



## SEPTEMBER

**SUN SEP 6 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4**  
**Hieromartyr Evtykhes, Disciple of Apostle John.**

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. Lord, I call: 10 Verses. Resurrection 7, T-4: "We always honor.." Saint, 3, T-8, "O blessed Martyr Evtykhes.." GNE, Dogmatik, T-4: "The Prophet David.." Prokeimenon: "The Lord is King.." **Apostikha**, Res. T-4; "By ascending the Cross.." GNE, T-4: "Look down upon the supplications.." **Troparion:** T-4: "Rejoice, O Virgin.." (3 times)

**SUNDAY MATINS.** Troparia: Res. T-4: "When the women disciples.." (twice); **Glory:** Saint T-4: "As you shared in the way of the Apostles.." N&E, T-4: "The mystery hidden.." Kathismata #2 & #3. Sessional Hymns: Tone 4. **Polyeleon.** Evlogitaria: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord.." Hypakoe, Antiphons & Prokeimenon: Tone 4. **Gospel #2:** Mark 16:1-8. "Having beheld.." Psalm 50. etc. **2 Kanons:** Resurrection on 8; Saint on 6. **Eirmosi**, Res. T-4: "When of old Israel crossed.." **Katavasi**, Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon.." After 3rd Canticle: **Kontakion**, Saint, T-3: "As one who shared the throne.." and **Eikos:** "Abiding now with the choirs on high.." **Sedalen**, Saint T-3: "Emitting the effulgence of divine.." After 6th: **Kontakion** of Res. T-4: "My Savior and Redeemer.." and **Eikos:** Let all of us born on earth.." **Magnificat.** **Exapostilarion #2:** "The women bearing myrrh.." **Glory:** Saint: "As you were an heir to the thrones.." N&E #2 "An angel brought the Virgin.." **Praises**, 8 Verses: Res. 8, T-4: "We glorify Thy Resurrection.." **Glory:** **Gospel Stikhera #2**, T-2: "To the women with Mary.." N&E: "You are most blessed." **Great Doxology.** Sunday **Tropar #2:** "By rising from the tomb.." **Litanies.** Sunday **Dismissal.** Saint

**HOURS.** Troparia: Resurrection & Saint. **Kontakia** (1st & 6th) Saint. (3rd & 9th) Resurrection.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Regular Antiphons. **Troparia:** a) Resurrection; b) St of church; c) Saint. **Kontakia:** a) Resurrection; b) St of church; **Glory:** Saint; N&E: "Steadfast protectress.." **Prokeimenon**, Res, T-4: "O Lord, how manifold.."

**Epistles:** a) Rom. 10:1-10. b) Saint: Col. 3:12-16. **Alleluia:** Res, T-4. **Gospels:** a) Matt. 8:28-9:1. **Communion Hymn:** "Praise the Lord.." **Sunday Dismissal.**



## FRI SEP 11 - BEHEADING OF HOLY PROPHET & BAPTIST JOHN.

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. Lord, I call: 8 Verses, T-6: "While the birthday of shameless Herod.." Glory, T-6: "While the birthday.." N&E, Dogmatik T-6: "Who will not bless you.." Prokeimenon of the day. **3 Readings:** a) Isaiah 40:1-3,9; 41:17-18; 45:8, 48:20-21; 54:1. b) Malachi 3:1-3, 5 7,12, 18;4:4-6. c) Wisdom 4:7,16-17,19-20; 5:1-7. **Litiya,** T-1: "What shall we call you.." Glory, T-5: "Herod intending to escape.." N&E, T-5: "Sing, O ye people.." **Apostikha,** T-2: "O John the Baptist.." Glory, T-8: "O Forerunner of the Savior.." N&E, T-8: "O Virgin who has not known.." **Troparia:** a) T-2: "The memory of the righteous.." (twice); b) T-4: "Rejoice, O Virgin.." (once).

**FESTAL MATINS.** Troparion, T-2: "The memory of the righteous.." (twice); GNE, T-2: "Past all understanding.." Kathismata of the day. **Sessional Hymns:** "Come, O ye faithful.." **Polyeleon.** **Magnification:** "We magnify you, O John the Baptist of our Savior, and we honor your honorable beheading." **Sedalen,** "You have shown forth.." **Antiphon:** "From my youth.." **Prokeimenon:** T-4: "Precious in the sight of the Lord,\* is the death of His Saints." **Gospel** Matt. 14:1-13. **Psalm** 50. **Glory,** T-6: "Through the prayers of the Forerunner and Baptist John.." N&E: "Through the prayers of the Theotokos.." **Stikhera,** T-6: "As she danced.." **2 Kanons:** on 12. **Eirmosi,** T-8: "When they had gone.." **Katavasi,** Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon.." **After 3rd Canticle:** **Sedalen,** "Let us the faithful.." **After 6th:** **Kontakion,** T-5, "The glorious beheading.." **Magnificat.** **Exapostilarion:** "Let us crown with songs.." **Glory:** "O wanton Herod.." N&E: "By your divine child-bearing.." **Praises:** 4 Verses, T-8: O most marvellous wonder.." **Glory:** T-6: "Herodias is at times.." N&E, T-6: "O Theotokos, you are the true vine.." **Great Doxology.** Troparion, T-2: "The memory of the righteous." GNE, Theotokion T-2: "Past all understanding.." **Litanies.** **Dismissal.**

**HOURS.** Troparion and Kontakion: of Baptist.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Regular Antiphons. **Troparia:** a) To the Lord or Theotokos, if church bears name of either; b) Baptist; c) Church. **Kontakia:** **Glory:** Baptist; N&E: "Steadfast protectress.." **Trisagion.** **Prokeimenon,** T-7: "The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord,\* and shall hope in Him." **Epistle:** Acts 13:25-32. **Alleluia:** T-4: "The righteous shall flourish .." **Gospel:** Mark 6:14-30. **Dostoynik:** regular, "It is truly meet.." **Communion Hymn:** "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.." **Dismissal.**

*Note: On this day there is a Memorial Service (Panikhida) commemorating all the soldiers, and all those who died in battles.*



**SAT SEP 12 – RIGHT-BELIEVING PRINCE ALEXANDER NEVSKY.**  
**Commemoration of the Translation of His Relics.**

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. Lord I call: 8 Verses, T-6: "O Prince Alexander, your life.." Glory, T-6: "Make glad you land of Iyorsky.." N&E, Dogmatik T-6: "Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin.." Prokeimenon of the day. **3 Readings:** a) Wisdom 3:1-8. b) Wisdom 5:15-6:3a. c) Wisdom 4:7-15. **Litiya,** T-4: "Let the New Israel make glad today.." **GNE,** T-1: "Behold the prophecy of Isaiah.." **Apostikha,** T-6: "He who confesses the Name of Jesus.." **Glory,** T-2: "Come all ye ranks of Russia.." N&E, T-2: "O new wonder, greathr than all.." **Troparia:** a) T-4: "Recognize your brother, O Russian Joseph.." (twice); b) T-4: "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos.." (once)

**FESTAL MATINS.** Troparion, T-4: "Recognize your brother, O Russian Joseph.." (twice); GNE, Theotokion, T-4: "The mystery hidden from all the ages.." Kathismata: for the day. Sessional Hymns: "Let the New Israel rejoice today.." **Polyeleon.** **Magnification:** "We magnify,\* we magnify you,\* O Trustworthy Prince Alexander,\* and we honor your holy memory,\* for you do pray for us,\*\*\* unto Christ our God." **Selected Verse:** "I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me." **Sedalen:** T-4: "O Blessed Saint, the Holy Spirit.." **Antiphon,** T-4: "From my youth.." **Prokeimenon,** T-4: "I have exalted the one,\* chosen of My people." **Gospel:** John 10:9-16. Psalm 50. **Glory:** "Through the prayers of Alexander, Saint and Prince..." N&E: "Through the prayers of the Theotokos.." "Have mercy on me.." **Stikhera,** T-6: "Come, all ye people, and let us offer.." **1 Kanon:** Saint 6. **Eirmos,** T-8: "Having crossed the water as though it were dry land.." **Katavasi,** Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon.." After 3rd Canticle: **Sedalen:** T-8: "You have appeared to us,.." GNE, "Behold, they glorify you from generation.." After 6th: **Kontakion,** T-2: "As your kinsmen, Boris and Gleb.." and **Eikos:** "As in the days of old.." **Magnificat.** **Exapostilarion:** "O Alexander, your glory beyond compare.." GNE, "We bless you, O Virgin.." **Praises,** 4 Verses, T-8: "O most glorious wonder.." **Glory,** T-8 "You have fought the good fight.." N&E, T-8: "O Lady, accept the prayers.." **Great Doxology.** **Troparion,** T-4: "Recognize your brothers, O Russian Joseph.." GNE T-4: "The mystery hidden.." **Litanies.** Dismissal.

**HOURS.** Troparia: Saint. Kontakia: Saint.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Regular Antiphons. **Beatitudes:** **3rd Canticle: 4; 6th Canticle: 4.** **Entrance Hymn:** "Come, let us worship,\* and fall down before Christ,\* who art wonderful in Thy saints, O Son of God,\* save us who sing to Thee:\*\*\* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia." **Troparia:** a) To Lord or Theotokos, if church bears either of their names or Feasts. b) Saint. **Kontakia:** **Glory,** Saint, N&E: "Steadfast protectress.." **Trisagion.** **Prokeimenon,** T-7: "Precious in the sight of the Lord.." **Epistles:** a) **Of Day;** b) Galatians 5:22-6:2. **Alleluia,** T-6: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord.." **Gospels:** a) **Of Day;** b) Matt 11:27-20. **Communion Hymn:** "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.." **Dismissal.**



**SUN SEP 13 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5.**  
**Deposition of the Precious Belt [Cincture] of Theotokos.**

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. Lord, I call: 10 Verses, Resurrection 7, T-5: "By Thy precious Cross.."; Theo. 3, T-6: "The shrine which holds your Belt .." Glory, Theo. T-2: "The Church of God is clad in you holy Belt.." N&E: Dogmatik T-5: "In the Red Sea of old.." Prokeimenon: "The Lord is King.." **Apostikha**, Res. T-5; "We magnify Thee in songs.." GNE, Theo. T-2: "Having cleansed our mind and thoughts.." **Troparia:** a) T-4: "Rejoice, O Virgin.." (twice); b) Theo. T-8: "O Ever-virgin Theotokos, protection of mankind.." (once).

**SUNDAY MATINS.** Troparia, Res. T-5; "Let us the faithful.." (twice); GNE: Theo. T-8: "O Ever-virgin Theotokos, protection of mankind.." Kathismata #2 & #3. Sessional Hymns; Tone 5. **Polyeleon.** **Evlogitaria:** (Neporochen) "Blessed art Thou, O Lord.." Hypakoe, Antiphons and Prokeimenon: Tone 5. **Gospel #3:** Mark 16:9-20.. "Having beheld.." Psalm 50 and rest, etc. **2 Kanons:** Resurrection on 8; Theo. on 6; **Eirmosi**, Res. T-5: "Christ has destroyed the armies.." **Katavasi**, Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon.." After **3rd** Canticle: **Kontakion** of Theo. T-4: "Today your holy temple celebrates.." and Eikos: "Illumine me with your light.." Sedalen, Theo. T-4: "Your most precious Belt.." GNE: "The church does celebrate the deposition.." After **6th:** **Kontakion**, Res. T-5: "Thou didst descend.." & Eikos: "The women hearing the words.." **Magnificat.** **Exapostilarion #3:** "Let no man not believe.." GNE: Theo. "Honoring your precious belt.." **Praises:** 8 Verses, Res. 4, T-5: "After the tomb was sealed.." Theo. 4, T-4: "The Church is arrayed in your holy belt.." **Glory:** Theot, T-2: "Having cleansed our minds and.." N&E: "You are most blessed.." **Great Doxology.** Sunday Tropar #1: "Today salvation has come.." Litanies. Sunday Dismissal. GNE: Gospel Stikhera #3 "When Mary Magdalene.."

**HOURS.** Troparia: Resurrection & Theotokos. **Kontakia** (1<sup>st</sup> & 6th) Theotokos. (3rd & 9th) Resurrection.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Regular Antiphons. **Troparia:** a) Resurrection; b) Theotokos; c) St of church; **Kontakia:** a) Resurrection; **Glory:** St of church; N&E: Theotokos. **Prokeimena:** a) Res. T-5: "Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.." b) Theo. T-3: My soul magnifies the Lord.." **Epistles:** a) 14th Sun. 2Cor. 1:21-2:4. b) Theo, Heb. 9:1-7. **Alleluia:** Res. T-5: "I will sing of Thy mercies.." b) Theo. "Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy holiness." **Gospels:** a) 14th Sun. Matt. 22:1-14. b) Theo, Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. **Dostoynik:** (*It is truly meet*) **Communion Hymns:** a) "Praise the Lord.." b) "I will receive the cup of salvation.." Sunday Dismissal.



**Mon Sep 14 - Ecclesiastical {Church} New Year**



**SUN SEP 20 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 6.**  
**Forefeast of the Nativity. Martyr Sozon.**  
**Sunday Before Elevation of the Holy Cross.**

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. Lord I call: 10 Verses, Resurrection 4, T-6: "Winning the victory.." Theo. 3, T-1: "Noetic beams of universal joy.." Saint 3, T-4: "When He Who of His own will took our weakness.." Glory, Theo. T-4: "O Virgin all-holy and pure we, the multitude.." N&E, Resurrection, Dogmatik, T-6: "Who will not bless.." Prokeimenon: "The Lord is King." **Apostikha**, Res. T-6: "Thy Resurrection, O Christ.." GNE, Theo. T-4: "Universal joy has shone forth upon us." **Troparia**: T-4: "Rejoice, O Virgin.." (2 times); Theo. T-4: "Mary, the divine Maiden, is born.." (once).

**FESTAL MATINS.** Troparia, Res. T-6: "The angelic powers.." (twice); Glory: Saint, T-4: "In his suffering, O Lord, Thy martyr Sozon.." N&E, Theo. T-4: "Mary, the divine Maiden, is born.." Kathismata: #2 & #3. Sessional Hymns: Tone 6. **Evlogitaria**: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord.." Hypakoe, Antiphons and Prokeimenon: of Tone 6. **Gospel**: #4 Luke 24:1-12. "Having beheld.." Psalm 50. and the rest, etc. **3 Kanons**: Resurrection on 6; Theo. on 4; Saint on 4. **Eirmos**, Res. T-6: "When Israel crossed the sea.." **Katavasi**, Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon.." After 3rd Canticle: **Kontakion** of Theo. T-3: "Today Mary, the Virgin and Theotokos.." and **Eikos**; "The divine Maiden Mary.." **Kontakion** of Saint; T-2: "Assembling today, with a loud voice.." **Sedalen** of St. T-4: "Saved by faith, O much-suffering Sozon.." GNE, Theo, T-8: "Let heaven rejoice and let the earth.." After 6th: **Kontakion** of Res. T-6: "When Christ God.." and **Eikos**, "Let us the faithful praise.." **Magnificat**. **Exapostilarion** #4, "Lightning-bright with.." **Glory**: Saint, "Armed with the weapon.." N&E, Theo. "Be renewed, O Adam.." **Praises**, 8 Verses, Res. 8, T-6: "Thy Cross, O Lord.." **Glory**, **Gospel Stikhera** #4: "It was very early in the morning.." N&E, "You are most blessed.." **Great Doxology**. **Sunday Tropar** #2: "By rising from the tomb.." **Litanies**. **Sunday Dismissal**.

**HOURS.** Troparia: Resurrection and Saint. **Kontakion**: Resurrection.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Regular Antiphons. **Troparia**: a) Resurrection; b) Theo. c) St of church; d) Saint. **Kontakia**: a) Resurrection; b) St. of church; **Glory**: Saint; N&E: Theo. **Prokeimenon**, **Sunday Before**. T-6: "O Lord, save Thy people.." **Epistles**: a) **Sunday Before**. Gal. 6:11-18. b) **15th Sun**. 2Cor. 4:6-15. **Alleluia**: **Sunday Before**. T-6: "I have exalted one chosen from My people; with My holy oil I have anointed Him." **Gospels**: a) **Sunday Before**. John 3:13-17. b) **15th Sun**. Matt. 22:35-46. **Communion Hymn**: "Praise the Lord.." **Sunday Dismissal**.



**MON SEP 21 - NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS.**

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. Lord, I call: 8 Verses, T-6: "Today God who rests.." GNE, T-6: "Today God who rests.." Prokeimenon: of the day. **3 Readings**: a) Genesis 28:10-17. b) Ezekiel 43:27-44:4. c) Proverbs 9:1-11. **Litiya**, T-1: "O ye people.." GNE, T-8: "On this solemn day.." **Apostikha**, T-4: "The joy

of all the world.." GNE, T-8: "Come, all ye faithful.." **Troparion:** T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin.." (3 times).

**FESTAL MATINS.** Troparia: T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin.." (twice). GNE: Troparion. Kathismata: of the day. Sessional Hymns: "Cry out, O David.." **Polyeleon.** **Magnification:** "We magnify you, O most holy Virgin, and we honor your holy parents and praise your all-glorious Nativity." Sedalen, "Let the heavens rejoice.." Antiphon, T-4: "From my youth.." Prokeimenon, T-4: "I will make your name to be remembered.." **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-49,56. Glory, T-6: "Through the prayers of the Theotokos.." Now & ever: "Through the prayers of the Theotokos.." "Have mercy on me.." Stikhera, T-6: "The joy of all the world.." **2 Kanons:** both of Feast on 12. **Eirmosi,** T-2: "Come, O ye people.." Katavasi, Cross, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon.." After **3rd** Canticle: Eipakoe, "The prophet spoke.." After **6th:** Kontakion, T-4: "By your Nativity.." and Eikos. **NO Magnificat.** On **9th:** T-2: (*Refrain*) "Magnify, O my soul.." (*Eirmos*) "From your virgin womb.." Exapostilarion: "The ends of the inhabited earth.." GNE: "Be renewed, O Adam." **Praises:** 4 Verses, T-8: "O marvelous wonder.." GNE, T-6: "This is the day of the Lord.." **Great Doxology.** Troparion, T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin.." Litanies. Dismissal.

**HOURS.** Troparion and Kontakion: of Saint.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Regular Antiphons. **Troparion:** of Feast. **Kontakion:** GNE: of Feast. Trisagion. **Prokeimenon,** T-3, (Song of Theotokos) "My soul magnifies the Lord.." **Epistle:** Phil 2:5-11. Alleluia, T-8: "Hear, O daughter.." **Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28. **Instead of:** (*It is truly meet*) Festal (2nd Kanon) T-8: (*Refrain*) "Magnify, O my soul.." (*Eirmos*) "Virginity is foreign to mothers.." **Communion Hymn:** "I will receive the cup of salvation.." Dismissal.

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## THU SEP 24 – SYNAXIS OF ALL THE SAINTS OF ALASKA.

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

**GREAT VESPERS.** Kathisma. **Lord I call:** 8 Verses, Feast, 3, T-6: "Today God who rests upon the spiritual thrones.." Ak. Saints 5, T-2: "With joy Saint Innocent, the Enlightener of Alaska.." GNE, Feast, T-6: "Today the barren Gates are opened.." Prokeimenon of the day. **3 Readings:** a) Isaiah 43:9-14. b) Wisdom 3:1-9. c) Wisdom 5:15-6:3. **Litiya,** T-3: "The first Martyr of our land came.." GNE, Feast, T-8: "On this solemn day of our feast.." **Apostikha,** T-8: "As the voice of one crying.." GNE, Feast, T-2: "She who was pre-ordained.." **Troparia:** a) T-8: "The First Fruits of sanctity.." (*twice*); b) Feast, T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin.." (*once*).

**FESTAL MATINS.** Troparia, T-8: "The First Fruits of sanctity.." (*twice*); GNE, Feast, T-4: "Your Nativity, O Virgin.." Kathismata: for the day. **Polyeleon.** **Magnification:** "We magnify,\* we magnify you,\* all Saints that have shone forth in Alaska,\* and we honor your holy memory,\* for you do pray for us,\*\*\* unto Christ our God." Sedalen, T-1: "Today the world rejoices with us.." Antiphon, T-4: "From my youth.." Prokeimenon, T-7: "Precious in the sight of the Lord,\* is the death of His Saints." **Gospel:** Matt. 11:27-30. Psalm 50. Glory: "Through the

prayers of all the Saints of Alaska..” N&E: “Through the prayers of the Theotokos..” “Have mercy on me..” *Stikhera*, T-6: “Come, all Orthodox believers..” **2 Kanons**: Feast, 6; Ak Saints 6. **Eirmos**, Theotokos Feast, First Canon, T-2: “Come, O ye people..” *Katavasi*, Cross, T-8: “Inscribing the invincible weapon..” After 3rd Canticle: *Kontakion*, Feast, T-4: “O Undeiled, by your holy Birth..” *Eikos*: “The prayer and groaning of..” After 6th *Kontakion*, Saints, T-4: “Like bright stars in the sky..” *Eikos*: “The Saints are like comely trees..” **Magnificat**. *Exapostilarion*: T-2: “The Arctic night is illumined with..” GNE, Feast, “Be renewed, O Adam..” **Praises**, 4 Verses, Saints, T-4: “Rejoice, today, O Valaam..” GNE, Feast, T-2: “What is this sound of feasting..” **Great Doxology**. *Troparia*, Sts, T-8: “The First Fruits of sanctity..” GNE Feast, T-4: “Your Nativity, O Virgin..” *Litanies*. *Dismissal*.

**HOURS**. *Troparia*: Saints and Feast. *Kontakia*: (1st & 6th) Feast; (3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>) Saints.

**DIVINE LITURGY**. Regular Antiphons. *Troparia*: a) Feast; b) Saints; c) St of church. *Kontakia*: St of church; *Glory*, Saints; N&E: Feast. *Trisagion*. **Prokeimena**, a) Feast, T-3: “My soul magnifies the Lord..” b) Saints, T-7: “Precious in the sight of the Lord..” **Epistle**: Heb. 11:33–12:2. **Alleluia**, a) Feast; “Hearken, O daughter..” b) Saints: “O God, Thou givest avengement..” **Gospel**: Matt. 4:25–5:12. **Instead of**: (It is truly meet) Feast, (2nd *Kanon*) T-8: (*Refrain*) “Magnify, O my soul..” (*Eirmos*) “Virginity is foreign to mothers..” **Communion Hymns**: a) Feast; “I will receive the cup..” b) Saints: “Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous..” *Dismissal*.



## SUN SEP 27 - THE UNIVERSAL ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF OUR LORD.

**NOTE**: Before Great Vespers, the Priest (vested for Great Vespers) stands the Gospel in an upright position on the Altar against the Tabernacle, and then transfers the Cross from the Zhertvenik [Oblation table] to the Altar in this manner: “Blessed is our God..” Amen. *Trisagion*—Our Father. During this time the Priest censens the Cross. After “For Thine is the Kingdom..” then is sung the *Troparion*: “O Lord, save Thy people..” GNE, the *Kontakion*: “As Thou wast voluntarily crucified..”, during which the Priest lifts up the Cross, places it on his head, and is preceded by an altar server [or deacon] with a candle in procession to the Altar, and sets, in the Gospel's place, the Cross. There is a censuring around the Altar. *Small Dismissal*: “Glory to Thee, O Christ our God..” etc.

**GREAT VESPERS**. *Kathisma*. **Lord, I call**: 8 Verses, T-6: “The Cross is raised on high..” GNE, T-2; “Come, all ye peoples..” *Prokeimenon* of the day. **3 Readings**: a) Exodus 15:22–27; 16:1–2. b) Proverbs 3:11–18. c) Isaiah 60:11–16. *Litiya*, T-1: “Today the holy words..” GNE, T-4: Moses prefigured the power..” *Apostikha*, T-5: “Hail, O Life-giving Cross..” GNE, T-8: “Today, O Christ our God..” *Troparion*, T-1: “O Lord, save Thy people..” (3 times).

**FESTAL MATINS**. *Troparion*, T-1: “O Lord, save Thy people..” (*twice*); GNE; *Troparion*. *Kathismata*; of the day. *Sessional Hymns*; “We venerate the wood..” **Polyeleon**. Censuring of the sanctuary. (*Magnification* is sung by clergy

before the Altar {Prestol}) **Magnification:** "We magnify Thee, O Christ the Giver of Life, and we honor Thy Precious Cross, whereby we have been saved from the bondage of the enemy." *Priest then censes the Iconostas and rest of the church as usual.* Sedalen; "In times past.." Antiphon, T-4; "From my youth.." Prokeimenon, T-4: "All the ends of the earth..." Gospel: John 12:28-36. "Having beheld the Resurrection.." etc. (same as on Sundays); Glory, T-6: "Through the prayers of the Apostles.." N&E: "Through the prayers of the Theotokos.." "Have mercy on me.." Stikhera, T-6: "O Cross of Christ.." (No usual veneration of Icon at this time) 1 **Kanon:** for Feast on 12. **Eirmosi** and **Katavasi**, T-8: "Inscribing the invincible weapon of the Cross.." After 3rd Canticle: Sedalen, "In paradise of old.." After 6th: Kontakion, T-4: "As Thou wast voluntarily crucified.." and Eikos. **NO Magnificat.** On 9th: (*Refrain*) "Magnify, O my soul.." (*Eirmos*) "You are the mystical Paradise.." **Exapostilarion:** "The Cross is the guardian.." GNE: "Today the Cross is exalted.." **Praises:** 4 Verses, T-8: "O marvelous wonder.." GNE, T-6: "Today the Cross of the Lord.." **Great Doxology.**

**Rubrics:** During the singing of the Great Doxology, the Priest censes cross-wise the Altar three times, on which is the Precious Cross. While the choir sings the concluding "Holy God.." to a slow and solemn melody, after making 3 prostrations, the Priest takes the Cross and placing it on his head, he then proceeds slowly round the Altar and out of the sanctuary through the north door, preceded by candles and by the deacon with censer. The Priest **stops** in front of the Royal Doors, facing to the east, and when the concluding "Holy God.." has ended, he says: "**Wisdom! Arise!**" The choir then sings the Troparion of the Cross; 3 times, during which the Priest proceeds down the Amvon to the middle of the church and places the Cross on the anoly. Then he censes around the anoly three times.

When the Troparion has ended, the Priest chants: "**Before Thy Cross,\* we bow down in worship, O Master,\* and Thy Holy Resurrection,\*\*\* we glorify.**" Then the choir sings the same three times, and each time the faithful make a prostration to the floor. The Cross is venerated by the clergy in order of rank, and then by all the faithful. The clergy and faithful are anointed with the blessed oil.

During the veneration of the Cross, the choir sings: **The Stikheri of the Cross.** T-2: "Come, ye faithful, and let us venerate.." etc. **Glory,** T-8: "Today the Master of creation.." **Now & ever:** T-6: "Today He who is.." **Litanies.** Sunday Dismissal: "**May He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God..**"

**HOURS.** Troparion and Kontakion; of Feast.

**DIVINE LITURGY.** Festal Antiphons, T-2: "God, my God, attend to me.." **Introit:** "Extol the Lord our God.." **Troparion:** of Feast. **Kontakion:** GNE: of Feast. **Instead of Trisagion,** we sing: "**Before Thy Cross..**" **Prokeimenon,** T-7: "Extol the Lord our God.." **Epistle:** 1Cor. 1:18-24. **Alleluia,** T-1: Remember Thy congregation.." **Gospel:** John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35. **Instead of:** (*It is truly meet*): Feast, (*Refrain*) "Magnify, O my soul.." (*Eirmos*) T-8: "You are the mystical Paradise.." **Communion Hymn:** "The light of Thy countenance.." Sunday Dismissal.

(*Leave-Taking, Oct. 4*)

