

Liturgical Schedule

November 15-December 24

Phillip's (Advent) Fast

The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. By tradition it is a period of strict abstinence with the usual mitigations. In particular, Christmas Eve, December 24, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence from both meat and dairy.

Common practice in recent years has been to adopt at the very minimum some increased level of abstinence beyond that of non-penitential seasons. The observance of this fast is voluntary.

Saturday Evening, December 4

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: Patrick Glashan (Little Family)

Sunday, December 5 **Tone 3**

28th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctifier

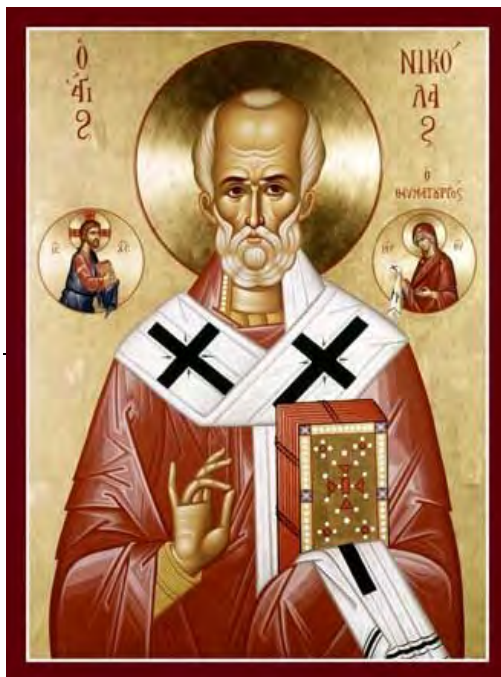
Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



Monday, December 6

Feast of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonder-Worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23

Intention: Catherine McCormick (Simon Buchman)



Wednesday, December 8

Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna (Conception by the Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos)

Confessions 8:00-8:30 AM

Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM

Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21

Intention: Therese & Joanne Landry (Fr. Michael & family)



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Saturday Evening, December 11

Vigil Great Vespers

with Communion 5:00 PM

Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4;

Proverbs 9:1-11

Sunday, December 12 **Tone 4**

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Feast of Our Lady the Virgin

Theotokos of Guadalupe

Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Colossians 3: 4-11; Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke

14:16-24; Luke 1:39-56

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Saturday Evening, December 18

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-

17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)

Sunday, December 19 **Tone 5**

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

Sunday Before Christmas

Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM

Third Hour 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, & 32-40; Matthew

1:1-25

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Friday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity

Holy Great Martyr Eugenia

Royal Hours of Christmas 9:00 AM

1st Hour - Micah 5:2-4; Hebrews 1:1-12;

Matthew 1:18-25; 3rd Hour - Jeremiah

(Baruch) 3:35-4:4; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:1-

20; 6th Hour - Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 9-10;

Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Matthew 2:1-12; 9th Hour -

Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-

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Friday Evening, December 24

Vigil Great Vespers

with Communion 5:00 PM

Genesis 1:1-13; Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18;

Micah 4:6-7; 5:2-4; Isaiah 11:1-10; Jeremiah

(Baruch) 3:35-4:4; Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45;

Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 9-10;

Hebrews 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

Saturday, December 25

Feast of Christmas, the Birth of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Carol Singing & Christmas Play 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12

Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas

Cookie Exchange in Parish Hall After Liturgy

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Carol Singing 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23
Intention: Parishioners of St. Thomas



No Fasting from Christmas to Theophany (December 25-January 4)
 Every year there is no fasting or abstinence during the bright period of December 25-January 4. Immediately thereafter, however, January 5, the Vigil Eve day before Theophany, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence from meat and dairy products.



Sunday, December 26 **Tone 6**
Sunday after the Nativity
Post-festive Day of the Nativity
Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, And James the Brother of God
Synaxis of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
 Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM



Friday Evening, December 31
Vigil Great Vespers
 with Communion 7:00 PM
 Genesis 17:1-2,4,5-7,8,9-10,11-12,14;
 Proverbs 8:22-30; Proverbs 10:31-11:12
 Colossians 2:8-12; Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Luke 2:20-21,40-52; Luke 6:17-23
Saturday, January 1
Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ/Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Saturday Evening, January 1
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM
Intention: †Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)
Sunday, January 2 **Tone 7**
Sunday Before Theophany
Pre-festive Day of Theophany
 Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome
 Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM
 Carol Singing 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8
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Wednesday, January 5

Vigil of Theophany

The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona
Our Venerable Mother Syncretica
The Holy Prophet Micah

Royal Hours of Theophany 9:00 AM

1st Hour - Isaiah 35:1-10; Acts 13:25-33;
Matthew 3:1-11; 3rd Hour - Isaiah 1:16-20;
Acts 19:1-8; Mark 1:1-8; 6th Hour - Isaiah
12:3-6; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 1:9-15; 9th Hour
- Isaiah 49:8-15; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Matthew
3:13-17



Wednesday Evening, January 5

Vigil Great Vespers

with Communion 7:00 PM

Genesis 1:1-13; Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29; Exodus 15:22-16:1; Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17; 4[2] Kings 2:6-14; 4[2] Kings 5:9-14; Isaiah 1:16-20; Genesis 32:1-10; Exodus 2:5-10; Judges 6:36-40; 3[1] Kings 18:30-39; 4[2] Kings 2:19-22; Isaiah 49:8-15; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18;

Thursday, January 6 Festal Tone

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Confessions 8:00-8:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

& Great Blessing of Water 9:00 AM

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17
Great Blessing of Water: Isaiah 35:1-10; Isaiah 55:1-13; Isaiah 12:3-6; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Mark 1:9-11

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Saturday Evening, January 8

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM

Intention: Anna & Peter Dworskij
(Fr. Michael & family)

Sunday, January 9

Tone 8

Sunday After Theophany **Post-festive Day of Theophany**

Holy Martyr Polyeuct

Carol Singing 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

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