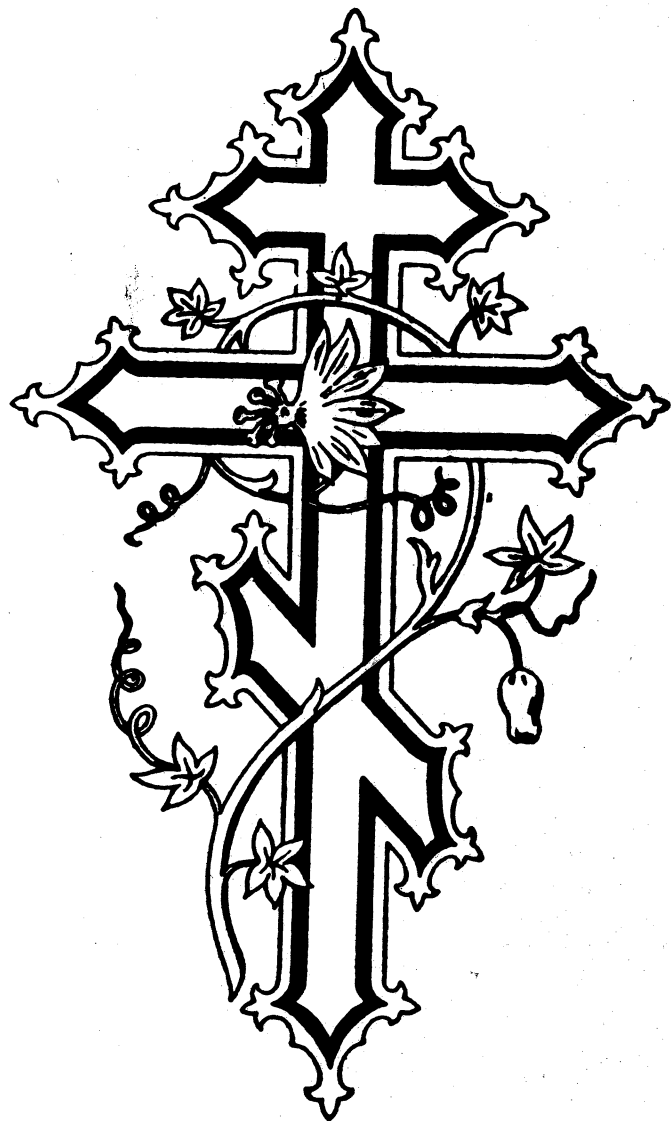


**Calendar  
of the  
Orthodox Church**



The Ecclesiastical Year of the Eastern Orthodox usually is considered to begin with the Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican (ten sundays before Easter). The various Feasts of the Church fall into three types, with their sub-divisions: a. Great Feasts (Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, Hypapante, Annunciation, Palm Sunday, Ascension, Pentecost, Transfiguration, Repose of Theotokos, Nativity of Theotokos, Exaltation of Holy Cross, Presentation of Theotokos) plus those of secondary status (Circumcision, Nativity of John Baptist, SS Peter & Paul, Beheading of John Baptist) b. Middle Feasts (two types) - i. Commemorative days that have the addition of a Canon, at Matins, honoring the Theotokos ii. Commemorative days that have the 'polyeleos' (135 & 136 Psalm, so-called from the continued repetition of the mercy of God) in the Matins c. Little Feasts (two types) - i. Those which have the Great Doxology at Matins ii. Those which do not have the Great Doxology at Matins.

The following is explanatory of the Tables of Lessons that start on page 5 -

**EO THINON - MATINS - MORNING SERVICE GOSPELS**

'A'	St. Matthew	28: 16-20	'G'	St. John	20: 1-10
'B'	St. Mark	16: 1-8	'H'	..	20: 11-18
'C'	..	16: 9-20	'I'	..	20: 19-31
'D'	St. Luke	24: 1-12	'J'	..	21: 1-14
'E'	..	24: 12-35	'K'	..	21: 14-25
'F'	..	24: 36-53			

NOTE: 'Tone of the Day' is indicated in parallel column, adjacent to above.

**SEQUENCE OF GOSPEL LESSONS -**

Each day of the year has its proper Gospel lesson, and, with the exception of Feast Days, they follow one another in order and sequence from the beginning of an Evangelist to the end.

**St. John** - This Gospel is read for seven weeks in all, beginning from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, inclusive, except for three days.

**St. Matthew** - This Gospel is read from the Monday After Pentecost until the Friday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14th). During the first eleven weeks it is read every day; from the twelfth week, it is read only on Saturdays and Sundays. St. Mark's Gospel is read on the remaining weekdays.

**St. Luke** - This Gospel is read from the Monday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross until the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, for a total of twelve weeks. From the thirteenth week it is read only on Saturdays and Sundays. St. Mark's Gospel is read on the remaining weekdays.

**St. Mark** - This Gospel is read on certain days, as noted above; the balance of it is read on the five Saturdays and Sundays during the Great Fast (Lent).

## FIXED DAYS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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The Church Year commences on September 1st; it consists of both Movable and Fixed Days. The Movable Days are dependent upon the annual date for Easter. In the following list, the Major Feast Days, with fixed dates, are all capitalized.

#### Days of Our Lord Jesus Christ -

December 25th	CHRISTMAS	Gal. 4:4-7	Matt. 2:1-12
January 1st	Circumcision (by tradition, all males are circumcised on 8th day)	Col. 2:8-12	Luke 2:20,21,40-52
January 6th	EPIPHANY (Theophany)*	Titus 2:11-14,13:4-7	Matt. 3:13-17
February 2nd	HYPAPANTE (Purification in Temple occurs on 40th day)	Heb. 7:7-17	Luke 2:22-40
August 6th	TRANSFIGURATION	II Pet.1:10-19	Matt. 17:1-9

#### Days of Theotokos -

September 8th	BIRTH	Phil. 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42,11:27-28
November 8th	Protection	Heb. 9:1-17	..
November 21st	PRESENTATION (in Temple)	..	..
December 9th	Conception	Gal. 4:22-27	Luke 1:5-25
March 25th	ANNUNCIATION	Heb. 2:11-18	Luke 1:24-38
August 15th	REPOSE	Phil. 2:5-11	Luke 10:28-42,11:27-28

#### Days of Saints -

October 11th	Day of Seven Deacons (e.g. - 'Holy Fathers')	Acts 8:26-39	Matt. 5:14-20
October 18th	Day of Four Evangelists	Col. 4:5-18	Luke 10:16-21
November 8th	Day of Angels & Archangels	Heb. 2:2-10	..
January 4th	Day of Seventy Disciples	I Cor. 4:9-16	Luke 10:1-15
January 30th	Day of Three Hierarchs	Heb. 13:7-16	Matt. 5:14-19
June 24th	Birth St. John Baptist	Rom. 13:11-14:4	Luke 1:1-25,57-68, 76-80
June 30th	Day of Twelve Apostles	I Cor. 4:9-16	Matt.9:36,10:1-8

## Days of American Tradition & General Church Observance -

September 1st	Start of Church Year	I Tim. 2:1-7	Luke 4:16-22a
September 14th	EXALTATION HOLY CROSS**	I Cor.1:18-24	John 19:6-11,13-20, 25-28, 30-35
November (last Thursday)	Thanksgiving	Rom. 13:1-8	Matt. 22:15-22
**	Sunday Before Exal.H.C.	Gal. 6:11-18	John 3:13-17
**	Sunday After Exal.H.C.	Gal. 2:16-20	Mark 8:34-9:1
*	Sunday Before Epiphany	II Tim.4:5-8	Mark 1:1-8
*	Sunday After Epiphany	Eph.4:7-13	Matt. 4:12-17

**NOTE:** Sunday Lessons for days before and after Epiphany directly relate to the date of Easter for each year. The following directions clarify what lesson is used, accordingly.

If Easter occurs on:

April 4th,5th,6th - There is no Sunday After Epiphany, and the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee follows, instead. However, the Sunday lessons of the Sunday After Epiphany are, in that case, used on Monday, Jan 7th morning.

April 7th thru 13th - The Sunday After Epiphany is used.

April 14th thru 21st - The Sunday After Epiphany is used, plus an additional Sunday, which is the 15th of S. Luke, known as the Sunday of Zaccaeus.

April 21st thru 27th - The Sunday After Epiphany is used, plus two additional Sundays, which are, in sequence: 12th Sunday of S. Luke, known as the Sunday of the 'Ten Lepers'; and then the 15th Sunday of S. Luke, mentioned above.

April 28th thru May 4th - The Sunday After Epiphany is used, plus three additional Sundays, which are, in sequence: 12th of S. Luke, 15th of S. Luke, and 17th of S. Luke, this latter is also known as 'Sunday of Canaanite Woman'.

May 5th thru 8th - The Sunday After Epiphany is used, plus four additional Sundays, which are, in sequence: 12th of S. Luke, 14th of S. Luke, 15th of S. Luke, 17th of S. Luke - BUT, if the 14th of S. Luke has already been used, heretofore during the year, the 2nd lesson in this group becomes the 15th of S. Luke, and the 3rd lesson becomes the 16th of S. Matthew.

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## Day of Week

## M.G. Tone

## Epistle

## Gospel

Saturday before P & P Publican & Pharisee		II Tim. 2:11-19 II Tim. 3:10-15	Luke 15:1-10 Luke 18:9-14
Monday		II Pet. 1:20-2:9	Mark 13:9-13
Tuesday		2:9-22	13:14-23
Wednesday		3:1-18	13:24-31
Thursday		I John 1:8-2:6	13:31-14:2
Friday		2:7-17	14:3-9
Saturday		I Tim. 6:11-16	Luke 20:46-21:4
Prodigal Son		I Cor. 6:12-20	Luke 15:11-32
Monday		I John 2:18-3:8	Mark 11:1-11
Tuesday		3:9-22a	14:10-42
Wednesday		3:21-4:11	14:43-15:1
Thursday		4:20-5:21	15:1-15
Friday		II John 1:1-13	15:20,22,25,33-41
Saturday		I Cor. 10:23-26	Luke 21:8,9,25-7,33-6
Second Coming		I Cor. 8:8-9:2	Matt. 25:31-46
Monday		III John 1:1-14	Luke 19:29-40,22:7-39
Tuesday		Jude 1:1-10	22:39-23:1
Wednesday		(none)	(none)
Thursday		Jude 1:11-25	23:1-31,32a,44-56
Friday		(none)	(none)
Saturday		Rom.14:19-23,16:25-7	Matt. 6:1-13
Mutual Forgiveness		Rom. 13:11-14:4	Matt. 6:14-21
Wednesday		Genesis 1:24-2:3	Prov. 2:1-22
Friday		2:20-3:20	3:19-34
Saturday		Heb. 1:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:5
1st Sunday of Great Fast		Heb.11:24-26,32-40	John 1:43-51
Wednesday		Genesis 4:16-end	Prov. 5:15-6:3
Friday		5:32-6:8	6:20-7:1
Saturday		Heb. 3:12-16	Mark 1:35-44
2nd Sunday of Great Fast		Heb. 1:10-2:3	Mark 2:1-12
Wednesday		Genesis 7:6-9	Prov. 9:1-18
Friday		8:4-21a	10:31-11:2
Saturday		Heb. 10:32-38a	Mark 2:14-17
3rd Sunday of Great Fast		Heb. 4:14-5:6	Mark 8:34-9:1
Wednesday		Genesis 9:18-10:1	Prov. 12:23-13:10
Friday		12:1-7	14:15-26
Saturday		Heb. 6:9-12	Mark 7:31-37
4th Sunday of Great Fast		Heb. 6:13-end	Mark 9:17-31
Wednesday		Genesis 17:1-9	Prov. 15:20-16:9
Thursday		18:20-end	16:17-17:17

