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Typicon of the Divine Liturgy
 For Sundays and Main Feasts

February, 2012

Abbreviations & References:

Gospel Book, English: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1978
 Gospel Book, Arabic: Paulist Fathers, Harissa, 1960
 Epistle Book, English (Apostolos): Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980
 Epistle Book, Arabic: Paulist Fathers, Harissa, 1967
 BDW: Byzantine Daily Worship: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980
 CT: CyberTypicon - Version 4, Fr. Peter Boutros, Phoenix, AZ
 ED: Prayer Book, Arabic: Bishop N. Edelby of Aleppo, 1962
 PLC: Patriarchal Liturgical Commission : *Holy and Divine Liturgies*, Arabic, 2006 - Prayers translated by Rev. Alam Alam

NB: This monthly Typicon can be downloaded from www.StJohnOfTheDesert.com

Sundays from Pentecost to the Tridion

Unless noted otherwise for particular Class feasts and particular Typicon recommendations

The Invocation to the Holy Spirit “Heavenly King...” and “Glory to God in the highest ... Lord, I shall open my lips ...”

Antiphons Typica and/or Beatitudes or Antiphons of Sunday

Entrance Hymn “Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. O Son of God Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!”

Trisagion

Hymn to the Theotokos “It is truly right...”

Kinonikon “Praise the Lord from the highest. Alleluia!”

Post-communion hymn “We have seen the true light ...”

Apolysis “...Who is risen from the dead...”

Conclusion of the Divine Liturgy “Through the prayers of our holy fathers...”

Thursday, February 2, 2012
Entrance of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into the Temple

Orthros Gospel of the Feast, Luke 2:25-32 - Page 317 (English) – Page 211 (Arabic)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Antiphon Prayer (PLC p. 340)

O Lord, Sun of Justice, You manifested yourself as Light for all nations, carried in the arms of Simeon the Just and inaugurating the new Era of Grace. Shine in our hearts the Light of your Knowledge. Open the eyes of our minds. Guide us in the straight path, so that we may behave in a way agreeable to You, willing and doing what pleases You.

For You are our Light, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Antiphons of the Feast (BDW p. 630), (PLC p. 341), (ED p. 1328)

Entrance Hymn The Lord has made his Salvation known; He has revealed his justice to all nations. O Son of God, Who were carried in the arms of Simeon the Just, save us...

Hymns Troparion of the Presentation (3 times), (BDW p. 627), (PLC p. 343), (ED p. 1319)
Kondakion of the Presentation, (BDW p. 627), (PLC p. 343), (ED p. 1321)

Epistle Hebrews 7:7-17, Page 477 (English) – Page 544 (Arabic)

Gospel Luke 2:22-40, Page 317 (English) – Page 211 (Arabic)

Hymn to the Theotokos Hirmos of the 9th Ode, (BDW p. 632), (PLC p. 344), (ED p. 1333)

Communion hymn I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia

Post-Communion hymn Troparion of the Presentation, (BDW p. 627), (PLC p. 345), (ED p. 1319)

Apolysis May Christ our true God, Who for our salvation was carried in the arms of Simeon the Just, through the intercession...

Blessing of the Candles, (PLC p. 532)

Blessed are You, Christ our God, Glory of the Father and Image of his Essence. You were incarnate of the all-holy Virgin in an ineffable way. You were presented to God the Father and carried in the arms of Simeon the Just. You were revealed as radiant Light to every human being coming into this world. You established the Catholic and Apostolic Church as a Lighthouse propagating the teachings of your Gospel.

We ask You in your Mercies to extend your all-holy and all-powerful Hand and bless (✠) these candles by the descent of your Holy Spirit. Infuse them with your abundant Grace so that they become a spiritual light for all their bearers. May the faithful lighting them live their whole day in sincere love and their whole night quietly enjoying your grace. May they get up early and come to your Encounter, Beloved Groom, with enlightened and joyful faces. May they welcome You with brightly shining lamps like the Wise Virgins. May they finally win their eternal reward in the heavenly Bridal Chambers, glorifying your magnificent name, and your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, February 5, 2012
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Tone 1 - Orthros Gospel 1 - Page 267 (English) – Page 174 (Arabic)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Antiphon Prayer (PLC p.430)

O God of mercy and compassion, Who do not want the sinner to die but to repent and live, we ask You to shine the Light of your Face upon us. Convert us to You, for the enemy has deceived us and stripped us of your grace. Restore to us our initial vestment. Open to us the doors of your great mercy, that we may enter your heavenly Dwellings with the Elect and praise your glory forever.

For You have sent your Only-begotten Son in forgiveness to the World. Through Him we render glory, thanksgiving and worship to You Eternal Father, and to your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1

Troparion of the Presentation, (BDW p. 627), (PLC p. 343), (ED p. 1319)

Troparion of the patron of the church

Kondakion of the Presentation, (BDW p. 627), (PLC p. 343), (ED p. 1321)

Epistle 1 Cor 6:12-20 - Page 326 (English) – Page 366 (Arabic)

Gospel Luke 15:11-32 - Page 190 (English) – Page 120 (Arabic)

Hymn to the Theotokos It is truly right to call you blessed...

No Abstinence on Wednesday, February 8st and Friday, February 10th

Saturday, February 11, 2012
Saturday of the Dead

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Antiphon Prayer (PLC p. 431)

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, give rest in the City of the Living, in the Dwelling of the Just, to your departed servants whose memory we celebrate today. And since You are a compassionate and forgiving God, remit them all the sins of their life. Pardon them their transgressions and grant them the grace of enjoying your blessed life which has no end.

For You are the Light, the Resurrection and the Repose of your departed servants and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and praise, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Hymns

Troparion of the Dead, (BDW p. 781), (PLC p. 432), (ED p. 526)

Troparion of the patron of the church

Kondakion of the Dead, (BDW p. 781), (PLC p. 432), (ED p. 526)

Epistle

Hebrews 1 Thess 4:13-17, Page 544 (English) – Page 607 (Arabic)

Or 1Cor. 10:23-29, Page 335 (English) – Page 376 (Arabic)

Gospel

Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36 22-40, Page 196 (English) – Page 125 (Arabic)

Or John 5:24-30, Page 343 (English) – Page 234 (Arabic)

Communion hymn

Blessed are those You have chosen and drawn close, to dwell in your courts O Lord. Alleluia.

Apolysis

May Christ our true God, Who has dominion over the living and the dead, through the intercession...

N.B. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, Memorial of the Dead

Sunday, February 12, 2012
Meat Fare – The Last Judgment

Tone 2 - Orthros Gospel 2 - Page 267 (English) – Page 174 (Arabic)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Antiphon Prayer (PLC p. 432)

O Christ, Our God, You were sent by the Father, not to judge the world, but to save it. We ask You in your boundless Compassion: Assist our weakness. Overcome our selfishness. Teach us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to serve all people faithfully for your sake. Then we shall deserve to hear your Divine Voice saying: "Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

For You are our Life and our Hope, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2

Troparion of the patron of the church

Kondakion of Meat Fare, (BDW p. 783), (PLC p. 433), (ED p. 529)

Epistle 1Cor 8:8-13 & 9:1-2, Page 337 (English) – Page 377 (Arabic)

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46, Page 197 (English) – Page 125 (Arabic)

Wednesday, February 15 and Friday, February 17 are Alliturgical and Fasting days in preparation of the Great Lent and are an integral part of Great Lent

Sunday, February 19, 2012
Cheese Fare – Forgiveness Sunday

Tone 3 - Orthros Gospel 3 - Page 268 (English) – Page 174 (Arabic)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Antiphon Prayer (PLC p. 435)

O Creator of the Universe, You fashioned Adam from the dust of the earth. You infused him with a breath of life. You gave him dominion over the earth. By the enticement of the Serpent he rebelled against Your Commandments and fell. You therefore exiled him from Paradise. But your Only-begotten Son was incarnate, endured Passion and restored us to the Garden of Eden which we had lost. We therefore implore You, at the threshold of Holy and Great Lent, to make us worthy of a sincere repentance, so that we may avoid even the shadow of evil and abstain from carnal pleasure in order to gain You, Divine River of Paradise that quenches the thirst of our souls. Thus, having lived

according to your commandments, we may share the glory of the Resurrection of Christ, our God and Savior.

For You are long-suffering, most compassionate and You call all people to salvation; and to You we render glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Hymns Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3
Troparion of the patron of the church
Kondakion of Cheese Fare, (BDW p. 786), (PLC p. 435), (ED p. 534)

Epistle Romans 13:11-14:4, Page 344 (English) – Page 385 (Arabic)

Gospel Matthew 6:14-21, Page 204 (English) – Page 130 (Arabic)

Great Lent begins tomorrow, Monday, February 20, 2012. During the Great Lent, Mondays through Fridays are (Alliturgical days); predominantly, we do not celebrate the Divine Liturgy. The Presanctified Liturgy is celebrated as well as the Acatist hymn, Compline, etc.

Acatist Hymn on Friday, February 24, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2012

Missing Troparion in the BDW Acatist Hymn:

Please go to p. 966 of the BDW and before Glory be to the Father... insert the following Troparion which is missing from Ode 8:

O most Holy Theotokos, save us!

We had been stripped of our innocence by the first deceit. But by your giving birth to the Word we were vested with immortality. We who sat in the darkness of sin saw light through you, O Virgin, dwelling of Light. Therefore we praise you forever.

*Thursday, February 24, 2012
First and Second Findings of the Head of John the Baptist*

Orthros Gospel of the Feast, Luke 7:17-30 - Page 129 (English) – Page 81 (Arabic)

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns Troparion of the Feast (BDW p. 645), (PLC p. 353), (ED p. 1352)
Troparion of the patron of the church
Kondakion “O never failing Protectress ...” or For the Feast (BDW p. 645), (ED p. 1352)

Epistle 2 Cor 4:6-15 - Page 483(192) (English) – Page 548(218) (Arabic)

Gospel Mt 11:2-15 - Page 62 (English) – Page 37 (Arabic)

Hymn to the Theotokos It is truly right to call you blessed...

Sunday, February 26, 2012
First Sunday of Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tone 4 - Orthros Gospel 4 - Page 268 (English) – Page 175 (Arabic)

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Antiphon Prayer (PLC p. 555 – in the 1992 publication)

O Christ God, You condescended to be incarnate, taking the form of a slave. You became like one of us by the body to make us participants in your glorious Likeness. Wherefore we paint your image on icons and we honor it by mouth and heart asking for the grace to be healed by its power.

For it belongs to You to have mercy on us and to heal us, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Antiphons of the Feast (BDW p. 795), (PLC p. 437), (ED p. 540)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4

Troparion of the Holy Icons, (BDW p. 794), (PLC p. 438), (ED p. 542)

Troparion of the patron of the church

Kondakion of the Annunciation, (BDW p. 794), (PLC p. 439), (ED p. 542)

Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40, 12:1-2, Page 349 (English) – Page 393 (Arabic)

Gospel John 1:43-51, Page 210 (English) – Page 135 (Arabic)

Hymn to the Theotokos In you, O Full of grace... (BDW p. 331, ED p. 421)

Apolysis ... and our Father among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia etc...

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, Procession of the Holy Icons

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