born of a virgin maiden, your Mother who has never known man. Therefore,
as man you were also circumcised when you were eight days old.

Glory to your most noble decision! Glory to your salvation!

Glory to your humility! You alone love us all.

Troparion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 1:

Your voice resounds to the whole world which has received your word of instruction in divine dogmas. You explained the nature of creation and gave rules to order human conduct. O royal priest, O venerable father Basil, beg Christ our God to grant us his great mercy.

Glory...

Kontakion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 4:

You have appeared as the unshakeable foundation of the Church,
Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3:

The Lord of all endures circumcision and being good, he cuts away the sins of mortals. Today he grants salvation to the world, and the bishop Basil, the Creator's morning star, rejoices; he has been initiated into the mysteries of Christ.

Prokeimenon of the Circumcision - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance, and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Then, immediately after the verse:
Prokeimenon of Our Holy Father Basil - *Tone 1* (Psalm 48:4):

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My lips will speak words of wisdom;
understanding will be the theme of my heart.
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Alleluia - *Tone 8* (Psalm 79:2; 36:30):

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Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
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**Verse:** Shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph’s flock.

**Verse:** The mouth of the just will utter wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

*Instead of “It is truly proper…”*

**Magnification:** *(music found on pages 98/102)*

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

**Communion Hymns:**

For the Circumcision, the Communion Hymn is *(Psalm 148:1):*

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Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Al-le-lu-ia!
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Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
And for a Hierarch, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembred, remembred for ever;

evil news he will not fear, he will not fear. Alleluia!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

On the Sunday from January 2 to 5
SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY

Troparion - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

On January 2 through 4:

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4:

Zebulun, make ready; Naphtali, prepare yourself. O River Jordan,

stand and leap for joy to receive the Master coming to be baptized.

O Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as

once you did in Paradise. For, seeing you naked, Christ has appeared to

put on the first robe. He has appeared to renew all creation.
Only on January 5:

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4:

Af-ter E-li-jah had been tak-en up, the Riv-er Jordan was parted in two
by E-li-sha's man-tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa-ters
as an im-age of true bap-tism by which we pass be-yond this fleet-ing life.

Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc-ti fy the wa-ters.

On January 2 through 4:
Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4:

To-day the Lord appears in the Jor-dan's streams and cries out to John:

Do not be af-raid to bap-tize me, for I have come to save Ad-am, the first
cre-a-ted.
Only on January 5:
Glory...Now and ever...
Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4:

Prokeimenon - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 66:2):

Verse: Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.
Verse: Let your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.
January 6

THE THEOPHANY

OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3):

Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back?

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. (music found on page 15)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1):

I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The faithful STAND as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: (music found on pages 18 - 21)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.
Third Antiphon - *Tone 1 Troparion* (Psalm 117:1):

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

Troparion - *Tone 1*:

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!

Entrance Hymn - *Tone 1 Troparion* (Psalm 117:26,27):

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you.
Troparion - Tone 1: (music on page 313)
At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed; * for the Father’s voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, * and the Spirit in the form of a dove * confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!
Glory…Now and ever…

Kontakion - Tone 4:

Instead of “Holy God…” (Galatians 3:27) – Not sung on the post-festive days:
(music found on pages 31 - 32)
All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia! (Three times) 
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia!

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 117:26,27,1):

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has re-vealed him-self to us.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 28:1-3):

Verse: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord glory and honor.
Verse: The voice of the Lord over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord over many waters.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Irmos: Tone 2 Samopodoben

Verse: You are the intercessor for Christians, and we extol you.
Communion Hymn (Titus 2:11):

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Theophany is January 14.

On the Sunday from January 7 to 13

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 312)
Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 312)
I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.
O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The faithful STAND as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: (music found on pages 18 - 21)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

**Troparion** - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed; * for the Father’s voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, * and the Spirit in the form of a dove * confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. * O Son of God, bap-tized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Al-le-lu-ia!

**Kontakion** - Tone 4: (music found on page 314)

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

**Prokeimenon** – Tone 1 (Psalm 32:2, 1):

May your mer-cy, O Lord, be up-on us, may your mer-cy be up-on us who have placed our hope in you.

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting.
Alleluia - Tone 5 (Psalm 88:2,3):

Verse:  I shall sing forever of your mercies, O Lord; through all generations my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Verse:  For you have said: Mercy is built to last forever. Your truth is firmly established in heaven.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:  (music found on page 315) Extol, O my soul, Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Irmos:  Every tongue is at a loss * to fittingly acclaim you; * and even a supernatural mind is overwhelmed * when it glorifies you, O Theotokos. * But in your goodness accept our faith * since you recognize our godly love. * You are the intercessor for Christians, * and we extol you.

Communion Hymns:
For the Theophany, the Communion Hymn is (Titus 2:11): (music found on page 316) The saving grace of God has appeared to all. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on page 305) Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Theophany is January 14.

January 30
THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Troparion - Tone 4:

Teach-ers of the world, of one mind with the a-pos-tles, in-ter-cede with the Lord of all to grant peace to the world, and a-bun-dant mer-cy to our souls.

Glory…Now and ever…

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Kontakion - Tone 2:

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1): (music found on page 283)
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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February 1
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE MEETING

Troparion - Tone 1:

The angelic choir of heaven looks earthward, peering down from the heavenly heights to behold the first-born of all creation carried into the Temple as an infant in the arms of his mother who has not known man. Together with us they are overwhelmed with awe and sing a hymn in preparation for the feast.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 6:

The invisible Word of the Father has become visible in the flesh.

He was born of the Virgin ineffably and was placed in the arms of the elderly priest. Let us all worship him, our true God.
February 2
THE MEETING
OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
WITH SIMEON AND ANNA

Entrance Hymn - Tone 1 Troparion (Psalm 97:2):

The Lord has made his salvation known; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

Troparion - Tone 1:

Re-joice, The-o-to-kos, Vir-gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Re-joice also, you just el-der; you re-ceived in your arms the liber-a-tor of our souls, who grants us res-ur-rec-tion.

Kontakion - Tone 1:

Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the vir-gin's womb and blessed
Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Luke: 2:29,32):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace according to your word.
Verse: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Vir- gin The-o-to-kos, the hope of Chris-tians, pro- tect, watch
and save those who have placed their hope in you.

I rms:

O faithful, let us recognize the figure of Christ fore-shadowed in the letter of the Law which says: Every male child who opens the womb is sanctified to God. Therefore, the first-born Word and Son of the Father without beginning, the first-born Son of a mother who had not known man: him, let us ex-tol.

Or the following:

I rms:

O faithful, let us recognize the figure of Christ fore-shadowed in the letter of the Law which says: Every male child who opens the womb is sanctified to God. Therefore,
The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Meeting is February 9.

March 24
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The Pre-festive day of the Annunciation replaces All Souls Saturday or the Propers of John Climacus on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast or Mary of Egypt on the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast.

Troparion - Tone 4:

Today is the prelude of joy for all the world and hymns are sung in...
March 25

**THE ANNUNCIATION**

**OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

*If the Annunciation falls on a Lenten weekday, the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom is celebrated with Vespers on March 25, in the evening. When this occurs not all of the following texts are used. The stichera in the Samohlasen tones are only used when the Divine Liturgy is celebrated with Vespers.*

**First Sticheron – Tone 4 Samohlasen:**

In the sixth month the Archangel was sent to a pure Virgin.
Second Sticheron – Tone 4 Samohlasen:

He greeted her: Rejoice! He announced that the Redeemer would come forth from her. She received his greeting with faith and conceived you, the God before all ages, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to become man for the salvation of our souls.

The Theotokos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke to her the words of good news. She received the greeting with faith and conceived you, the God before all ages. Therefore, we also rejoice and cry out to you, O unapproachable God who were incarnate of her:

Grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.
Third Sticheron – *Tone 4 Samohlasen*:

Be - hold our res - to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words is united with hu - man - i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch - an - gel’s voice, for the vir - gin re - ceives the joy. What is earthly has be - come heav - en; the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re - deem - er, glo - ry to you!

Theotokion – *Tone 6 Samohlasen*:

The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:
How can the One Who Is incomprehensible in the highest be born of a virgin? Heaven is his throne, the earth is his footstool, and in a woman’s womb he is contained. The six-winged seraphim and the many-eyed cherubim cannot look upon him; yet, with a single word, he has been pleased to take on flesh. He remains the Word of God. Why do I stand still and not say to the Maiden: Rejoice, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you; Rejoice, pure Virgin; rejoice, Unwedded Bride; rejoice, Mother of Life; blessed is the fruit of your womb?

Entrance Hymn - Tone 4 Troparion (Psalm 95:2):
Day after day announce the good news of our God’s salvation.
**Troparion - Tone 4:**

Today is the summit of our salvation, and what was hidden from before all ages is revealed: the Son of God becomes a virgin's son, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us exclaim with him to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 8:**

O Theotokos, valiant defender, your servants offer you hymns of victory in Thanksgiving, for you have delivered us. But since you have invincible power, free us from all peril, that we may exclaim to you: Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride.
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2,1):

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 71:6,17):

Verse: He will descend like rain on the meadows, like raindrops on the earth.
Verse: May his name be blessed forever, more enduring than the sun.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Irmos:  

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of
Irmos: (Psalm 131:13):

Tone 4 Samopodoben

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 131:13):

The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.
The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Annunciation is March 26.

April 23
THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR
GEORGE THE WONDER-WORKER

Troparion - Tone 4:

You fought the good fight with faith, O George, martyr of Christ. You convicted the tyrants of their wickedness. You offered yourself as an acceptable sacrifice to God. Therefore, you received a crown of victory, and through your pray'rs, O holy one, you obtain forgiveness of sins for all.

Alternate Troparion - Tone 4:

O victorious Great Martyr George, protector of the poor, liberator of prisoners, physician of the sick, and champion of kings,
Kontakion - Tone 4:

Cultivated by God, you became an excellent gardener of religion, harvesting sheaves of virtues for yourself. You sowed in tears but reaped in joy.

You fought to the shedding of your blood, and through your pray'rs, O holy one, you obtain forgiveness of sins for all.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord, and will put, his trust in him.

Verse:  Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.
Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Verse:

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia!

June 24
THE NATIVITY
OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

Troparion - Tone 4:

Prophet and fore-runner of the coming of Christ, although we honor you with love, we cannot give you worthy praise. Through your glorious and holy birth,
and the incarnation of the Son of God is proclaimed to the world.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 3:**

To-day she who once was barren gives birth to Christ's fore-runner. He himself is the fulfillment of all prophecy; for in the Jordan, he imposed his hand upon the Word of God whom the prophets had foretold and was shown to be his prophet, herald, and fore-runner.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):**

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord, and will put, his trust in him.

**Verse:** Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Luke 1:68,76):

Verse: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.

Verse: And you, O child, will be called prophet of the Most High.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Irmos: Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

The ineffable mystery of the Word of God is clearly revealed, most pure

Vir-gin. God has taken a body from you in his com-pass-ion. Therefore, we

ex-tol you as the Theo-tokos.
Irmos:

Tone 4 Samopodoben

The ineffable mystery of the Word of God is clearly revealed,

most pure Virgin. God has taken a

body from you in his compassion. Therefore, we

exalt you as the Theotokos.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;

evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner is June 25.
June 29
THE HOLY PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Troparion - Tone 4:

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 2:

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world.
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

We ex-tol you with hymns, O most glo-ri-ous bride and all-ho-ly The-o-to-kos,

for you have giv-en birth to the Cre-a-tor of all things vis-i-ble and
Irmos: **Tone 4 Samopodoben**

We ex - tol you with hymns, O most glo-rious bride and all - ho-ly

The - o - to - kos, for you have giv-en birth to

the Cre-a-tor of all things vis-i-ble and in-vis-i-ble.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5): 

Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach-es

Refrain

to the ends of the world. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
On the Sunday from July 13 to 19
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Troparion - *Prescribed Resurrection Tone*

Troparion - *Tone 8:*

Kontakion - *Tone 8:*

The preaching of the apostles and the teachings of the Fathers have confirmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as the garment of truth, woven from the theology on high, as she faithfully imparts and glorifies the great mystery of devotion.

Glory...Now and ever...
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):

Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa-thers,
and glo-ri-ous for-ev-er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 49:1,5):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Verse: Gather before him his righteous ones who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

Communion Hymns:

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78 - 81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the Council Fathers, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1): (music found on page 201)
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
July 20
THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH

Troparion - Tone 4:

An angel in the flesh, the foundation of the prophets, and the second fore-runner of Christ, the glorious Elijah from on high sent grace to Elisha to cure sicknesses and cleanse lepers. He likewise overflows with healing for those who honor him.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 2:

Prophet and seer of the mighty deeds of our God, renowned Elijah, you stopped the rain-clouds by a word. Intercede for us with the only one who loves us all
Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 109:4,1):

*Verse:* The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 98:6):

*Verse:* Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
*Verse:* They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

*Refrain*
August 5
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

**Troparion - Tone 4:**

Let us go forth to welcome the Trans-fig-u-ra-tion of Christ; let the faithful joyfully anti-ci-pate the feast and ex-claim: The day of divine glad-ness has ar-rived; the Lord ascends Mount Ta-bor and the beauty of his di-vin-i-ty flash-es like light-ning.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 4:**

To-day all mortal nature radi-ates di-vin-i-ty at the di-vine Trans-fig-u-ra-tion and cries out with glad-ness:

Christ is trans-fig-u-red, sav-ing all.
First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1-2): (music found on page 14)
Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3):
Mount Zion, slopes of the north, is the city of the great King.
O Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you:
Alleluia!

The faithful STAND as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation: (music found on pages 18 - 21)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Third Antiphon - Tone 7 Troparion (Psalm 124:1):
Those who put their trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, that cannot
You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of your glory to your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, let your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners.

O Giver of Light, glory to you!

Send forth your truth and your fidelity; they will guide me and bring me to your holy mountain.

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, * revealing as much of your glory to your disciples as they could behold. * Through the prayers of the Theotokos, * let your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. * O Giver of Light, glory to you.
Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion - Tone 7:**

You were trans-fig-ured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and your dis-ci-ples be-held as much of your glo-ry as they could bear, that when they would see you cru-ci-fied they would un-der-stand that you suf-fered will-ing-ly, so they would preach to the world that you are truly the ra-di-ance of the Fa-ther.

**Prokeimenon – Tone 4 (Psalm 103:24,1):**

How man-y are your works, O Lord. In wis-dom you have made them all.

**Verse:** Bless the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

**Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 88:12,16):**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**Verse:** Yours are the heavens and yours is the earth.
**Verse:** Happy are the people who can shout with joy.
Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
the Lord trans - fig - ured on Mount Ta - - bor.

Irmos:  

Your child - birth was shown to be in - cor - rupt, for it was God who came forth from you, appearing on earth in the flesh and dwell - ing a - mong us.

There - fore, O The - o - to - kos, we all ex - tol you.

Or the following:

Irmos:  

Your child - birth was shown to be in - cor - rupt, for it was God who came forth from you, appearing on earth in the flesh and dwell - ing a - mong us. Therefore, O The - o - to - kos,
Communion Hymn (Psalm 88:16,17):

We shall walk in the light of your face, O Lord; we shall rejoice in your name forever, we shall rejoice in your name forever, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Transfiguration is August 13.

August 7 to 13

POST-FESTIVE DAYS OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Everything as on Transfiguration except:

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

O Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you:

Alleluia!
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. O Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Transfiguration is August 13.

August 14
PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE DORMITION

Troparion - Tone 4:

O peoples, clap your hands in anticipation and dance with faith and joy.

Gather together today in eagerness and jubilation, and let us all exult with godly glee, for the Theotokos, whom we always glorify in hymns, is about to be taken up in glory from earth to heaven.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 4:

Celebrating your glorious mem'ry today, the world mystic-ly
The Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Troparion - Tone 1:

O The-o-to-kos, in giving birth you preserved virginity; and in your falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have been transferred to life, and through your pray'rs you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion - Tone 2:

The grave and death did not detain the The-o-to-kos. She intercedes

August 15

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY
For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.
Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

Instead of “It is truly proper…”

Magnification:

The angels were struck with amazement beholding the dormition
of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin was taken up from earth to heaven.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O pure Virgin, for birth-giving remains virginal, and death is the prelude to life: a virgin after childbearing and alive after death! You ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Or the following:

Irmos:

Tone 1 Samopodoben

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O pure Virgin, for birth-giving remains virginal, and death
Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

The memorial of the righteous is celebrated with praise, but for you,

Commemoration of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Dormition is August 23.

August 29

The Commemoration of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

Troparion - Tone 2:

The memorial of the righteous is celebrated with praise, but for you,

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
honorable than the prophets since you were deemed worthy to baptize in the waters the Lord you had proclaimed. Therefore, you fought for the truth, and with joy proclaimed the good news to those in Hades, that God has appeared in the flesh to take away the sins of the world and to grant us great mercy.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 5:**

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was part of God's saving plan that the coming of the Savior might be announced even to those in Hades.

Let Herodias mourn for she sought a lawless murder because she loved neither the Law of God nor eternal life,
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Leave-taking of the Beheading is August 30.