## September or Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ

### The First Sunday of September or Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 29:5, 11

A Psalm of David.

Sing to the Lord, you saints of His,

and confess at the remembrance of His holiness.

The Lord heard and had mercy on me;

the Lord became my helper.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:11-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, I tell you: among those born of women, there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptizer! Yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptizer until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violentc take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John [came]. If you are willing to accept it, this [John] is Elias (Elijah) who was to come. Let anyone with ears listen!

But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces who call to their friends and say, ‘We played the flute for you and you did not dance. We mourned for you and you did not lament!’ As it is, John came neither eating nor drinking, and so they say, ‘He has a demon!’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and so they say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But Wisdom is justified by her children.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 30:2, 19ab

A Psalm of David.

I have hoped in You, O Lord;

let me never be put to shame;

rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness.

How great is Your infinite goodness, O Lord,

which You have hidden for those who fear You.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 21:23-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the presbyters of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, “By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?”

Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question and if you answer me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

They reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the crowd because everyone considers John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus: “We do not know.”

He also said to them, “Then neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 30:24ab, 20ab

A Psalm of David.

Love the Lord, all you His Saints,

for the Lord requires truth.

How great is Your infinite goodness, O Lord,

which You have hidden for those who fear You.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:28-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

For I tell you, among those who are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptizer; yet whoever is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.”

When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they declared God to be just since they had been baptized with John’s baptism. However, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose, not being baptized by him themselves.

But the Lord said, “to what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and who call one another, saying: ‘We played the pipes to you, and you did not dance! We mourned, and you did not weep!’ For John the Baptizer came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard; a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet Wisdom is justified by all her children.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of September or Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 7:11, 12a

A Psalm of David.

Righteous help comes to me from God,

Who saves the upright in heart.

God is a righteous judge, strong and patient.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:38-41

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into Simon’s house. Simon’s mother-in-law was afflicted with a great fever, and they begged him for her. He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately, she rose up and served them. When the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Rebuking them, Jesusa did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 8:2ab, 5

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, our Lord,

how wonderful is Your Name in all the earth!

What is man that You remember him,

or the son of man that You visit him?

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:35-39

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus arose, left the house, went out into a deserted place and prayed there. Simon and those with him followed Jesusa. When they found him, they told him, “Everyone is looking for you!”

He replied, “Let us go somewhere else, into the next towns, so that I may preach there also, for this is why I came.” He went into their synagogues throughout all of Galilee, preaching and casting out demons. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 20:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

The king will be glad in Your power, O Lord,

and greatly rejoice in Your salvation.

You have given him his heart’s desire,

and have not denied him the request of his lips.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:21-28

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In that same hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I confess you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for doing so was well-pleasing in your sight.”

Turning to the disciples, he said, “All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Turning to the disciples, Jesus said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see but they did not see them; and to hear what you hear, but they did not hear them.”

Behold, an expert in the law stood up and tested him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

The man answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;c and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of September or Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 9:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with my whole heart;

I will tell of all Your wonders.

I will be glad and rejoice in You;

I will sing to Your Name, O Most High.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:29-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately, they told him about her. Jesus came, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her and she began to serve them. At evening, when the sun had set, they brought him all who were sick or possessed by demons. The entire city was gathered at the door. He healed many who were afflicted with various diseases and cast out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak because they knew him, that He was Christ1. Glory be to God forever.

1“that He was Christ” is only found in the Coptic.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 9:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

And let those who know Your Name put their hope in You,

for You have never forsaken those who seek You, O Lord.

Sing to the Lord Who dwells in Zion;

declare His ways among the nations.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 8:5-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus came into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking and saying, “Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented.” Jesus answered, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof! Only say the word and my servant shall be healed. For I am also a man under authority, having soldiers under my own authority. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and if I tell another, ‘Come,’ he comes. Or if I tell my servant, ‘Do this,’ he does it!”

When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed, “Amen, I tell you that I have never found so great a faith, not even in Israel! I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. But the children of the Kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way. Let it be done for you as you have believed.” And his servant was healed in that hour. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 17:45, 50

A Psalm of David.

The Lord lives! And my God is blessed;

and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Therefore I will confess You

among the nations, O Lord,

and I will sing praise to Your Name.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 19:1-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, and could not because of the crowd, because he was short. He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus who was [about] to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up, saw Zacchaeus, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house!” He hurried, came down, and received Jesus with joy. But when the people saw it, they all grumbled, saying, “He has gone in to stay with a man who is a sinner!”

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have wrongfully obtained money from anyone, I restore four times as much!”

Then Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of September or Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm Psalm 32:4, 5

A Psalm of David.

For the word of the Lord is true,

and all His works are faithful.

He loves mercy and justice;

the earth is full of the Lord’s mercy.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 9:18-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

While he told these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”

Jesus got up and followed him, as did his disciples. Behold, a woman who had had an issue of blood for twelve years came behind him and touched the fringeb of his garment. [She did this because] she said within herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.”

But Jesus, turning around and seeing her, said, “Daughter, rejoice! Your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that very hour.

When Jesus came into the ruler’s house, he saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion. He said to them, “Make room, because the girl is not dead, but sleeping,” and they started to ridicule him. But when the crowd was put out, he entered in, took the girl by the hand and she arose. The report of this spread into the entire region. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 32:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

Our soul waits for the Lord;

for He is our helper and protector;

For our heart rejoices in Him,

and we hope in His holy Name.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 15:21-28

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus then left that area and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. Behold, a Canaanite woman came out from those borders, and cried out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, you son of David! My daughter is severely demonized!”

But Jesus did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away! She is shouting after us!”

However, Jesus answered, “I was not sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Still, the womana came forward and worshipedb him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

But he answered, “It is not rightc to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

But she replied, “Yes, Lord, but even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be it done to you even as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that hour. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 27:8, 9

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is the strength of His people,

and the protector and the salvation of His Anointed.

Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

shepherd them and raise them up forever.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:36-50

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee’s house, and sat at the table. And behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, when she learned that he was at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of perfume. Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the perfumed oil. Now, when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, “If this man was a prophet, he would have perceived who is touching him and what kind of woman this is, that she is a sinner.”

Jesus said to him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

He said, “Speak, teacher.”

“A certain lender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Then, which of them will love him the most?”

4imon answered, “The one to whom he forgave the most I suppose.”

Jesus said to him, “You have judged correctly.” Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet; but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with the her hair. You gave me no kiss, but since the time I came in, she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven because she has loved much. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” Jesusa said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of September or Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ

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### August 29 (30) / Tho-out 1

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 95:1-2

A Psalm of David.

Sing a new song to the Lord,

sing to the Lord, all the earth;

sing to the Lord, bless His Name;

proclaim His salvation from day to day.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:44-52

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field. When a man found it, he hid it again. In his joy, he then goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field!

The Kingdom of Heaven is also like a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls. Having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea which gathered fish of every kind. When the net was filled, people drew it up on the beach. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. This is how it will be in the end of the age. The angels will come forth and separate the wicked from the righteous, and they will cast them into the furnace of fire where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes, Lord.”

He said to them, “Therefore, every scribe who has been made a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new and old things.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 97:1

A Psalm of David.

Sing a new song to the Lord,

for the Lord has done wondrous things;

His right hand and His holy arm revived Him.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 2:18-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came to ask him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not?”

Jesus told them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast! But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then, they will they fast in that day. No one sews a piece of new cloth on an old garment, or else the patch shrinks and tears away from the old, and a worse hole is made. No one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will pour out and the skins will be destroyed! Instead, they put new wine into fresh wineskins.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 64:12; 80:2

A Psalm of David.

You will bless the crown of the year with Your goodness,

and the fields will be full of fat stock.

Rejoice in God our helper;

shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:14-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaias (Isaiah) was handed to him. He opened the book, and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to preach Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,

to proclaim release to the captives,

recovering of sight to the blind,

to deliver those who are crushed,

and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began to tell them, “Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

All testified about him and marveled at the gracious words which came out of his mouth; and they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

He said to them, “With doubt, you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard was done at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown.’” He continued, “Amen, I tell you that no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But I tell you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elias (Elijah), when the sky was shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came all over the land. Elias (Elijah) was sent to none of them, except to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman, the Syrian.”

As they heard these things, all were filled with wrath in the synagogue. They rose up, threw him out of the city, and led him to the edge of the hill that their city was built on in order to throw him off the cliff. But he, passing through their midst, went his way. Glory be to God forever.

### August 30 (31) / Tho-out 2

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 51:10a,11b

A Psalm of David.

But I am like a fruitful olive tree

in the house of God;

I will wait on Your Name,

for it is good in the sight of Your saints.

Alleluia.

##### Matthrew 14:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus, and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist! He is risen from the dead! That is why these powers work in him.” As it is, Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. For John had told him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Even though Herod desired to have John put to death, he feared the crowds because they considered him to be a prophet. But when Herod’s birthday came, Herodias’ daughter danced among them and pleased Herod, so much that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she would ask. She, prompted by her mother, said, “Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the Baptist.”

The king was grieved, but for the sake of his oaths and because of those who sat at the table with him, he commanded that it be brought. Herod gave orders and had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought on a platter, given to the young woman, and she brought it to her mother. John’s disciples came, took the body, and buried it; and they went and told Jesus. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 91:11,15,16a

A Psalm of David.

You give me the strength of a rhinoceros,

and finest oil to refresh my old age.

They will still bear fruit in a ripe old age,

and will be prospering

so as to proclaim, “the Lord my God is upright.”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:7-12a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Jesus. He was very perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead. Some said that Elias had appeared, and others that one of the old prophets had risen again. Herod said, “I have beheaded John, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he desired to see Jesus.

When they returned, the apostles told him what things they had done.

Then, Jesus took them with him and they withdrew to a deserted place [which was part] of a city called Bethsaida.

But the crowd perceived this and followed him. Jesus welcomed them, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and cured those who needed healing. [It was] late in the afternoon. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 91:13,14

A Psalm of David.

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

and will increase like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord

will flourish in the courts of our God.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 6:14-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

King Herod heard this report, for Jesus’ name had become well-known, and he said, “John the Baptizer has risen from the dead! This is why these powers are at work in him!” But others said, “He is Elias.” Others said, “He is a prophet, or like one of the prophet!” But when he heard this, Herod said, “This is John whom I beheaded. He has risen from the dead!” For Herod himself had given order that John be arrested and he had him chained in prison. This was for the sake of Herodias, the [former] wife of his brother Philip, for Herod had married her. John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife!” Herodias became furious against John and desired to kill him, but she could not because Herod feared John. He knew that John was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he had heard John speak, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him.

An opportunity came when on his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his nobles, high officers, and for the leading figures of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those sitting with him. The king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you!” He swore to her, “Whatever you shall ask of me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom!”

She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” Herodias answered, “The head of John the Baptizer!”

At once, the girl hurried to the king and said, “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.”

The king was extremely sorry, but for the sake of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he did not wish to refuse her. Immediately, the king sent out a soldier of his guard and commanded to bring John’s head. The soldier went off and beheaded John in the prison. He brought the Baptist’sa head on a platter and gave it to the girl and she gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard this, they came, took John’s body, and laid it in a tomb. Glory be to God forever.

### August 31 (Sept 1) / Tho-out 3 through September 4 (5) / Tho-out 7

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September 4 (5) / Tho-out 7, see ## Epip 3 ##.

### September 5 (6) / Tho-out 8

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 104:14-15

A Psalm of David.

He allowed no one to wrong them,

and He rebuked kings on their account:

“Do not touch My anointed ones,

and do My prophets no harm.”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:37-51

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, as Jesus was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked him to dine with him. Jesus went in, and sat at the table. When the Pharisee saw it, he was astonished that Jesus had not first washed himself before dinner. But the Lord said to him, “You Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and platter, but your inside is full ofextortion and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside also make the inside? But as for what is inside you, be generous to the needy, and behold, all things will be clean to you. But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, but you bypass justice and the love of God. You should have done these while not leaving the other undone. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like hidden graves, and people who walk over them do not [even] know it.”

One of the experts in the law exclaimed, “Teacher, in saying this you insult us also.”

Jesus said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load men with burdens that are difficult to carry, and you yourselves will not even lift one finger to help carry those burdens! Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. And so, you testify and consent to the works of your fathers! For they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. Therefore, the wisdom of God also said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles. Some of them they will kill and persecute, so that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation; from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah who perished between the altar and the sanctuary.’ Yes, I tell you that this generation will be charged with this blood. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 105:26-27

A Psalm of David.

He sent His servant Moses,

and Aaron whom He had chosen.

He placed the words of His signs in them,

and His wonders in the land of Ham.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:1-9

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and he brought them up into a high mountain by themselves. [There], he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elias appeared to them, talking with him.

Peter then said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here! If you want, let us make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias.”

While Peter was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And behold, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were very afraid. Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” Lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them this order, “Do not tell anyone what you saw, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 98:6,7a

A Psalm of David.

Moses and Aaron are among His priests,

and Samuel is among those who call on His Name;

they called upon the Lord, and He heard them.

He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 23:13-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, and as a pretense you make long prayers. Therefore, you will receive a greater condemnation.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut the Kingdom of Heaven in the face of people and you yourselves do not enter! And those who would enter, you prevent from doing so. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel around by sea and land to make one convert; and when one is converted, you make him twice as much of a son of Gehennae as yourselves.

Woe to you, you blind guides, who say, ‘If someone swears by the sanctuary, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound.’ You blind fools! Which is greater, the gold, or the sanctuary that sanctifies the gold? You say, ‘If someone swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if someone swears by the gift that is placed on it, he is bound?’ You blind fools! Which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Therefore, whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. Whoever swears by the sanctuary swears by it and by the one who was living in it. Whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by the one who sits on it.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, but you have not fulfilled the truly significant matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith. It is these you should have practiced, without neglecting the others. You are blind guides who filter out a fly and yet swallow a camel!

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but inside, they are full of greed and excess. You blind Pharisees, first clean the inside of the cup and platter, so that the outside may also become clean.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside, they are full of dead bones and all [kinds of] impurity. Likewise, you also appear righteous to men in appearancec, but inside, you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the righteous, saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have partaken with them in the blood ofthe prophets.’ Therefore, you testify to yourselves that you are children of those who killed the prophets! Fill up, then, the measure [of sin] of your forefathers. You serpents, offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of Gehenna? Therefore, behold, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes. Some of them, you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from city to city. Thus all the righteous blood shed on the earth will come upon you, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah whom you killed between the sanctuary and the altar. Amen, I tell you: all these things will come upon this generation. Glory be to God forever.

### September 6 (7) / Tho-out 9 through Tho-out 15

September 6 (7) / Tho-out 9, see ## Athor 28 ##.

September 7 (8) / Tho-out 10, see ## Tobi 30 ##.

September 8 (9) / Tho-out 11, see ## Paramoude 27 ##.

September 9 (10) / Tho-out 12, see ## Athor 9 ##.

September 10 (11) / Tho-out 13, see ## Athor 17 ##.

September 11(12) / Tho-out 14, see ## Mesori 3 ##.

September 12 (13) / Tho-out 15, see ## Tobi 1 ##.

### September 13 (14) / Tho-out 16

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 83:4c,5

A Psalm of David.

Your altars, O Lord of Hosts,

my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

they will praise You forever and ever.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:1-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus had finished speaking all that he wanted the people to hear, he entered into Capernaum. There was the servant of a certain centurion, a man highly valued by his master who was sick and at the point of death. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him presbyters of the Jews to ask him to come and save his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him saying, “This man deserves to have you do this because he loves our nation and [even] built our synagogue for us.” Jesus went along with them, but as he was approaching the house, the centurion sent word to him by some friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. Therefore, I did not even think myself worthy to come to you. But [only] say the word and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man placed under authority, and I have soldiers under my command. I tell this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him. Turning around, he said to the multitude who followed him, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel!” And the messengers, returning to the house, found that the servant who had been sick was [now] well. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 25:8,

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, I love the beauty of Your house

and the sanctuary where Your glory dwells.

that I may hear the voice of praise

and tell of all Your wonders.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 19:1-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, and could not because of the crowd, because he was short. He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus who was [about] to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up, saw Zacchaeus, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house!” He hurried, came down, and received Jesus with joy. But when the people saw it, they all grumbled, saying, “He has gone in to stay with a man who is a sinner!”

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have wrongfully obtained money from anyone, I restore four times as much!”

Then Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 64:2,3

A Psalm of David.

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,

and a vow will be paid to You in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer [O God]!

All flesh will come to You.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:13-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, when Jesus arrived in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked a question to his disciples, saying, “Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, some say Elias (Elijah), and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Jesus then said to them, “But [you], who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are youa, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

### September 14 (15) / Tho-out 17

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 7b,8b,9b

A Psalm of David.

The light of Your presence has been signed upon us, O Lord.

You have given… gladness to my heart,

for You alone, O Lord, have made me to live in hope.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:28-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am {he}. I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, this is what I proclaim. He who sent me is with me. The Father has not left me alone because I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

About Abraham

As he spoke these things, many believed in him. Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s seed and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin! A slave does not live in the house forever, [but] a son remains forever. If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed! I know that you are Abraham’s seed, yet you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place in you. I say the things which I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things which you have seen with your father.”

They answered him, “Our father is Abraham!”

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now, you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God! Abraham did not do this. You do the works of your father.”

They replied to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality! We have one Father, God.”

Therefore, Jesus said to them, “If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. Indeed, I have not come of myself, but he has sent me.

Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Sanctuary

##### Psalm 103:4, 137:1ab, 2a

A Psalm of David.

Who makes spirits His Angels,

and His ministers flames of fire.

I will confess You, O Lord,… in the presence of the angels.

I will bow down toward Your holy temple.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:43-51

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

On the next day, being determined to go out into Galilee, Jesus met Philip and said to him, “Follow me!” Now, Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, “We have found the one of whom Moses in the law and the prophets, have written: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph!”

Nathanael asked him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip replied, “Come and see!”

As Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, he said about him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

Nathanael asked Jesus, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

Jesus said to him, “Because I told you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these!” He said to Philip, “Amen, amen, I tell you; hereafter, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Icon of the Theotokos

##### Psalm 86:3, 5c, 7

A Psalm of David.

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God,

for the Most High Himself founded her.

How glad are all have their dwelling in you!

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

In those days, Mary arose and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah. She entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened that when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice, she exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the baby leaped in my womb out of joy! Blessed is she who believed, for the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!”

Mary’s canticle or Magnificat

Mary said,

My soul magnifies the Lord

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

for he has looked at the humble state of his handmaid.

For behold, from now on, all generations shall call me blessed. For he who is mighty has done great things for me, And Holy is his Name!

His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.

He has shown strength with his arm,

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,

He has put down princes from their thrones.

And has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

He has sent the rich away empty.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,

So that he might remember mercy,

As he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and his seed forever.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months, and then returned to her house. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Icon of Archangel Gabriel

##### Psalm 33:8, 9

A Psalm of David.

The Angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear Him,

and He will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the man who hopes in Him.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

Now, in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. Having come in, the angel said to her, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!”

But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you will call his name ‘Jesus.’ He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And to his Kingdom there shall be no ende.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a mana?”

The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God. Behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month [of her pregnancy] for her who was called barren. For everything spoken by God is possible.”

Mary said, “Behold, the handmaid of the Lord! Be it to me according to your word.”

And the angel departed from her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Icon of Archangel Michael

##### Psalm 103: 20ab, 21

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, all you His angels,

who are mighty in strength, who do His word.

Bless the Lord, all His Hosts,

His ministers who do His will.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field. When a man found it, he hid it again. In his joy, he then goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field!

The Kingdom of Heaven is also like a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls. 46Having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea which gathered fish of every kind. When the net was filled, people drew it up on the beach. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. This is how it will be in the end of the age. The angels will come forth and separate the wicked from the righteous, and they will cast them into the furnace of fire where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes, Lord.”

He said to them, “Therefore, every scribe who has been made a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new and old things.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Icon of St. Mark

##### Psalm 67:12, 13

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will give a word

to those proclaiming the Gospel to a great company,

The King of the forces of the Beloved

will grant them to divide the spoils

for the beauty of the house.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

After these things, the Lord also appointed seventy others and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place where he was about to go. Jesus said to them, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your ways, [but] be aware that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a purse, a wallet, or sandals. Do not greet anyone on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ If a followerc of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that house, eating and drinking what they will give [you], for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever town you enter and if the people welcome you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ But if you enter into any town and people there do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for such a city. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Icon of the Apostles

##### Psalm 18:4[b], 5

A Psalm of David.

[There is no speech nor language,]

in which their voices are not heard.

Their message went out into all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 10:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

He called to himself his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and sickness. The names of the Twelve apostles are: first, Simon, who is called Peter; Andrew, his brother; James the son of Zebedee; John, his brother; Philip; Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Jesus sent these twelve out, and gave them this instruction, “Do not go among the Gentiles and do not enter into any city of the Samaritans. Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, preach and say: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepersd, and cast out demons. Freely you have received, give freely as well. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before St. George (Or Any Martyr)

##### Psalm 96:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Light dawned for the righteous,

and joy for the upright in heart.

Be glad in the Lord, O you righteous,

and confess [Him] at the remembrance of His holiness.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 21:12-19

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

But before all these things [happen], they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my Name’s sake. It will turn out for you as an occasion to bear witness. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to ponder in advance how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to withstand or contradict. You will be handed over even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name’s sake, yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will acquire your lives. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before St. Anthony (Or Any Saint)

##### Psalm 67:36ab, 4

A Psalm of David.

God is wondrous among His Saints; the God of Israel

will give strength and power to His people.

But let the righteous be glad;

let them rejoice in the presence of God;

let them exult with delight and gladness.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:24-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it. Indeed, what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, and loses his life? Or what will a person give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then, he will render to everyone according to their deeds. Amen, I tell you: there are some standing here who will not have tasted death until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the North Door

##### Psalm 83:2, 3a

A Psalm of David.

How I love Your dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!

My soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

Jesus was on his way through cities and villages, teaching and traveling onward to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, are those who are saved [only] a few?”

Jesus replied, “Do your utmost to enter in by the narrow door! For I tell you that many will try to enter, but they will not be able. Once the master of the house has risen up and shut the door, you will stand outside and knock on the door, saying: ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But then, he will answer, ‘I do not know you or where you come from!’ Then you will start saying, ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!’

But the mastera will reply, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from! Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.’ In that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, and yourselves being thrown outside. People will come from the east, west, north, and south, and they will have a placec in the Kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Baisen (Lakane)

##### Psalm 28:3, 4a

A Psalm of David.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

The God of glory is thundering.

The Lord is upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is strong.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

Then, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and [it is] you who come to me?”

But Jesus answered and said to him, “Allow it for now, for it is fitting that in this way, we should fulfill all righteousness.” Then John allowed Jesus [to be baptized]. After he had been baptized, Jesus immediately came out of the water and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming down on him. And behold, a voice from heaven said:

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before The South Door

##### Psalm 117:19,20

A Psalm of David.

Open the gates of righteousness to me;

I will enter by them and confess the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous will enter through it.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 21:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

As they were approaching Jerusalem and came to Bethsphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples [ahead of the group]. He told them, “Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need ofthem,’ and immediately, he will let them go.”

All this was done so what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Tell the daughter of Zion,

behold, your King comes to you,

humble, and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very great crowd spread their clothes on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Many people went before him and those who followed kept shouting, “Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”a

When he had come into Jerusalem, the entire city was stirred up and people were saying, “Who is this?” And the multitude answered, “This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Processional Gospel Before the Icon of St. John the Baptist

##### Psalm 51:10ab, 11cd

A Psalm of David.

But I am like a fruitful olive tree

in the house of God;

I will wait on Your Name,

for it is good in the sight of Your saints.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:28-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. His blessing be upon us all. Amen.

For I tell you, among those who are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptizer; yet whoever is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.”

When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they declared God to be just since they had been baptized with John’s baptism. However, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose, not being baptized by him themselves.

But the Lord said, “to what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and who call one another, saying: ‘We played the pipes to you, and you did not dance! We mourned, and you did not weep!’ For John the Baptizer came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard; a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet Wisdom is justified by all her children.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 59:6, 7

A Psalm of David.

You have given a signal to those who fear You,

so they may escape from before the bow. *(Pause)*

Save with You right hand, and hear me,

that Your beloved might be rescued.

Alleluia.

##### John 12:26-36a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Anyone who serves me must follow me! Where I am, there will my servant also be. The Father will honor anyone who serve me.

Now, my soul is troubled. What shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this time?’ But for this reason, I have come to this time. Father, glorify your Name!”

Then, there came a voice out of heaven, saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

At this, the multitude who stood by heard it, and they said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

Jesus answered, “This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes. Now, judgment is upon this world! Now, the prince of this world will be cast out! And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw allc [people] to myself.” But he said this to indicate by what kind of death he should die. The multitude answered him, “We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains forever. How do you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?”

Jesus therefore said to them, “The light is with you a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overtake you. Whoever walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 64:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,

and prayer will be offered to You in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer [O God]!

All flesh will come to You.

Alleluia.

##### John 10:22-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, it was the Feast of the Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon’s porch. The Jews therefore gathered around him and asked him, “How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s Name, these bear witness to me. But you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give eternal life to them; they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

Again, the Jews picked up rocks to stone him. Jesus told them, “I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of those do you stone me?”

The Jews answered him, “We do not stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy: because you, being a man, make yourself Godc.”

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods?’ If he called them gods, (those to whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of him whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You blaspheme,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God?’ If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may recognize and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.” Glory be to God forever.

### September 15 (16) / Tho-out 18

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 98:9, 5ab

A Psalm of David.

Exalt the Lord our God

and worship at His holy mountain,

for the Lord our God is holy.

Exalt the Lord our God,

and fall down before His footstool.

Alleluia.

##### John 4:19-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet! Our fathers worshipedb on this mountain, and you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people should worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, a timed is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the houre is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship him. God is fspirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 117:28ab, 16

A Psalm of David.

You are my God, and I will confess You;

You are my God, and I will exalt You;

the right hand of the Lord exalted me;

the right hand of the Lord worked power.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:14-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who is believing in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be savedd through him. The one believing in him is not judged, but whoever does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in the Name of the only-begotten Son of God. This is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who practices evil hates the light and does not come to the light, for fear that his works would be exposed. But whoever practices the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be revealed as done in God.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 144:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

I will exalt You on high, my God and my King,

and I will bless Your Name unto ages of ages.

I will bless you every day,

and praise Your Name unto ages of ages.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:35-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus told them, “I am the bread of life! The one who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But I told you that you have seen me, and yet, you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who is coming to me I will in no way rejecta. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but [to do] the will of the one who sent me. This is the will of my Father who sent me: that of all he has given me, I should lose nothing, but raise itb up on the last day. This is the will of the one who sent me: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and this onec I will raise up on the last day.”

At this, the Jews began to murmur concerning him, because he had said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

Therefore, Jesus answered them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and this one I will raise up ond the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’e Therefore, everyone who hears from the Father and has learned comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father! Glory be to God forever.

### September 16 (17) / Tho-out 19

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 44:7, 18b

A Psalm of David.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

the sceptre of Your Kingdom is a sceptre of justice;

Therefore peoples will confess You forever and unto ages of ages.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:21-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

From that time, Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the presbyters, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

Peter then took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This will never be done to you!”

But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of men.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it. Indeed, what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, and loses his life? Or what will a person give in exchange for his life? Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 73:2cde, 11

A Psalm of David.

You have redeemed

the sceptre of Your inheritance,

this Mount Zion where You dwell.

God is our eternal King;

He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:34-9:1

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus called the multitude to himself with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Indeed, whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. What does it profit if someone, to gain the whole world, loosesa his life? For what will someone give in exchange for his life? Whoever will be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I tell you that there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 60:3c, 4abc, 6

A Psalm of David.

You lifted me high on a rock.

You guided me,

for You became my hope,

a tower of strength.

For You, O God, hear my prayers;

You give an inheritance

to those who fear Your Name.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:25-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Great crowds were now traveling with him. He turned and said to them, “Anyone who comes to me and does not disregarda his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees would begin to mock him, saying: ‘This man began to build and he was not able to finish!’ Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand [troops] to meet the one who comes against him with twenty thousand [troops]? If he cannot, while the other [king] is still far away, he sends an embassy and asks for the conditions of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Salt is good, but if it becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile and it is thrown out! Anyone who has ears for listening should listen!” Glory be to God forever.

### September 17 (18) / Tho-out 20

September 17 (18) / Tho-out 20, see ## Tobi 30 ##.

### September 18 (19) / Tho-out 21

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 63:11

A Psalm of David.

The righteous man will be glad in the Lord,

and will hope in Him;

and all the upright in heart will be praised.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:21-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a basketa or under a bed? Is not it placed on a stand? For there is nothing hidden that may not be made manifest, and nothing was made secret that should not come to light. Anyone who has ears for listening should listen!”

He also told them, “Pay attention to what you hear! With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and more will be given to those who hear. For whoever has will receive even more, but to the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 69:6

A Psalm of David.

But I am poor and needy;

help me, O God!

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O Lord, do not delay!

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:22-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and, “He is casting out demons by the [authority of the] prince of the demons!”

Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but has [come to] an end. But no one can enter into the house of a strong man to plunder it, unless he first bindsc the strong man. Then he will plunder his house. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 15:10, 11ab

A Psalm of David.

For You will not leave my soul in Hades,

nor allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

You made the ways of life known to me;

You will fill me with gladness in Your presence.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:28-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, all human sins will be forgiven, and all the blasphemies ever uttered; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”.[He spoke these words] because they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

His mother and his brothers came and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A large group was sitting around him, and they told him, “Behold, your mother and your brothersa are standing outside, looking for you.”

He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother, and my sister, and mother.” Glory be to God forever.

### September 19 (20) / Tho-out 22 through September 22 (23) / Tho-out 25

September 19 (20) / Tho-out 22, see ## Paramoude 27 ##.

September 20 (21) / Tho-out 23, see ## Tho-out 21 ##.

September 21 (22) / Tho-out 24, see ## Tobi 1 ##.

September 22 (23) / Tho-out 25, see ## Tho-out 8 ##.

### September 23 (24) / Tho-out 26

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 9:12, 15ab

A Psalm of David.

Sing to the Lord Who dwells in Zion.

Declare His ways among the nations,

that I may proclaim all Your praises

in the gates of daughter Zion.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 14:3-9

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

While Jesus was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar, and poured the oil over his head. But there were some who were upset and who said, “Why has this ointment been wasted? It could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor.” They grumbled against her, but Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me. You always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to, you can do them good; but you will not always have me! She has done what she could: she has anointed my body in advance for the burial. Amen, I tell you: wherever this Good News will be preached throughout the whole world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 101:20b, 21a, 22

A Psalm of David.

The Lord looked from heaven upon the earth,

to hear the groaning of the prisoners,

to declare the Name of the Lord in Zion

and His praise in Jerusalem.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 12:41-44

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting their money into the treasury. Many who were rich gave much. A poor widow came, and she put in two small coins, which amount to a quadrans coin. He called his disciples to himself, and told them, “Amen, I tell you that this poor widow gave more than all those [others] who are giving to the treasury. For they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 101:14, 17, 18a

A Psalm of David.

When You arise You will and have compassion on Zion,

for it is the appointed time to have compassion on her,

because the time has come;

for the Lord will build up Zion,

and He will appear in His glory,

[For] He regarded the prayer of the humble.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:1-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, even as those who were eyewitnesses and servants of the word from the beginning have delivered them to us. For this reason, it has seemed good to me also, after reviewing the course of all things accurately from the beginning, to write an ordered account to you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

In the days of Herod king of Judea, there lived a priest named Zacharias who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. He had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. Yet, they had no child because Elizabeth was barren, and both were well advanced in years. Now, it came to pass that while Zacharias was performing his priestly office before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priest’s office, that his lot was [drawn] to enter into the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. Now, at the time of the incense offering, the whole multitude of the people was praying outside.

Then, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. Zacharias was startled when he saw the angel and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, because your petition has been heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord! He will drink no wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. He will bring back many of the children of Israel to the Lord, their God. He will go before the Lorda in the spirit and power of Elias (Elijah), ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to prepare a people prepared for the Lord.”

Zacharias said to the angel, “How can I be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years!”

The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel who stands near before Godb. I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good newsc. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

The people were waiting for Zacharias and wondering as he delayed in the sanctuary. When he came out, he could not speak to them and they understood that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He continued making signs to them and remained mute. When the days of his service were fulfilled, Zacharias returned to his house. After these days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying: “The Lord has done this to me in the days when he looked at me, in order to take away my disgrace among men.” Glory be to God forever.

### September 24 (25) / Tho-out 27 through September 31 (Oct 1) / Paopi 3

September 24 (25) / Tho-out 27, see ## Athor 22 ##.

September 25 (26) / Tho-out 28, see ## Athor 22 ##.

September 26 (27) / Tho-out 29, see ## Tobi 30 ##.

September 27 (28) / Tho-out 30, see ## Athor 17 ##.

September 28 (29) / Paopi 1, see ## Tobi 30 ##.

September 30 (31) / Paopi 2, see ## Epip 3 ##.

September 31 (Oct 1) / Paopi 3, see ## Athor 17 ##.

## October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

### The First Sunday of October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 66:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

May God have compassion on us and bless us,

and may He manifest His face upon us,

and have mercy upon us, *(Pause)*

that we may know Your way upon the earth,

[and] Your salvation among all nations.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 14:15-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This place is deserted, and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We only have here five loaves and two fish!”

Jesus said, “Bring them to me.” Having instructed the crowds to sit down on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fish. Looking up to heaven, he blessed, broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples distributed it to the multitudes. And so, everyone ate and was satisfied. His disciples gathered up twelve baskets full of what remained left over from the broken pieces. Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 62:2ab, 3

A Psalm of David.

O God, my God, I rise early to be with You;

My soul thirsts for You.

So I appear before You in the sanctuary,

to see Your power and Your glory.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 28:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came to roll away the stone from the door, and [the angel] sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. Our of fear, the guards trembled and became as dead. The angel told the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying. Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, this is my message for you.”

They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to report it to his disciples. As they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!”

They cameand took hold ofhis feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go tell my brethrene that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they were assembled with the presbyters in order to take counsel, they gave the soldiers a large amount of silver, with these words, “Say that his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept. If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry.” And so, they took the money and did as they were told. This story is widespread among the Jews until this day.

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some [still] doubted. Jesus came to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 33:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

I will bless the Lord at all times,

His praise will be continually in my mouth.

My soul will be praised in the Lord;

let the meek hear and be glad.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 2:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After some time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum, it was heard that he was in the house. Immediately, many people gathered so that there was no more room, not even around the door. As Jesus was preaching the word to them, four men came, carrying a paralytic to him. Since they could not come near to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat that the paralytic was lying on. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and they reasoned in their hearts, “Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately, Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were reasoning within themselves in this way. He asked them, “Why do you reason these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed, and walk?’ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—“I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house!”

The man arose, and at once took up the mat, and went out in front of them all. The people were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 66:4, 5

A Psalm of David.

Let the peoples confess You, O God;

let all the peoples confess You.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice;

for You will judge the peoples justly,

and guide the nations upon the earth.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:24-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When they arrived in Capernaum, those who collected the temple taxb came to Peter, and said, “Does not your teacher pay the temple tax?” He replied, “Yes.”

When he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tribute? From their children, or from foreignersc?”

Peter said to him, “From strangers!”

Jesus said to him, “Therefore, the children are exempt. But in order not to cause them to stumble, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a stater coin. Take it, and give it to them for me and you.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 62:7, 4a, 5a

A Psalm of David.

I remember You on my bed,

I meditate on You at daybreak,

My lips will praise You,

So I will bless You in my life.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm Psalm 65:1, 2, 4a

A Psalm of David.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Sing to His Name; give glory to His praise.

Let all the earth worship You.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 5:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now it happened, while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and they were washing their nets. Jesus entered into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.”

Simon answered him, “Master, we worked all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the net.” When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. They beckoned to their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so [much] that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!” He and all who were with him were amazed at their catch of fish; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid! From now on, you will be catching people alive.”

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Palm 70:5, 6c, 7a

A Psalm of David.

For You are my patience, O Lord;

the Lord is my hope from my youth.

My song is continually of You.

I have become a wonder to many.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:35-41

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

That day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, his disciples took him with them in the boat, just as he was; and there were also other small boats with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filling. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him up and told him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind, saying to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He then asked his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?”

They were greatly afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 56:9b, 10, 11a

A Psalm of David.

I will arise at dawn.

I will confess You, O Lord,…

I will sing praises to You among the nations,

for Your mercy is magnified.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 70:7b, 8

A Psalm of David.

You are my strong helper.

Let my mouth be filled with Your praise,

that I may sing of Your glory and magnificence all day long.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 12:22-28

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then, a person possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him. Jesus healed him, so that the blind and mute man was now able to speak and to see. The crowds were amazed and exclaimed, “Can this be the son of David?” However, when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man can only cast out demons by {the authority of} Beelzebul, the prince of the demons!”

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus told them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? If it is by Beelzebul that I cast out demons, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:7, 8a

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with an upright heart,

when I learn of the judgments of Your righteousness;

I will keep Your statutes.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 14:22-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Immediately after this, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and told them to go ahead of him to the other side, while he would send the crowds away. After he had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain by himself in order to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, because the wind was against it. In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately, Jesus spoke to them, saying “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the waters.”

And Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he became afraid and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of Peter, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God!”

When they had crossed over [the lake], they arrived in the land of Gennesaret. When the people of that place recognized him, they sent word into all that surrounding region and people brought him all who were sick. They begged him to be able to just touch the fringe of his garment, and all those who touched it were healed. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 34:18, 28

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You[, O Lord] in a great assembly.

I will praise You among many people.

And my tongue will tell of Your righteousness,

and sing Your praise all the day long.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first. Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni!” (which is to say, “Teachere!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethren and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 78:13

A Psalm of David.

We, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture,

will confess You openly forever;

we will declare Your praise from generation to generation.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:11-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. Now, when Jesus drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a dead person was being carried out, who was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, “Do not cry.” He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He then said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. Jesus then gave him to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!” This news concerning Jesus spread throughout Judea and in all the surrounding countryside. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

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### October 9 (10) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 12

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 21:23, 24ab

A Psalm of David.

I will declare Your Name to my Brethren;

I will praise You in the midst of the Church.

You who fear the Lord, praise Him;

all you sons of Jacob, glorify Him.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 9:9-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was passing by from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection office. Jesus said to him, “Follow me”, and the man got up and followed him. It so happened that as Jesus was sitting in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

When Jesus heard it, he told them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 39:10, 11ab

A Psalm of David.

I have proclaimed righteousness

in the great assembly.

I will not restrain my lips;

O Lord, You know [my truth].

I have not hidden Your righteousness

within my heart.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 2:13-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus went out again by the seaside. The crowd came to him and he taught them. As he was passing by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, “Follow me!” And Levi arose and followed Jesus.

It then happened that Jesus was reclining at the table in Levi’s house, and many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and they followed him. The scribes and the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why is it that he eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?”

When Jesus heard it, he replied to them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### 67:12, 13

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will give a word

to those proclaiming the Gospel to a great company,

The King of the forces of the Beloved

will grant them to divide the spoils

for the beauty of the house.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 5:27-32

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office. He said to him, “Follow me!”

Levi left everything, got up and began to follow Jesus. He made a great feast for him in his house. There was a great crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining with them. The scribes and the Pharisees murmured against Jesus’ disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 32I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Glory be to God forever.

### October 10 (11) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 13

See ## Pashons 20 ##.

### October 11 (12) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 14

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:36ab, 4

A Psalm of David.

God is wondrous among His Saints; the God of Israel

will give strength and power to His people.

But let the righteous be glad;

let them rejoice in the presence of God;

let them exult with delight and gladness.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, the Lord also appointed seventy others and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place where he was about to go. Jesus said to them, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your ways, [but] be aware that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a purse, a wallet, or sandals. Do not greet anyone on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ If a follower of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that house, eating and drinking what they will give [you], for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever town you enter and if the people welcome you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ But if you enter into any town and people there do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for such a city.

Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But in the judgment, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. You, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to hades! Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventye returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your Name!” Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven! Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 144:10b, 11, 12a

A Psalm of David.

Let Your saints bless You.

They will tell of the glory of Your Kingdom,

and they will speak of Your power,

that all the sons of men may know Your power.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:43-51

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the next day, being determined to go out into Galilee, Jesus met Philip and said to him, “Follow me!” Now, Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, “We have found the one of whom Moses in the law and the prophets, have written: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph!”

Nathanael asked him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip replied, “Come and see!”

As Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, he said about him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

Nathanael asked Jesus, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

Jesus said to him, “Because I told you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these!” He said to Philip, “Amen, amen, I tell you; hereafter, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 31:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not take into account,

and in whose mouth there is no deceit.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:1-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, there was one of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night, and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God because no one can performs the signs which you accomplish unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered him, “Amen, amen, I tell you; unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus asked him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb, and be born [anew]?”

Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I tell you; unless one is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God! What is born of the flesh is flesh. What is born of the Spiritc is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said, “How can these things be?”

Jesus replied and said, “You are the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? Amen, amen, I tell you; we speak of what we know, and [we] bear witness to what we have seen, and you do not receive our testimony. If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you [about] heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, except for the one who came down out of heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who is believing in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be saved through him. The one believing in him is not judged, but whoever does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in the Name of the only-begotten Son of God. This is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who practices evil hates the light and does not come to the light, for fear that his works would be exposed. But whoever practices the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be revealed as done in God.” Glory be to God forever.

### October 12 (13) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 15 through October 18 (19) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 21

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October 16 (17) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 19 see ## Epip 20 ##.

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October 18 (19) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 21 see ## Tho-out 8 ##.

### October 19 (20) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 22

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 104:1, 2a, 3a

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord and call on His Name;

tell of His works among the nations.

Sing to Him and praise Him;

recount all His wonderful works.

Glory in His holy Name.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:1-6

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Calling his twelve disciples together, Jesus gave them power and authority over all demons, and [power] to cure diseases. He sent them forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Jesus said to them, “Do not take anything for the journey - no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave from there. Wherever people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them.”

They departed and went throughout the villages, preaching the Good News, and healing everywhere. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 67:25a, first half of b, 27

A Psalm of David.

Your processions were seen, O God,

the processions of my God.

Bless God in the churches,

[bless] the Lord from the fountains of Israel!

Alleluia.

##### Luke 17:5-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The apostles also said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

The Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore tree, ‘Be uprooted and transplanted into the sea,’ and it would obey you!

But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or sheepherding, that will say when that servanta returns from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down at the table.’ Instead, will you not tell him, ‘Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me while I eat and drink. Afterwards, you may eat and drink’? Does the master thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not! So you also, when you have done all those things which you are commanded [to do], say, ‘We are unworthy servants, we have [only] done our duty!’” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 95:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

Sing to the Lord, praise His Name;

proclaim His salvation from day to day;

declare His glory among the nations,

His wonders among all peoples.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, the Lord also appointed seventy others and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place where he was about to go. Jesus said to them, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your ways, [but] be aware that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a purse, a wallet, or sandals. Do not greet anyone on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ If a followerc of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that house, eating and drinking what they will give [you], for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever town you enter and if the people welcome you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ But if you enter into any town and people there do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for such a city.

Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But in the judgment, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. You, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to hades! Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your Name!”

Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven! Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

### October 20 (21) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 23 through October ? (?) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 26

October 20 (21) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 23 see ## Athor 28 ##.

October 21 (22) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 24 see ## Tobi 22 ##.

October 22 (23) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 25 see ## Athor 25 ##.

October 23 (24) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 26 see ## Tobi 1 ##.

### October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 111:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;

he will greatly delight in His commandments.

His seed will be mighty on earth;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 25:14-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Indeed, the Kingdom is like a man who was leaving for another country. He called his own servants and entrusted his goods to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. Immediately, the one who received five talents went off, did business with them and earned another five talents. In the same way, the one who had received two gained another two. But the servant who received one talent went off, dug [a hole] in the ground and hid his lord’s money.

After a long time, the lord of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came forward and brought another five talents, saying: ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five!’

The lord said to the servant, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!’

The one who had received the two talents also came forward and said, ‘Lord, you entrusted me with two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents!’

The lord said to this servant, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!’ Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### 131:1, 2, 9, 10a

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, remember David

and all his meekness,

how he swore to the Lord,

and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Your priests will be clothed with righteousness;

Your saints will rejoice

for Your servant David’s sake.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:17-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He came down with them and stood on a level place. A large number of his disciples and of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said,

*Blessed are you who are poor,*

*for yours is the Kingdom of God.*

*Blessed are you who hunger now,*

*for you will be filled.*

*Blessed are you who weep now,*

*for you will laugh.*

*Blessed are you when men shall hate you,*

*and when they shall exclude and mock you,*

*and throw out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man.*

*Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,*

*for behold, your reward is great in heaven,*

*for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.* Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 1:1

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is the man

who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of the pestilent.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 4:23-5:16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. His fame spread into all Syria, and they brought him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, people possessed with demons, epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them. Great crowds from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up to the mountain and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to speak and to teach them, saying:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*

*for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,*

*for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,*

*for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,*

*for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,*

*for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,*

*for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,*

*for they shall be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,*

*for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you,*

*and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.*

*Rejoice, and be extremely glad, for great is your reward in heaven.*

For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is then good for nothing, only to be cast out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world! A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do you light a lamp and place it under a measuring basket, but on a stand. And so it shines to all who are in the house. Likewise, let your light shine before all, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Glory be to God forever.

### October 25 (26) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 28 through October 31 (November 1) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 4

October 25 (26) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 28 see ## Pashons 20 ##.

October 26 (27) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 29 see ## Athor 27 ##.

October 27 (28) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 30 see ## Athor 15 ##.

October 28 (29) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 1 see ## Epip 3 ##.

October 29 (30) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 2 see ## Athor 29 ##.

October 30 (31) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 3 see ## Athor 9 ##.

October 31 (November 1) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 4 see ## Athor 28 ##.

## November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

### The First Sunday of November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 16ab, 7ab, [16:6a or 17:7c]

A Psalm of David.

The ocean beds were exposed,

and the foundations of the world were uncovered.

I called upon the Lord,

and cried to my God:

He heard my voice

Alleluia.

##### Mark 4:10-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When he was alone, those who were around him together with the Twelve asked him about the parables. Jesus told them, “The mystery of the Kingdom of God is given to you, but to those who are outside, everything comes in parables, so that ‘seeing they may [indeed] see, and [yet] not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and [yet] not understand; otherwise they might repent and be forgiven them.’”

Jesus asked them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the [other] parables? The farmer sows the word. Some people are like the seed sowed by the edge of the road where the word is sown. As soon as they have heard, Satan comes and takes away the word which had been sown in them. Likewise, those who are sown on the rocky places are those who receive the word with joy as soon as they hear it. But they have no root in themselves and only last for a short while. When oppression or persecution comes because of the word, they immediately stumble. Others are those who are sown among the thorns.

These are people who have heard the word, but the worries of this age, the deceit of wealth, and the desire to possess things enter in and choke the word. Thus, it produces no fruit. The seeds which were sown on the good ground are those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit. Some multiply thirty times, some sixty, and some a hundred times!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 64:10 [65:9 or 10 references, but not found in Psalm text]

A Psalm of David.

You visited the earth and watered it;

You enriched it abundantly;

The river of God is full of water;

You prepare their flood,

for such is Your provision.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 28:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came to roll away the stone from the door, and [the angel] sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. Our of fear, the guards trembled and became as dead. The angel told the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lordb was lying. Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, this is my message for you.”

They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to report it to his disciples. As they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!”

They came and took hold ofhis feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go tell my brethrene that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they were assembled with the presbyters in order to take counsel, they gave the soldiers a large amount of silver, with these words, “Say that his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept. If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry.” And so, they took the money and did as they were told. This story is widespread among the Jews until this day.

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some [still] doubted. Jesus came to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 64:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Water its furrows, multiply its crops;

they will sprout and rejoice in the showers.

You will bless the crown of the year with Your goodness,

and the fields will be full of fat stock.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 8:4-15

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When a great multitude came together, and people from every city were coming to him, he spoke by a parable. “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the wayside, and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Then his disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean?”

Jesus replied, “To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, [it is given] in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now, this what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. Those along the wayside are those who hear. Then, the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance. Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 103:13, 14ab

A Psalm of David.

You are He Who waters mountains from His higher places;

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

You are He Who makes grass grow for the cattle,

and plants for the service of man.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 12:27-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Consider the lilies, how they grow. They do not toil or spin; yet, I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which today exists and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? Do not set your hearts on what you will eat or drink; do not be apprehensive. It is the pagan world that runs after all these things, and your Father understands that you need them. Seek rather the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 66:7, 8b

A Psalm of David.

The earth has yielded her fruit;

may God, our God, bless us,

and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 103:16, 10

A Psalm of David.

The trees of the plain will be fed,

the cedars of Lebanon, which He planted.

[You are] He Who makes springs gush down into ravines;

the waters will flow between the mountains.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:1-9

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the seaside. As great crowds gathered to [listen to] him, he entered into a boat and sat while the people stood on the beach. He told them many things in parables, saying, “Behold, a farmer went out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and devoured them. Others fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up. But because they had no depth of soil, when the sun rose, they were [quickly] scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on good soil, and yielded fruit: some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty. Anyone who has ears should listen!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 85:2b, 3, 4a

A Psalm of David.

Save Your servant, O my God, who hopes in You.

Have mercy on me, O Lord,

for I will cry to You all day long.

Gladden the soul of Your servant.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:25-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, Jesus exclaimed, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the learned and intelligent, and revealed them to infants! Yes, Father, this was well-pleasing in your sight. All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son desires to reveal him.

Come to me, all of you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest! Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Indeed, my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 112:3, 4

A Psalm of David.

From the sun’s rising to its setting,

praise the Name of the Lord!

The Lord is high above all the nations;

His glory is above the heavens.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 85:15, 16

A Psalm of David.

But You, O Lord God, are compassionate and merciful,

longsuffering, plenteous in mercy, and true.

Look upon me and have mercy on me;

give Your strength to Your servant,

and save the son of Your handmaid.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:25-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Great crowds were now traveling with him. He turned and said to them, “Anyone who comes to me and does not disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees would begin to mock him, saying: ‘This man began to build and he was not able to finish!’ Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand [troops] to meet the one who comes against him with twenty thousand [troops]? If he cannot, while the other [king] is still far away, he sends an embassy and asks for the conditions of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Salt is good, but if it becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile and it is thrown out! Anyone who has ears for listening should listen!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 85:12, 10

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

And I will glorify Your Name forever,

For You are great, and work wonders;

You alone are the great God.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:14-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him who knelt down before him and said: “Lord, have mercy on my son! He is epileptic and suffers terribly as he often falls into the fire and in the water. And so, I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

Jesus answered, “Faithless and perverse generation! how much longer must I be with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him to me.” When Jesus rebuked it, the demon went out of the boy and he was cured from that hour.

Then, the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why were not we able to cast it out?”

He replied, “Because of your unbelief! Amen, I tell you that if you have faith [even] like a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you! But this kind [of spirit] does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 142:8

A Psalm of David.

Let me hear Your mercy in the morning,

for I have hoped in You.

Make me know, O Lord, the way in which I should walk,

for I lift up my soul to You.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first. Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni!” (which is to say, “Teacher!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethrena and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 99:3bc

A Psalm of David.

[You, O Lord God] made us, and not we ourselves;

we are [Your] people and the sheep of [Your] pasture.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 10:17-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was setting out on his journey, someone ran to him, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do in order to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one: God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not give false testimony,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and mother.’”

The man said, “Teacher, I have observed all these things since my youth!”

Jesus looked at him and felt love for him. He then said, “You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor. You will have a treasure in heaven; then come, follow me, taking up the cross.”

However, the man was distressed when he heard this. He went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it is for the wealthy to enter into the Kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But again, Jesus said, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter into the Kingdom of God!”

They were extremely astonished and said to him, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and answered, “With men it is impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God!”

Peter began to tell him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed you.”

Jesus replied, “Amen, I tell you: there is no one who has left house, brothers or sisters, father or mother, or wife, children, or land, for my sake and for the sake of the Good News who will not receive a hundred times more in this time: houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, (with persecutions); and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last; and the last [will be] first.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

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### November 1 (2) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 5 through Novmeber 3 (4) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 7

Novmber 1 (2) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 5 see ## Athor 27 ##.

Novmber 2 (3) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 6 see ## Athor 17 ##.

Novmber 3 (4) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 7 see ## Pharamuthi 23 ##.

### November 4 (5) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 8

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:18

A Psalm of David.

The chariot of God is composed of myriads,

thousands of thriving ones;

[for the Lord will abide forever:]

God is in them at Sinai, in his holy place.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:34-9:1

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus called the multitude to himself with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Indeed, whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. What does it profit if someone, to gain the whole world, loosesa his life? For what will someone give in exchange for his life? Whoever will be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I tell you that there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 32:6, 9

A Psalm of David.

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were established,

and by the breath of His mouth, all their hosts,

For He spoke, and they came to be;

He commanded, and they were created.

Alleluia.

##### John 12:26-36a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Anyone who serves me must follow me! Where I am, there will my servant also be. The Father will honor anyone who serve me.

Now, my soul is troubled. What shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this time?’ But for this reason, I have come to this time. Father, glorify your Name!”

Then, there came a voice out of heaven, saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

At this, the multitude who stood by heard it, and they said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

Jesus answered, “This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes. Now, judgment is upon this world! Now, the prince of this world will be cast out! And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw allc [people] to myself.” But he said this to indicate by what kind of death he should die. The multitude answered him, “We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains forever. How do you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?”

Jesus therefore said to them, “The light is with you a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overtake you. Whoever walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 79:2c, 3, 4a

A Psalm of David.

[You] Who [are] enthroned upon the Cherubim, manifest Yourself!

Raise up Your power before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

and come to save us!

O God, bring us back.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:43-51

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the next day, being determined to go out into Galilee, Jesus met Philip and said to him, “Follow me!” Now, Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, “We have found the one of whom Moses in the law and the prophets, have written: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph!”

Nathanael asked him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip replied, “Come and see!”

As Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, he said about him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

Nathanael asked Jesus, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

Jesus said to him, “Because I told you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these!” He said to Philip, “Amen, amen, I tell you; hereafter, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” Glory be to God forever.

### November 5 (6) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 9

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 31:11, 6ab

A Psalm of David.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O you righteous ones,

and glory [in His holy Name].

Therefore, everyone who is holy will pray to You

at an appropriate time.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 25:14-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Indeed, the Kingdom is like a man who was leaving for another country. He called his own servants and entrusted his goods to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. Immediately, the one who received five talents went off, did business with them and earned another five talents. In the same way, the one who had received two gained another two. But the servant who received one talent went off, dug [a hole] in the ground and hid his lord’s money.

After a long time, the lord of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came forward and brought another five talents, saying: ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five!’

The lord said to the servant, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!’

The one who had received the two talents also came forward and said, ‘Lord, you entrusted me with two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents!’

The lord said to this servant, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord!’ Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 111:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;

he will greatly delight in His commandments.

His seed will be mighty on earth;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:17-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He came down with them and stood on a level place. A large number of his disciples and of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said,

*Blessed are you who are poor,*

*for yours is the Kingdom of God.*

*Blessed are you who hunger now,*

*for you will be filled.*

*Blessed are you who weep now,*

*for you will laugh.*

*Blessed are you when men shall hate you,*

*and when they shall exclude and mock you,*

*and throw out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man.*

*Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,*

*for behold, your reward is great in heaven,*

*for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.* Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 18:5, 131:9, 10a

A Psalm of David.

Their message went out into all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

Your priests will be clothed with righteousness;

Your saints will rejoice

for Your servant David’s sake.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:13-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, when Jesus arrived in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked a question to his disciples, saying, “Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, some say Elias, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Jesus then said to them, “But [you], who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are youa, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

### November 6 (7) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 10 through Novmeber 7 (8) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 11

Novmber 6 (7) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 10 see ## Tobi 30 ##.

Novmber 7 (8) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 11 see ## Tho-out 26 ##.

### November 8 (9) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 12

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 148:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord from the Heavens;

praise Him in the highest!

Praise Him, all His angels;

praise Him, all His hosts!

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:44-52

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field. When a man found it, he hid it again. In his joy, he then goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field!

The Kingdom of Heaven is also like a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls. Having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea which gathered fish of every kind. When the net was filled, people drew it up on the beach. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. This is how it will be in the end of the age. The angels will come forth and separate the wicked from the righteous, and they will cast them into the furnace of fire where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes, Lord.”

He said to them, “Therefore, every scribe who has been made a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new and old things.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 103:4, 3bc

A Psalm of David.

Who makes spirits His Angels,

and His ministers flames of fire.

Who appoints the clouds for His going forth,

Who walks on the wings of the winds,

Alleluia.

##### Luke 15:3-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

So Jesus told them this parable. “Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing! Coming home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous who need no repentance.

Or what woman, if she had ten drachmaa coins and lost one, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and look hard until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying: ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma coin which I had lost!’ Likewise, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 102:20ab, 21

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, all you His angels,

who are mighty in strength, who do His word.

Bless the Lord, all His Hosts,

His ministers who do His will.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:24-43

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He also presented them another parable in these words, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. While people slept, his enemy came and also sowed weed grass among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprang up and brought forth fruit, the weeds also appeared. The servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did this darnel come from?’

The man said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’

The servants then asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them up?’

But the man replied, ‘No, in fear that while you gather up the darnel weeds, you might also uproot the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the darnel weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Jesus also presented another parable to them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field. It is indeed smaller than all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the biggest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air can come and find shelter in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

Jesus spoke all these things in parables to the crowds; and without a parable, he did not speak to them, so that that had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*I will open my mouth in parables;*

*I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then Jesus sent the multitudes away, and went into the house. His disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the grass weeds of the field.”

He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the Kingdom and the darnel weeds are the children of the evil one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. As the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his Kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and those who do evil, 42and he will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Anyone who has ears should listen! Glory be to God forever.

### November 9 (10) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 13 through Novmeber 10 (11) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 14

Novmber 9 (10) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 13 see ## Epip 3 ##.

Novmber 10 (11) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 14 see ## Athor 28 ##.

### November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:36ab, 4

A Psalm of David.

God is wondrous among His Saints; the God of Israel

will give strength and power to His people.

But let the righteous be glad;

let them rejoice in the presence of God;

let them exult with delight and gladness.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 10:16-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Behold, I send you out as sheep among wolves! Therefore, be wise as serpents, and yet innocent as doves. But beware of men: they will hand you over to councils and in their synagogues, they will flog you. Yes, you will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as witnesses to them and to the nations. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what you will say; what you will say will be given you in that hour. Indeed, it is not you who [shall] speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

Brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name’s sake, but the one who endures to the end will be saved. Nevertheless, when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next. Amen, I tell you: you will not have finished going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Light has dawned for the righteous,

and joy for the upright in heart.

Be glad in the Lord, O you righteous,

and confess [Him] at the remembrance of His holiness.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 13:9-13, 33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But be on your guard, for people will hand you over to the courts. You will be beaten in the synagogues, you will stand before rulers and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them. The Good News must first be preached to all the nations. When they take you away and arrest you, do not worry in advance. Do not think ahead about what you will say, but say whatever will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his [own] child. Children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name’s sake, but the one who endures to the end will be saved… Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time is. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 33:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord will deliver them from all of them.

The Lord will guard all their bones,

not one of them will be broken.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:53-12:12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As he said these things to them, the scribes and Pharisees began a furious attack on him and tried to force answers from him on many questions. They were lying in wait for him and seeking to catch him in something he might say, in order to accuse him.

Meanwhile, a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so much so that they trampled on each other. Jesus began to speak, first of all to his disciples, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed; or hidden, that will not be known. Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will warn you whom you should fear: fear the one who after he has killed, has [also] power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, do not be afraid! You are of more value than many sparrows.

I tell you, whoever confessese me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever denies me in the presence of men will be denied in the presence of the angels of God.

Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you must say.” Glory be to God forever.

### November 12 (13) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 16

See ## Paoni 16 ##.

### November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 131: 9, 10a, 17b, 18b

A Psalm of David.

Your priests will be clothed with righteousness;

Your saints will rejoice

for Your servant David’s sake.

I have prepared a lamp for my Christ,

[and] upon Him my holiness will blossom.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 4:23-5:16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. His fame spread into all Syria, and they brought him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, people possessed with demons, epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them. Great crowds from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up to the mountain and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to speak and to teach them, saying:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*

*for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,*

*for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,*

*for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,*

*for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,*

*for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,*

*for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,*

*for they shall be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,*

*for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you,*

*and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.*

*Rejoice, and be extremely glad, for great is your reward in heaven.*

For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is then good for nothing, only to be cast out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world! A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do you light a lamp and place it under a measuring basket, but on a stand. And so it shines to all who are in the house. Likewise, let your light shine before all, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 109:4, 5a, 7a

A Psalm of David.

The Lord has sworn and will not repent,

“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.”

The Lord at Your right hand,

therefore, He will raise His head high.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:17-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He came down with them and stood on a level place. A large number of his disciples and of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said,

*Blessed are you who are poor,*

*for yours is the Kingdom of God.*

*Blessed are you who hunger now,*

*for you will be filled.*

*Blessed are you who weep now,*

*for you will laugh.*

*Blessed are you when men shall hate you,*

*and when they shall exclude and mock you,*

*and throw out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man.*

*Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,*

*for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.* Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 72:23b, 24, 28

A Psalm of David.

You seized my right hand.

You guided me with Your counsel,

and received me with glory.

But for me, it is good to cling to God,

to put my hope in the Lord,

that I may declare all Your praises

in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

Alleluia.

##### John 10:1-16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

“Amen, amen, I tell you; he who does not enter by the gate into the sheep fold, but climbs up some other way is a thiefand a robber. But the one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. The shepherda calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will by no means follow a stranger but flee from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

Jesus therefore said to them again, “Amen, amen, I tell you; I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate! Anyone who enters in by me will be saved, and go in and out, and will find pasture. The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that people may have life, and have it in abundance. I am the good shepherd! The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The one who is a hired hand, not a shepherd, and who does not own the sheep, leaves the sheep and flees when he sees the wolf coming. Then the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand and does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd! I know my own, and I am known by my own; even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. And there will be one flock - one shepherd. Glory be to God forever.

### November 14 (15) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 18 through Novmeber 17 (18) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 21

Novmber 14 (15) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 18 see ## Epip 5 ##.

Novmber 15 (16) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 19 see ## Phamenoth 13 ##.

Novmber 16 (17) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 20 see ## Pharamuthi 30 ##.

Novmber 17 (18) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 21 see ## Athor 17 ##.

### November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 4:4, 7b, 8a

A Psalm of David.

Know that the Lord made His Holy One wondrous;

the Lord will hear me when I cry to Him.

The light of Your presence has been signed upon us, O Lord,

You have given…gladness to my heart.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 10:24-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household! Therefore, do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and nothing hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. Do not be afraid of those who [can] kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Not one of them falls on the ground apart from your Father’s will, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, do not be afraid! You are of more value than many sparrows! Whoever confesses me before men I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 112:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, O you children!

Praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

from now and forevermore.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:34-9:1

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus called the multitude to himself with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Indeed, whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. What does it profit if someone, to gain the whole world, loosesa his life? For what will someone give in exchange for his life? Whoever will be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I tell you that there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 65:12bc, 13, 14a

A Psalm of David.

we passed through fire and water,

and You brought us out to revival.

I will enter Your house with whole burnt offerings;

I will pay You my vows,

which my lips uttered.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 21:12-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But before all these things [happen], they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my Name’s sake. It will turn out for you as an occasion to bear witness. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to ponder in advance how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to withstand or contradict. You will be handed over even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name’s sake, yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will acquire your lives. Glory be to God forever.

### November 19 (20) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 23

See ## Athor 28 ##.

### November 20 (21) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 24

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 96:7c, 8

A Psalm of David.

Worship [God], all His angels!

Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoiced

because of Your judgments, O Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:25-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, Jesus exclaimed, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the learned and intelligent, and revealed them to infants! Yes, Father, this was well-pleasing in your sight. All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son desires to reveal him.

Come to me, all of you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest! Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Indeed, my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 137:1, 2a

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with all my heart,

and I will sing to You in the presence of the angels,

for You heard the words of my mouth.

I will bow down toward Your holy temple.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 12:1-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, on the Sabbath day, Jesus went through grain fields. Being hungry, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain and to eat them. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Behold, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”

But Jesus replied, “Have not you read what David did, when he and those who were with him were hungry? He entered into the house of God and ate the showbreadc, which it was not lawful for him and those with him toneat, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law, that on thenSabbath day, the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and yet remainnwithout guilt? But I tell you that someone greater than the temple is here! If you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 137:9, 10a, 17b, 18b

A Psalm of David.

Your priests will be clothed with righteousness;

Your saints will rejoice

for Your servant David’s sake,

I have prepared a lamp for my Christ,

[and] upon Him my holiness will blossom.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:1-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was {what} God {was}. This one was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him, nothing came into being that has come into being. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. John came as a witness, to bear witness to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but [he was sent] to bear witness to the light. The true light who enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world had come into existence through him, and the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God’s children, to those who believe in his Name. They were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s only-begottene son, full of grace and truth. Johnmtestified about him; he cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘Hemwho comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’” From his fullness, we have all received grace upon gracef. For the law was given through Moses, [but] grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God forever.

### November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 17:35, 40

A Psalm of David.

[You] train my hands for war;

and You made my arms like a bronze bow.

For You have girded me with strength for battle,

and have subdued under me all who rose against me.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 8:5-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus came into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking and saying, “Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented.” Jesus answered, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof! Only say the word and my servant shall be healed. For I am also a man under authority, having soldiers under my own authority. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and if I tell another, ‘Come,’ he comes. Or if I tell my servant, ‘Do this,’ he does it!”

When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed, “Amen, I tell you that I have never found so great a faith, not even in Israel! I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. But the children of the Kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way. Let it be done for you as you have believed.” And his servant was healed in that hour. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 36:ab, 4

A Psalm of David.

God is wondrous among His Saints; the God of Israel

will give strength and power to His people.

But let the righteous be glad;

let them rejoice in the presence of God;

let them exult with delight and gladness.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 12:4-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will warnb you whom you should fear: fear the one who after he has killed, has [also] power to cast into Gehenna.c Yes, I tell you, fear him!

Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, do not be afraid! You are of more value than many sparrows.

I tell you, whoever confessese me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever denies me in the presence of men will be denied in the presence of the angels of God.

Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you must say.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 44:4, 5a

A Psalm of David.

Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One,

in Your splendor and beauty.

Draw Your bow, and prosper, and reign

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 12:9-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Going from that place, he went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man with a withered hand. Looking for reason to accuse Jesus, the Phariseesa asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?”

Jesus replied, “Who among you, having one sheep, and if this one falls into a pit on the Sabbath day, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man compared to a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do what is good on the Sabbath day.” Then he told the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched it out, and it was restored whole, just like the other hand! But the Pharisees went out and began to conspire against him, [discussing] how they might destroy him. Jesus, perceiving that, withdrew from that place. Many [people] followed him and he healed them all, commanding them not to reveal who he was, so that what was spoken through Isaias the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Behold, my servant whom I have chosen;*

*my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased:*

*I will put my Spirit on him.*

*He will proclaim justice to the nations.*

*He will not quarrel or shout;*

*No one will hear his voice in the streets.*

*He will not break a bruised reed,*

*He will not put out a smoking wick,*

*until he leads justice to victory.*

*In his Name, the nationsb will hope.*

Then, a person possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him. Jesus healed him, so that the blind and mute man was now able to speak and to see. The crowds were amazed and exclaimed, “Can this be the son of David?” Glory be to God forever.

### November 22 (23) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 26

See ## Athor 22 ##.

### November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 45:2, 8

A Psalm of David.

God is our refuge and strength,

our helper in afflictions that grievously befall us.

The Lord of Hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our protector.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:16-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Passing along by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further from there, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in a boat, mending the nets. At once, he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and they began to follow him. They went into Capernaum, and on the Sabbath day, Jesus entered into the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching because he taught them as having authority, not as the scribes. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 145:1, 2a, 5

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord all my life;

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob;

whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 4:18-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother. They were casting a net into the sea as they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fish for people!”

Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. At once, they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 77:5ab, 134:5

A Psalm of David.

He raised up a testimony in Jacob

and appointed a law in Israel,

for I know that the Lord is great,

and our Lord is above all the gods.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 10:35-45

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask!”

He replied, “What do you want me to do for you?”

They answered, “Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and one at your left hand, in your glory.”

But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking! Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

They replied, “We are able!”

Jesus said to them, “You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and you shall be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with! However, to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they became upset with James and John.

Jesus called them, and told them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you! Whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant. Whoever of you wants to become first among you shall be slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Glory be to God forever.

### November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 88:20c, 21, 22a

A Psalm of David.

I have exalted one chosen from My people.

I have found David, My servant;

I have anointed him with My holy oil,

for My hand will support him.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 10:34-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth! I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Indeed, I came to set a son against his father, a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man’s enemies will be members of his own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. The one who savesc his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will obtain it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Whoever receives a righteous person because of this person’s righteousness will receive the reward of the righteous. Amen, I tell you that whoever gives one of these little ones even just a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple will in no way lose his reward.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 131:9, 10a, 17b, 18b

A Psalm of David.

Your priests will be clothed with righteousness;

Your saints will rejoice

for Your servant David’s sake.

I have prepared a lamp for my Christ,

[and] upon Him my holiness will blossom.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:17-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He came down with them and stood on a level place. A large number of his disciples and of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said,

*Blessed are you who are poor,*

*for yours is the Kingdom of God.*

*Blessed are you who hunger now,*

*for you will be filled.*

*Blessed are you who weep now,*

*for you will laugh.*

*Blessed are you when men shall hate you,*

*and when they shall exclude and mock you,*

*and throw out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man.*

*Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,*

*for behold, your reward is great in heaven,*

*for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.* Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 98:6, 7a

A Psalm of David.

Moses and Aaron are among His priests,

and Samuel is among those who call on His Name;

they called upon the Lord, and He heard them.

He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud.

Alleluia.

##### John 16:20-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy! When a woman gives birth, she has sorrow because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she does not remember the anguish any more because of the joy that a human being is born into the world. Therefore, you now have sorrow, but I will see you again; and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you!

In that day you will ask me no [more] questions. Amen, amen, I tell you; whatever you may ask of the Father in my Name, he will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my Name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete! I have told you these things in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day, you will ask in my Name. And I do not tell you that I will pray to the Father for you, because the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and believed that I came forth from God. I came out from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and return to the Father.”

His disciples said to him, “Behold, now you speak plainly, not in figures of speech. Now we know that you know all things and we do not need for anyone to ask questions from you. By this we believe that you came forth from God.”

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the time is coming, yes, and it has now come, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will desert me. Yet, I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have distress, but rejoice! I have overcome the world.” Glory be to God forever.

### November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 88:30, 37

A Psalm of David.

I will establish his seed unto the ages of ages

and his throne as the days of heaven.

His seed will remain forever,

and his throne as [long as] the sun before Me.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:18-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Once, as Jesusa was praying alone and the disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the multitudes say that I am?”

They answered, “‘John the Baptizer,’ but others say, ‘Elias,’ and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again.”

Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered, “The Christ of God!”

But he warned them, and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the presbyters, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.”

Jesus said to all, “Anyone who desires to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake will save it. Indeed what profit is there if someone gains the whole world but loses or forfeits his own self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you the truth: There are some who stand here who will in no way taste of death, until they see the Kingdom of God.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 106:32, 41b, 42a

A Psalm of David.

Let them exalt Him in the assembly of the people,

and praise Him in the session of elders.

[For He has] made his families like a flock [of sheep],

[that] the righteous will see it and be glad.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 8:22-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When he arrived at Bethsaida, people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Jesus took hold of the blind man by the hand and brought him out of the village. He spit on his eyes, laid his hands on the man, and asked him if he saw anything.

The man looked up and said, “I see people! I see them like trees walking!”

Again, Jesus laid his hands on the man’s eyes who then looked [around] intently. His sight was then restored and he saw everyone clearly. Jesus sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not enter into the village and do not tell anyone in the village.”

Jesus went out with his disciples into the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

They told him, “John the Baptizer, and others say Elias (Elijah), but others yet [say that you are] one of the prophets.”

Jesus said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Christ!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 109:4, 5a, 7b

A Psalm of David.

The Lord has sworn and will not repent,

“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.”

The Lord at Your right hand,

therefore, He will raise His head high

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:13-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, when Jesus arrived in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked a question to his disciples, saying, “Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, some say Elias, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Jesus then said to them, “But [you], who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

### November 26 (27) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 30 through Novmeber 30 (December 1) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 3

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## December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ

### The First Sunday of December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 12:2, 3a and half of b

A Psalm of David.

How long, O Lord, will You forget me? Forever?

How long will You turn Your face from me?

Look upon me and hear me, O Lord my God;

enlighten my eyes.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 14:3-9

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

While Jesus was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar, and poured the oil over his head. But there were some who were upset and who said, “Why has this ointment een wasted? It could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor.” They grumbled against her, but Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me. You always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to, you can do them good; but you will not always have me! She has done what she could: she has anointed my body in advance for the burial. Amen, I tell you: wherever this Good News will be preached throughout the whole world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 101:20b, 21a, 22

A Psalm of David.

The Lord looked from heaven upon the earth,

to hear the groaning of the prisoners,

to declare the Name of the Lord in Zion

and His praise in Jerusalem.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 12:41-44

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting their money into the treasury. Many who were rich gave much. A poor widow came, and she put in two small coins, which amount to a quadrans coin. He called his disciples to himself, and told them, “Amen, I tell you that this poor widow gave more than all those [others] who are giving to the treasury. For they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 101:14ab, 17

A Psalm of David.

When You arise You will and have compassion on Zion,

for it is the appointed time to have compassion on her;

for the Lord will build up Zion,

and He will appear in His glory.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:1-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, even as those who were eyewitnesses and servants of the word from the beginning have delivered them to us. For this reason, it has seemed good to me also, after reviewing the course of all things accurately from the beginning, to write an ordered account to you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

In the days of Herod king of Judea, there lived a priest named Zacharias who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. He had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. Yet, they had no child because Elizabeth was barren, and both were well advanced in years. Now, it came to pass that while Zacharias was performing his priestly office before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priest’s office, that his lot was [drawn] to enter into the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. Now, at the time of the incense offering, the whole multitude of the people was praying outside.

Then, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. Zacharias was startled when he saw the angel and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, because your petition has been heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord! He will drink no wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. He will bring back many of the children of Israel to the Lord, their God. He will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elias, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to prepare a people prepared for the Lord.”

Zacharias said to the angel, “How can I be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years!”

The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel who stands near before God. I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

The people were waiting for Zacharias and wondering as he delayed in the sanctuary. When he came out, he could not speak to them and they understood that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He continued making signs to them and remained mute. When the days of his service were fulfilled, Zacharias returned to his house. After these days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying: “The Lord has done this to me in the days when he looked at me, in order to take away my disgrace among men.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 143:5, 7a and half of b

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, bow the heavens, and come down;

touch the mountains, and they will smoke.

Send out Your hand from on high;

deliver me and save me.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:36-50

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee’s house, and sat at the table. And behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, when she learned that he was at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of perfume. Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the perfumed oil. Now, when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, “If this man was a prophet, he would have perceived who is touching him and what kind of woman this is, that she is a sinner.”

Jesus said to him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

He said, “Speak, teacher.”

“A certain lender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Then, which of them will love him the most?”

Simon answered, “The one to whom he forgave the most I suppose.”

Jesus said to him, “You have judged correctly.” Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet; but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with the her hair. You gave me no kiss, but since the time I came in, she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven because she has loved much. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 71:6, 7a and half of b

A Psalm of David.

He will descend like rain on a fleece,

and like drops falling on the earth.

In His days, righteousness and abundant peace

will flourish.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:20-28

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

However, if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come to you!

When a strong man is fully armed and guards his own house, his goods are safe. But when someone stronger attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

Whoever is not with me is against me! Whoever does not gather with me scatters!

When an unclean spirit has gone out of a person, he passes through dry places, seeking rest. But finding no rest, the unclean spirit says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came out.’ When he returns, he finds it swept and put in order. He then goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that person becomes worse than the first.”

As Jesus was saying these things, a womana called out from the crowd and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you!”

But Jesus said, “Yes and more than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 44:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Listen, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear,

and forget your people and your father’s house,

for the King desired your beauty,

for He is your Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:26-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. Having come in, the angel said to her, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!”

But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you will call his name ‘Jesus.’ He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And to his Kingdom there shall be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God. Behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month [of her pregnancy] for her who was called barren. For everything spoken by God is possible.”

Mary said, “Behold, the handmaid of the Lord! Be it to me according to your word.”

And the angel departed from her. Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 131:13, 14, 15a

A Psalm of David.

For the Lord has chosen Zion;

He chose her for His dwelling:

“This is My resting-place to the age of ages;

I will dwell here, for I have chosen her.

Blessing, I will bless her widow.”

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:23-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Just then, there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit who cried out, “Away! What do we have to do with you, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God!”

Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”

The unclean spirit, convulsing the man and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” The news about him went out immediately everywhere into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately, they told him about her. Jesus came, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her and she began to serve them. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 84:8, 9ab

A Psalm of David.

Show us Your mercy, O Lord,

and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God will speak within me;

for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 15:21-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus then left that area and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. Behold, a Canaanite woman came out from those borders, and cried out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, you son of David! My daughter is severely demonized!”

But Jesus did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away! She is shouting after us!”

However, Jesus answered, “I was not sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Still, the womana came forward and worshipedb him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

But he answered, “It is not rightc to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

But she replied, “Yes, Lord, but even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be it done to you even as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Jesus departed and came near the sea of Galilee. He went up into the mountain and sat there. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others; and they put them down at his feet. He healed them, and the crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 84:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed [each other].

Truth has sprung from the earth,

and righteousness has looked down from heaven.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:39-56

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In those days, Mary arose and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah. She entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened that when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice, she exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lordc should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the baby leaped in my womb out of joy! Blessed is she who believed, for the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!”

Mary said,

*My soul magnifies the Lord*

*And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,*

*for he has looked at the humble state of his handmaid.*

*For behold, from now on, all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he who is mighty has done great things for me, And Holy is his Name!*

*His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.*

*He has shown strength with his arm,*

*He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,*

*He has put down princes from their thrones.*

*And has exalted the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,*

*He has sent the rich away empty.*

*He has given help to Israel, his servant,*

*So that he might remember mercy,*

*As he spoke to our fathers,*

*to Abraham and his seed forever.*

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months, and then returned to her house. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 86:5

A Psalm of David.

A man will say, “Mother Zion,”

and, “a man was born in her,”

for the Most High Himself founded her.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 8:1-3

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Soon afterwards, Jesus went through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the Good News of the Kingdom of God. With him were the Twelve, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out; Joanna, the wife of Chuzas, Herod’s steward; Susanna; and many others; who served him from their possessions. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 95:11, 12b, 13

A Psalm of David.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea, and all that is in it, roar.

All the trees of the forest will rejoice

before the face of the Lord; For He is coming,

He is coming to… the world in righteousness,

and the peoples by His truth.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:28-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, all human sins will be forgiven, and all the blasphemies ever uttered; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”.[He spoke these words] because they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

His mother and his brothers came and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A large group was sitting around him, and they

told him, “Behold, your mother and your brothersa are standing outside, looking for you.”

He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother, and my sister, and mother.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 79:2c, 3, 4

A Psalm of David.

[You] Who is enthroned upon the Cherubim, manifest Yourself!

Raise up Your power before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

and come to save us!

O God, bring us back,

and let Your face shine[[1]](#footnote-1), and we will be saved.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:57-80

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, the time when Elizabeth should give birth was fulfilled, and she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy towards her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child and they wanted to name him Zacharias after his father. But his mother answered, “It shall not be! Instead, he will be called John!”

They said to her, “But there is no one among your relatives who is called by this name!” They made signs to his father so see what he wanted to have his son called.

Zacharias asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.”

They were all very surprised. Suddenly, his mouth was opened and his tongue was freed. He began to speak, blessing God. Awe came upon all who lived around them, and people talked about these sayings throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All those who heard these things took them to heart and exclaimed, “What then will this child be?” The hand of the Lord was with him.

His father, Zacharias, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*

*for he has visited and worked redemption for his people;*

*and has raised up a horn of salvation for us*

*in the house of his servant David*

*(as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets who have been from of old),*

*salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;*

*to show mercy towards our fathers,*

*to remember his holy covenant,*

*the oath which he spoke to Abraham, our father,*

*to grant to us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,*

*should offer him divine service without fear,*

*In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.*

*And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,*

*for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways,*

*to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins,*

*because of the tender mercy of our God,*

*by which the dawn from on high will visit us,*

*to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death;*

*to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

The child was growing up and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his public appearance to Israel. Glory be to God forever.

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### December 18 (19) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 22

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 33:8, 9

A Psalm of David.

The Angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear Him,

and He will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the man who hopes in Him.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 16:24-28

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it. Indeed, what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, and loses his life? Or what will a person give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then, he will render to everyone according to their deeds. Amen, I tell you: there are some standing here who will not have tasted death until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:7c, 8

A Psalm of David.

Worship Him, all His angels!

Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoiced

because of Your judgments, O Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 18:10-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Do not despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven, their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save what was lost.

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine to go into the mountains and look for the one that has gone astray? Amen, I tell you: if he finds it, he rejoices over this one more than over the ninety-nine which did not go astray. Likewise, it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that any of these little ones should perish.

If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother! But if he does not listen, take one or two more with you, so that at the mouth of wo or three witnesses every word may be established. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church. If he refuses to hear the Church also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I tell you that whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. Indeed, where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there I am among them.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 137:1, 2a

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord, with all my heart,

and I will sing to You in the presence of the angels,

for You heard the words of my mouth.

I will bow down toward Your holy temple.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 1:26-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. Having come in, the angel said to her, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!”

But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you will call his name ‘Jesus.’ He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And to his Kingdom there shall be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God. Behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month [of her pregnancy] for her who was called barren. For everything spoken by God is possible.”

Mary said, “Behold, the handmaid of the Lord! Be it to me according to your word.”

And the angel departed from her. Glory be to God forever.

### December 19 (20) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 23 through December 23 (24) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 27

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### December 24 (25) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 28

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 49:2, 23b

A Psalm of David.

The splendor of His beauty has appeared out of Zion.

God will come openly,

and this is the way by which I will show him the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 1:1-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The book of the origins of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac. Isaac became the father of Jacob. Jacob became the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron. Hezron became the father of Ram. Ram became the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon. Nahshon became the father of Salmon. Salmon became the father of Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed by Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse. Jesse became the father of King David. David became the father of Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam became the father of Abijah. Abijah became the father of Asa. Asa became the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became the father of Joram. Joram became the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham. Jotham became the father of Ahaz. Ahaz became the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh. Manasseh became the father of Amon. Amon became the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the exile to Babylon. After the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel became the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel became the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim. Eliakim became the father of Azor. Azor became the father of Sadoc. Sadoc became the father of Achim. Achim became the father of Eliud. Eliud became the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan became the father of Jacob. Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called Christ. And so, all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon until the Christ, fourteen generations. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 75:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

God is known in Judah;

His Name is great in Israel.

His sanctuary was in peace,

and His place of dwelling was in Zion.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 1:18-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, the birth of Jesus Christ happened like this: after his mother, Mary, was promised in marriage to Joseph but before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her betrothed who was a righteous man did not want to make her a public spectacle and so intended to put her away secretly. But as he was thinking about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife home, for what is conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She shall bring forth a son and you shall give him the name Jesus because he shall be the one to save his people from their sins.”

Now, all this happened so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bring forth a son. They shall call his name Emmanuel; which means, With us [is] God.*

Joseph arose from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him: he took his wife to [live with] him, and had no relations with her before she had brought forth her firstborn son; and he named him Jesus. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 109:3

A Psalm of David.

The dominion is Your in the day of Your power,

in the brightness of Your saints.

I have begotten You from the womb before the dawn.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 2:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire [Roman] world. This was the first census made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. Because he was of the house and family of David, Joseph left the city of Nazareth in Galilee and went up to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem. He did so to enroll himself with Mary who was pledged to be married to him as wife and who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes. She laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. There were shepherds in the same countryside, staying in the field and keeping watch by night over their flock. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you Good News of great joy which will be for all the people. For there is born to you, this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This is the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

*Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men.*

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us go to Bethlehem now and see what has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” They came with haste and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the manger. When they saw it, they widely spread the news which was spoken to them about this child. All who heard it were filled with wonder when they heard what the shepherds were saying. But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen, just as it was told them. Glory be to God forever.

### December 25 (26) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 29

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 71:10

A Psalm of David.

The kings of Tarshish and the isles will come bearing gifts;

the kings of the Arabs and Saba will bring gifts.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 3:23-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years old, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 71:15

A Psalm of David.

He will live, and to Him will be given the gold of Arabia;

and men will pray continually in His Name;

they will bless Him all day long.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:14-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The Logos became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s only-begotten son, full of grace and truth. John testified about him; he cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’” From his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses, [but] grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 2:7bc, 8

A Psalm of David.

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my Son.

Today I have begotten You.

Ask of Me, and I will give You

the nations for Your inheritance,

and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 2:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying: “Where is he who is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and we have come to worshipf him.” When King Herod heard about this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ would be born. They replied, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is written through the prophet:

*“You Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least among the princes of Judah:*

*for out of you shall come forth a ruler, who shall shepherd my people Israel.’*

Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and learned from them exactly what time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him.”

After listening to the king, they continued on their journey and behold, the star which they had seen in the east was going ahead of them, until it came and stood over the place where the young child was. And when they saw the star, they were filled with tremendous joy. Entering the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But having been warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they returned to their own country using another way. Glory be to God forever.

### December 26 (27) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 30

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 71:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

O God, give the King Your judgment,

and Your righteousness to the King’s Son,

to judge Your people with righteousness

and Your poor with judgment.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 12:15-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus, perceiving that, withdrew from that place. Many [people] followed him and he healed them all, commanding them not to reveal who he was, so that what was spoken through Isaias the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Behold, my servant whom I have chosen;*

*my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased:*

*I will put my Spirit on him.*

*He will proclaim justice to the nations.*

*He will not quarrel or shout;*

*No one will hear his voice in the streets.*

*He will not break a bruised reed,*

*He will not put out a smoking wick,*

*until he leads justice to victory.*

*In his Name, the nations will hope*

Then, a person possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him. Jesus healed him, so that the blind and mute man was now able to speak and to see. The crowds were amazed and exclaimed, “Can this be the son of David?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 71:11, 19b

A Psalm of David.

All the kings of the earth will worship Him;

all the nations will serve Him.

The whole earth will be filled with His glory.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 22:41-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now while the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Messiahf? Whose son is he?”

They answered, “[He is the son] of David.”

Jesus said to them, “How, then, does David, in the Spirit, call him ‘Lord’, saying:

*‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet?’*

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on, no one dared to ask him any more questions. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 71:17

A Psalm of David.

Let His Name be blessed throughout the ages!

His name will endure longer than the sun;

And all the tribes of the earth will be blessed in Him;

All the nations will call Him blessed.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:1-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with God, and the Logos was {what} God {was}. This one was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him, nothing came into being that has come into being. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. John came as a witness, to bear witness to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but [he was sent] to bear witness to the light. The true light who enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world had come into existence through him, and the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God’s children, to those who believe in his Name. They were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Glory be to God forever.

### December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 5:12ab, 13

A Psalm of David.

let all who hope in You be glad;

they will rejoice forever,

for You will bless a righteous person;

o Lord, You crowned us with the shield of Your goodwill.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 10:24-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household! Therefore, do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and nothing hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. Do not be afraid of those who [can] kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Not one of them falls on the ground apart from your Father’s will, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, do not be afraid! You are of more value than many sparrows! Whoever confesses me before men I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.nGlory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 33:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord will deliver them from all of them.

The Lord will guard all their bones,

not one of them will be broken.

Alleluia.

##### John 12:20-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, among those that went up to worshipa at the feast were some Greeks. They came to Philip who was from Bethsaida of Galilee and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, Andrew came with Philip and they told Jesus. But Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I tell you; unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit! The one who loves his life will lose it. The one who hates his life in this world will keep it to eternal life. Anyone who serves me must follow me! Where I am, there will my servant also be. The Father will honor anyone who serve me. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 20:4, 6

A Psalm of David.

For You have overtaken him with the blessings of goodness;

You have placed a crown of precious stones on his head.

Great is his glory in Your salvation;

You will bestow glory and majesty upon him.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, the Lord also appointed seventy[-two] others and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place where he was about to go. Jesus said to them, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your ways, [but] be aware that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a purse, a wallet, or sandals. Do not greet anyone on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ If a followerc of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that house, eating and drinking what they will give [you], for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever town you enter and if the people welcome you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ But if you enter into any town and people there do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for such a city.

Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But in the judgment, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. You, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to hades! Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy[-two] returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your Name!”

Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven! Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

### December 28 (29) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 2

See ## Epip 3 ##.

### December 29 (30) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 3

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 113:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

The Lord has remembered us and blessed us;

He has blessed the house of Israel,

He has blessed the house of Aaron;

He has blessed those who fear the Lord,

[both] the small and the great.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 18:1-7

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

Jesus called a little child to himself and set him in their midst. He then said, “Amen, I tell you that unless you change and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives such a little child in my Name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for such a person that a huge millstone be hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! Such occasions are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom the occasion does come! Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 118:130, 141, 142a

A Psalm of David.

The revelation of Your words enlightens,

and causes little children to understand.

I am young and despised,

but I have not forgotten… Your righteousness.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 18:10-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Do not despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven, their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save what was lost.

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine to go into the mountains and look for the one that has gone astray? Amen, I tell you: if he finds it, he rejoices over this one more than over the ninety-nine which did not go astray. Likewise, it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that any of these little ones should perish.

If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother! But if he does not listen, take one or two more with you, so that at the mouth of wo or three witnesses every word may be established. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church. If he refuses to hear the Church also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I tell you that whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. Indeed, where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there I am among them.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 112:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Lord, O you children!

Praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed

from now and forevermore.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 2:13-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise! Take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.” So Joseph arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. They remained there until the death of Herod, so what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Out of Egypt I have called my son.*

When Herod saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men, he became extremely angry. He dispatched [his men] and killed all the male children who lived in Bethlehem and all the surrounding countryside, two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men. And so, what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

*A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children. She would not be comforted, because they are no more.*

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph ina dream when he was in Egypt, saying: “Arise! Take the young child andhis mother, and return the land of Israel; those who were trying to kill theyoung child’s are dead.”

Joseph arose and took the young child and his mother, and they came into the land of Israel. 22However, when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee. He thus arrived and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.” Glory be to God forever.

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#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 18:2, 5

A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

Their message went out into all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.

Alleluia.

##### John 15:7-16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

If you remain in me and if my words remain in you, you may ask whatever you desire and it will be done for you.

In this is my Father glorified: that you bear much fruit; and [this is how] you will be my disciples. Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you! Remain in my love! If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: that you love one another, even as I have loved you. No one has a greater love than this: that someone would lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. 1I no longer call you servants because the servant does not know what his lord is doing. Instead, I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, so that you should go and bear fruit, and so that your fruit should remain. And so, whatever you will ask of the Father in my Name, he will give it to you. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 44:2ab, 3bc

A Psalm of David.

My heart erupted with a good word;

I declare my works to the King;

grace has poured out from Your lips;

therefore God has blessed You forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 1:1-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was {what} God {was}. This one was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him, nothing came into being that has come into being. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. John came as a witness, to bear witness to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but [he was sent] to bear witness to the light. The true light who enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world had come into existence through him, and the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God’s children, to those who believe in his Name. They were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s only-begottene son, full of grace and truth. Johnmtestified about him; he cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘Hemwho comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’” From his fullness, we have all received grace upon gracef. For the law was given through Moses, [but] grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 138:17, 18a

A Psalm of David.

But Your friends were very precious to me, O God;

their principalites became very strong.

I will count them, and they will be multiplied more than the sand.

Alleluia.

##### John 21:15-25

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you loveb me more than these?”

Peter replied, “Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” Again, Jesus asked a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?”

Peter replied, “Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you.”

Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” A third time, Jesus asked, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?”

Peter was grieved because Jesusg asked him the third time, “Do you have affection for me?” He said, “Lord, you know everything! You know that I have affection for you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep! Amen, amen, I tell you; when you were young, you dressed yourself, and you walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

Now, Jesus said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to Peter, “Follow me!”

Then Peter, turning around, saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following [them]. (This was the disciple who had also reclined near Jesus’ breast at the supper and asked, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) Peter, seeing him, asked Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus answered, “If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me.” Therefore, this saying went out among the brethren, that this disciple would not die. Yet, Jesus did not say to Peter that he would not die, but, “If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who bears witness about these things and who wrote these things.

We know that his witness is true. There are also many other things which Jesus did. If they were all written, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. Glory be to God forever.

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### The First Sunday of January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 46:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

Clap your hands, all you nations;

shout to God with a voice of rejoicing.

For the Lord Most High is awesome,

a great King over all the earth.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:40-44

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Rebuking them, Jesusa did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

When it was day, he departed and went into an uninhabited place. The people were looking for him and came to [see] him. They held on to him in order to prevent Jesus from leaving them. But he said to them, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also. I have been sent for this reason!” And he continued preaching in the synagogues of Galilee. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 92:1bc, 2

A Psalm of David.

The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty;

The Lord robed and girded Himself with power;

Your throne is prepared from of old,

You are from everlasting.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:31-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. He was teaching them on the Sabbath day, and they were astonished at his teaching because his word was with authority. In the synagogue, there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ah! What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who you are: the Holy One of God!”

Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” When the demon had thrown the man among them, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

Amazement came on all, and they spoke together, one with another, saying, “What is this word? For he commands the unclean spirits with authority and power, and they come out!” News about him went out into every place of the surrounding region. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 97:2, 3ab

A Psalm of David.

The Lord made known His salvation;

He revealed His righteousness

in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His mercy to Jacob

and His truth to the house of Israel.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 2:13-23

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise! Take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.” So Joseph arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. They remained there until the death of Herod, so what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled:

*Out of Egypt I have called my son.*

When Herod saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men, he became extremely angry. He dispatched [his men] and killed all the male children who lived in Bethlehem and all the surrounding countryside, two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men. And so, what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

*A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children. She would not be comforted, because they are no more.*

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph ina dream when he was in Egypt, saying: “Arise! Take the young child andhis mother, and return the land of Israel; those who were trying to kill theyoung child’s are dead.”

Joseph arose and took the young child and his mother, and they came into the land of Israel. 22However, when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee. He thus arrived and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 97:3bc, 9bc

A Psalm of David.

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with uprightness.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 14:22-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Immediately after this, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and told them to go ahead of him to the other side, while he would send the crowds away. After he had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain by himself in order to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, because the wind was against it. 25In the fourth watch of the night,a Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately, Jesus spoke to them, saying “Take heart! It is I!c Do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the waters.”

And Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he became afraid and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of Peterd, and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. Those who were in the boat came and worshipede him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God!” When they had crossed over [the lake], they arrived in the land of Gennesaret. When the people of that place recognized him, they sent word into all that surrounding region and people brought him all who were sick. They begged him to be able to just touch the fringe of his garment, and all those who touched it were healed. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;

let the many islands be glad!

Clouds and darkness are around Him;

righteousness and judgment are the foundation of His throne.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:7-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus withdrew to the sea with his disciples, and a great crowd followed him from Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumaea beyond the Jordan, and also from around Tyre and Sidon. Hearing what great things Jesus was doing, a great multitude of people came to him. Jesus instructed his disciples to have a little boat stay near him because of the crowd, so that they would not press on him. For he had healed many people, so that as many as had diseases pressed on him in order to touch him. The unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him and cried, “You are the Son of God!” He sternly warned them that they should not make him known. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 83:7b, 8a; 64:3

A Psalm of David.

For there the Lawgiver will give blessings.

They will go from strength to strength;

Hear my prayer [O God]!

All flesh will come to You.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:27-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was saying these things, a womana called out from the crowd and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you!”

But Jesus said, “Yes and more than thatb, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This is an evil generation; it asks for a sign. No sign will be given to this generation except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, the Son of Man will also be a sign to this generation. The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment along with the people of this generation, and she will condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, someone greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation and they will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, someone greater than Jonah is here

No one who has lit a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket! Instead, it is placed on a stand so that those who come in may see the light. The lamp of the body is the eye! Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body is also full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is full of darkness. And so, see whether the light that is in you is not darkness. If your whole body is full of light, having no dark part, it will be completely full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 76:19bc, 20ab

A Psalm of David.

Your lightnings gave light to the world;

the earth shook and trembled.

[O God,] Your ways are in the sea,

and Your paths in many waters.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem, by the sheep gate, there is a pool with five porches called in Hebrew “Bethesda”. Under these laid a great multitude of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the waterd. For an angel went down at certain times into the pool, and stirred up the water. Then whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made whole of whatever disease he had. A certain man was there, who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learnede that the man had been sick for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to be made well?”

The sick man replied, “Sirf, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, someone else steps down before me!”

Jesus said to him, “Arise, take up your mat, and walk!”

Immediately, the man was made well; he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now, it was the Sabbath on that day. And so, the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath! It is not lawful for you to carry the mat!”

The man answered them, “He who made me well, that one said to me, ‘Take up your mat, and walk.’”

Then they asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your mat, and walk’?”

But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn in the crowd that was there.

Later, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse may happen to you!”

The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason, the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill hima because he did these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I am also working.” Because of this, the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, not only because he broke the Sabbath, but also because he called God his own Father, making himself equal with God. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:6

A Psalm of David.

The heavens proclaimed His righteousness,

and all the peoples beheld His glory.

His lightning gave light to the world;

the earth saw and shook.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:1-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, there was one of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night, and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God because no one can performs the signs which you accomplish unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered him, “Amen, amen, I tell you; unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus asked him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb, and be born [anew]?”

Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I tell you; unless one is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God! What is born of the flesh is flesh. What is born of the Spiritc is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said, “How can these things be?”

Jesus replied and said, “You are the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? Amen, amen, I tell you; we speak of what we know, and [we] bear witness to what we have seen, and you do not receive our testimony. If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you [about] heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, except for the one who came down out of heaven, the Son of Mana. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him should not perish butb have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who is believing in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be saved through him. The one believing in him is not judged, but whoever does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in the Name of the only-begottene Son of God. This is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who practices evil hates the light and does not come to the light, for fear that his works would be exposed. But whoever practices the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be revealed as done in God.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 65:12bc, 8

A Psalm of David.

We passed through fire and water,

and You brought us out to revival.

Bless our God, O nations,

and make the voice of His praise be heard.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:22-36a

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He stayed there with them, and baptized. John also was baptizing at Enon near Salim, because there was much water there, and people came, and [they] were baptized. (For John had not yet been thrown into prison). Now, there arose a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with some Jews about ceremonial washingh. They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you bore witness, behold, this one is [now] baptizing and everyone is coming to him!”

John answered, “No one can receive anything, unless it has been given him from heaven. You yourselves testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before him.’ He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands [by] and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. And so my joy is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.”

He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and from the earth he speaks. He who comes from heaven is above all. What he has seen and heard is what he bears witness to, but no one accepts his testimony. He who has accepted his testimony has set his seal [to this], that God is true. Indeed the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 77:20ab, 23

A Psalm of David.

[Behold,] He struck a rock and water gushed out

and brooks flooded.

Then He commanded the clouds above,

and opened the doors of heaven.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:31-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

If I bear witness about myself, my testimony is not valid. There I another who bears witness to me, and I know that the testimony by which he bears witness about me is true. You have sent [messengers] to John, and he has testified to the truth. But the testimony which I receive is not from man. However, I say these things so that you may be saved. John was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John, because the works which the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, they bear witness about me, that the Father has sent me. The Father himself, who sent me, he has testified about me. You have never heard his voice at any time, and you have never seen his outward appearancec. You do not have his word living in you, because you do not believe him whom he sent.

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me. Yet, you will not come to me to have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I know you, that you do not have God’s love in yourselves. I have come in my Father’s Name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him! How can you believe, since you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is in fact Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me because he wrote about me. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 79:8, 19

A Psalm of David.

O Lord God of hosts, bring us back,

and let Your face shine [upon us], and we will be saved.

Then we will never turn away from You [again];

You will revive us and we will call on Your Name.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:47-58

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; the one who is believing in me has eternal life. I am the bread of life! Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, its purpose is that anyone may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, this one will live forever! Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

At this, the Jews disputed with one another, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus therefore said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwellsf in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; whoever eatsg me will also live because of me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven - not [such] as the fathers [who] ate the manna and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 35:10, 11

A Psalm of David.

For the fountain of life is with You,

and we see light in Your light.

O continue Your mercy to those who know You,

and Your righteousness to the upright in heart!

Alleluia.

##### John 9:1-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesusd was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but [it was] in order that the works of God might be revealed in him. I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva and anointed the blind man’s eyes with the mud. He then said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). And so, the man went away, washed, and came back seeing. At this, the neighbors and those who saw that he had been blind before said, “Is this not the man who sat and begged?” Others were saying, “It is he!” Still others were saying, “He looks like him.”

The man said, “I am he!a” Therefore, the people asked him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He answered, “A man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash.’ And so, I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

Then they asked him, “Where is he?”

The man replied, “I do not know.”

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It was a Sabbath when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Again, the Pharisees also asked the man how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see!”

At this, some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was division among them. Therefore, they asked the blind man again, “What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet!”

The Jews did not believe [the report] about this man, that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of this man who had received his sight. They asked the parents, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. But how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age. Ask him! He will speak for himself.”

His parents said this because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would confess Jesus as Christ, this person would be expelled from the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, “He is of age. Ask him!”

And so, they called the man who had been blind a second time, and they told him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner!”

At this, the man answered, “I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!”

Again, asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You do not also want to become his disciples, do you?”

Then they insulted him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”

The man answered them, “How amazing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does his will, he listens to him. Since the world began, it has never been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

They answered him, “You were born completely in sins, and do you teach us?” And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

The man answered, “Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?”

Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking with you.”

Then the man said, “Lord, I believe!” and he worshiped Jesus. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

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#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 115:7c, 8a, 9a, 10a, 9b, 10b

A Psalm of David.

You have broken apart my bonds.

I will offer a sacrifice of praise to You,

I will pay my vows to the Lord

in the courts of the Lord’s house,

in the presence of all His people,

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 2:15-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us go to Bethlehem now and see what has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” They came with haste and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the manger. When they saw it, they widely spread the news which was spoken to them about this child. All who heard it were filled with wonder when they heard what the shepherds were saying. But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen, just as it was told them. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 65:13, 14a, 15ab

A Psalm of David.

I will enter Your house with whole burnt offerings;

I will pay You my vows,

which my lips uttered,

I will offer You fatted whole burnt offerings,

with incense and rams.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 2:40-52

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The child was growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according tothe custom of the feast, and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. Joseph and his mother did not know it. Supposing him to be in the company, they went a day’s journey and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed by his understanding and answers. When his parentse saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you.”

He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” They did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. Then he went down with them, and came to Nazareth. He was subject to them, and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, as well as in favor with God and men. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 49:14, 23

A Psalm of David.

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise,

and pay your vows to the Most High.

A sacrifice of praise will glorify Me,

and this is the way by which I will show him the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 2:21-39

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When the eight days were fulfilled and time came for the circumcision of the child, he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, Joseph and Mary brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. (For it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”). [They also brought him] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s anointed. He came in the Spirit into the temple. The parents brought in the child Jesus in order to do according to the custom of the law concerning him.28Then Simeon took Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying,

*Now you let your servant depart in peace, Master,*

*according to your word,*

*for my eyes have seen your salvation,*

*which you have prepared before the face of all peoples;*

*a light to enlighten the gentiles,*

*and the glory of your people Israel.*

Joseph and his mother were wondering at the things which were spoken concerning him. 34Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother,

*“Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and*

*for a sign which is spoken against. Yes, a sword will pierce through your*

*own soul, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”*

There was a certain Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, 37and she had been a widow for about eighty-four years), who did not depart from the temple, offering divine service with fastings and petitions night and day. Coming up at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Jesusd to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem

When they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. Glory be to God forever.

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#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 41:3a, 6cd

A Psalm of David.

My soul thirsts for the living God.

Hope in God, for I will confess Him;

my God is the salvation of my face.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 4:12-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14so that what had been spoken through Isaias (Isaiah) the prophet might be fulfilled:

*The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,*

*toward the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,*

*the people who sat in darkness saw a great light,*

*to those who sat in the region and shadow of death,*

*to them light has dawned.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother. They were casting a net into the sea as they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fish for people!”

Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. At once, they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 41:8a, 9c

A Psalm of David.

Deep calls to deep at the roar of Your waterfalls;

with me [is]

a prayer to the God of my life.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:22-29

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He stayed there with them, and baptized. John also was baptizing at Enon near Salim, because there was much water there, and people came, and [they] were baptized. (For John had not yet been thrown into prison). Now, there arose a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with some Jews about ceremonial washing. They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you bore witness, behold, this one is [now] baptizing and everyone is coming to him!”

John answered, “No one can receive anything, unless it has been given him from heaven. You yourselves testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before him.’ He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands [by] and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. And so my joy is fulfilled. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 44:3

A Psalm of David.

You are more beautiful than the sons of men;

grace has poured out from Your lips;

therefore God has blessed You forever.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 3:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. He came into the entire region around the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for remission of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaias the prophet:

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness,*

*‘Make ready the way of the Lord.*

*Make his paths straight.*

*Every valley will be filled.*

*Every mountain and hill will be brought low.*

*The crooked will become straight,*

*and the rough ways smooth.*

*All flesh will see God’s salvation.’*

To the multitudes who went out to be baptized by him, John said, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore, bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say among yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father;’ for I tell you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones! Even now the axe also lies at the root of the tree, and so every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is [to be] cut down and thrown into the fire.”

The multitudes asked him, “What then must we do?”

John answered them, “Whoever has two coats should give to the one who has none. Who has food should do likewise.”

Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what must we do?”

He replied, “Do not collect more than what is appointed to you.”

Soldiers also asked him, “What about us? What must we do?”

He said to them, “Extort from no one by violence and do not accuse anyone wrongfully. Be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were in expectation, and everyone reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he was the Christ, John answered them all, “I indeed baptize you with water, but he comes who is more powerful than I! I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals! He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire! His fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.”

With many other exhortations, he preached Good News to the people. Glory be to God forever.

## February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

### The First Sunday of February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 81:8, 6

A Psalm of David.

Arise, O God, judge the earth,

for You will inherit all the nations

I said, “you are gods

and all of you are sons of the Most High.”

Alleluia.

##### John 6:15-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force in order to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea where they got into the boat and headed across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not returned to them. Because a great wind was blowing, the sea became rough. After rowing about three or four miles, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching the boat. And they were frightened, but Jesus said to them, “It is I! Do not be afraid!” At this, they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately, the boat reached the shore where they were going. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 118:105, 135

A Psalm of David.

Your word is a lamp to my feet,

and a light to my paths.

Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

and teach me Your statutes.

Alleluia.

##### John 8:51-59

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Amen, amen, I tell you; whoever keeps my word will never see death.”

Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, and [so did] the prophets; and [yet] you say, ‘whoever keeps my word will never see death.’ Are you greater than our father, Abraham, who died? The prophets died [too]. Who do you claim to be?”

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is our God. You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I [do] know him, and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it, and was glad!”

At this, the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; before Abraham came into existence, I am.b”

Therefore, they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus was hidden, and having gone through their midst and so passing by, he went out of the temple. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 95:6, 4

A Psalm of David.

Confession and beauty are before Him;

holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

For the Lord is great, and very much praiseworthy;

He is to be feared above all gods,

Alleluia.

##### John 6:22-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the next day, the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one in which his disciples had embarked, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples had gone away alone. However, [a few] boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. And so, when the multitude noticed that neither Jesus nor his disciples was not there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum to seek Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you arrive here?”

Jesus answered them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were satisfied. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For the Father has sealed him – [even] God!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 14:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, who will dwell in Your tabernacle,

or who will live on Your holy mountain?

He who walks blamelessly, and works righteousness,

who speaks truth in his heart.

Alleluia.

##### John 4:46-53

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Therefore, Jesus returned to Cana of Galilee where he had turned the water into wine. Now, there was a certain royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and begged him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus then said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will never believe!”

The nobleman said to him, “Sira, come down before my child dies.” Jesus told him, “Go on your way. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and he went on his way. Even as he was on the way, his servants met him and told him the news: “Your child lives!” He asked them the hour when the boy had begun to get better. Then, they told him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour, the fever left him!” And so, the father learnedc that it was at that [very] hour in which Jesus had said to him, “Your son lives.” And he believed, along with his whole household. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 23:3, 4a

A Psalm of David.

Who will ascend into the mountain of the Lord,

or who will stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:17-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. N. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be saved through him. The one believing in him is not judged, but whoever does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in the Name of the only-begottene Son of God. This is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who practices evil hates the light and does not come to the light, for fear that his works would be exposed. But whoever practices the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be revealed as done in God.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 95:7, 8, 9a

A Psalm of David.

Bring to the Lord, O families of nations,

bring to the Lord glory and honour;

bring to the Lord the glory due to His Name;

raise offerings and enter into His courts;

worship the Lord in His holy court.

Alleluia.

##### John 6:5-14

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus looked up and saw that a great crowd was coming to him, he asked Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these [people] may eat?” But he said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, so that everyone might receive [even] a little!”

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves [of bread] and two fish, but what are these among so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now, there was much grass in that place; and so the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he distributed [it] to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting down; and [he did] likewise with the fish, as much as they desired. When they were filled, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, so that nothing be lost!” And so, they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign which Jesus had accomplished, they said, “This is truly the prophet who comes into the world!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 16:16, 3a

A Psalm of David.

As for me, in righteousness I will behold Your face,

and will be satisfied when Your glory is revealed.

You tested my heart when You visited me in the night.

Alleluia.

##### John 5:39-47

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me. Yet, you will not come to me to have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I know you, that you do not have God’s love in yourselves. I have come in my Father’s Name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him! How can you believe, since you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is in fact Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 88:53, 50

A Psalm of David.

Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen! Amen!

Where are Your mercies of old, O Lord,

which You swore to David by Your truth?

Alleluia.

##### John 12:44-50

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus cried aloud, “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in the one who sent me! Whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as a light into the world, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in the dark. If anyone listens to my sayings and does not believe, I do not judge this person. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world! Whoever rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge [already]: the word that I spoke is what will judge such a person in the last day. For I did not speak from myself; instead, the Father who sent me has given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. I know that his commandment is eternal life. And therefore what the Father has told me is what I speak.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 88:2a and half of b, 7

A Psalm of David.

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever;

I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth,

for who in the clouds can equal the Lord?

And who among the sons of God can be compared with the Lord?

Alleluia.

##### John 6:27-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For the Father has sealed him – [even] God!”

As a result, they asked him, “What must we do, that we may accomplish the works of God?”

Jesus answered, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent!”

So they said to him, “What then do you do for a sign, so that we may see and believe you? What work do you accomplish? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness! As it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’”

3esus therefore said to them, “Amen, amen, I tell you; it was not Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is what comes down out of heaven, and [it] gives life to the world.”

Then they said to him, “Lord, always give us this bread!”

Jesus told them, “I am the bread of life! The one who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But I told you that you have seen me, and yet, you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who is coming to me I will in no way reject. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but [to do] the will of the one who sent me. This is the will of my Father who sent me: that of all he has given me, I should lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. This is the will of the one who sent me: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and this onec I will raise up on the last day.”

At this, the Jews began to murmur concerning him, because he had said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

Therefore, Jesus answered them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and this one I will raise up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Therefore, everyone who hears from the Father and has learned comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father! Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 91:5, 6

A Psalm of David.

For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your works,

and I will rejoice at the works of Your hands.

How magnificent are Your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Alleluia.

##### Luke 17:1-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus told the disciples, “It is impossible that no occasions of stumbling should come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for such a person to have a millstone hung around the neck and be thrown into the sea, rather than to cause any of these little ones to stumble. Be careful! If your brother sins against you, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in the day, and comes back seven times, saying: ‘I repent!’ you must forgive him.”

The apostles also said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

The Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore tree, ‘Be uprooted and transplanted into the sea,’ and it would obey you!

But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or sheepherding, that will say when that servant returns from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down at the table.’ Instead, will you not tell him, ‘Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me while I eat and drink. Afterwards, you may eat and drink’? Does the mastera thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not! So you also, when you have done all those things which you are commanded [to do], say, ‘We are unworthy servants, we have [only] done our duty!’” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 88:12, 2

A Psalm of David.

The heavens belong to You, and the earth is Yours;

You founded the world and all that is in it.

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever;

I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth from generation to generation.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 17:11-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, it happened that he was passing between [the borders of] Samaria and Galilee. As he entered into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met him, and they stood at a distance. They lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

When Jesus saw them, he told them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And it happened that as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks; and this man was a Samaritan. Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? But where are the nine [others]? Was no one found who came back to glorify God, except for this foreigner?” 1hen Jesus said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has healed you!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 23:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

the world and all who dwell in it.

He has set it firmly on the seas,

and prepared it on the rivers.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 19:1-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, and could not because of the crowd, because he was short. He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus who was [about] to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up, saw Zacchaeus, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house!” He hurried, came down, and received Jesus with joy. But when the people saw it, they all grumbled, saying, “He has gone in to stay with a man who is a sinner!”

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have wrongfully obtained money from anyone, I restore four times as much!”

Then Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

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## April or Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ

## May or Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ

### The Third Sunday of May or Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 78:13a, 9ab and the first half of c

A Psalm of David.

But we [are] Your people and the sheep of Your pasture,

Help us… for the [sake of the] glory of Your Name, O Lord,

and forgive our sins

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 22:34-40

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together.

One of them, a lawyer, then asked him a question in order to test him. “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. The second is likewised, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 73:12, 18 first half of 8

A Psalm of David.

Yet God is our eternal King;

He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Remember this, [Your creation].

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the bodye of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place.

Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 67:27, 20ab

A Psalm of David.

Bless God in the churches,

[bless] the Lord from the fountains of Israel!

Blessed be the Lord God;

blessed be the Lord from day to day!

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:25-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Behold, an expert in the law stood up and tested him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

The man answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus answered, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him half-dead. By chance, a certain priest was going down that way. But when the priest saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite also came to the place, but when he saw the beaten man, he [also] passed by on the other side. Now, a certain Samaritan was traveling and arrived at the spot where the man was. When the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and wrapped his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He placed the man on his own animal and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he was leaving, he took out two denarii and gave them to the host, saying to him, ‘Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.’ Now, which one of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

The lawyer replied, “The one who showed mercy on him!” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of May or Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 45:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

“Be still and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our protector.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 22:41-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now while the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Messiahf? Whose son is he?”

They answered, “[He is the son] of David.”

Jesus said to them, “How, then, does David, in the Spirit, call him ‘Lord’, saying:

*‘TheLord said to my Lord,*

*sit at my right hand,*

*until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet?’*

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on, no one dared to ask him any more questions. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 46:7, 8

A Psalm of David.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises;

Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth;

sing praises with understanding.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first. Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbounid!” (which is to say, “Teachere!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethrena and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your Godb.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 65:4ab, 1b, 2a

A Psalm of David.

Let all the earth worship You

and sing to You;

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Sing to His Name.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:1-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Full of the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. For forty days, he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing in those days and afterward, when they were completed, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread!”

Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”c

Leading him up on a high place, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The devil said to him, “I will give you all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me and I give it to whomever I want. If you therefore will worshipd me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered him, “Get behind me Satane! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and to him only shall you offer divine service.’”

The devil led him to Jerusalem, set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here, for it is written,

*‘He will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you;’*

and,

*‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest perhaps you dash your foot against a stone.’*

In reply, Jesus said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”

When the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him until another time. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of May or Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 92:3, 4a

A Psalm of David.

The rivers have raised themselves up, O Lord,

the rivers haved lifted up their voices;

[the rivers lift up their voices, more than]

the voices of their many waters.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 14:15-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This place is deserted, and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We only have here five loaves and two fish!”

Jesus said, “Bring them to me.” Having instructed the crowds to sit down on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fish. Looking up to heaven, he blessed, broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples distributed it to the multitudes. And so, everyone ate and was satisfied. His disciples gathered up twelve baskets full of what remained left over from the broken pieces. Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### 96:11, 12

A Psalm of David.

Light has dawned for the righteous,

and joy for the upright in heart.

Be glad in the Lord, O you righteous,

and confess [Him] at the remembrance of His holiness.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 6:35-44

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When it was late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, “This place is deserted and it is late in the day. Send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages to buy bread, for they have nothing to eat.”

But Jesus answered them, “You give them something to eat!”

They asked him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give them something to eat?”

Jesus replied, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

When they had found out, they said, “Five loaves and two fish.”

Jesus gave them instructions that everyone should sit down in groups on the green grass, and people sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves. He then gave it to his disciples to set before the people, and he distributed the two fish among them all. Everyone ate and was satisfied, and the disciples collected twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who ate the loaves numbered about five thousand men. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 142:6, 7ab

A Psalm of David.

I spread forth my hands to You;

my soul thirsts for You like a parched land. *(Pause)*

Hear me quickly, O Lord:

my spirit has failed.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:12-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Late in the afternoon, the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the people away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and farms to find lodging and get food, for we are here in a deserted place.”

But Jesus said to them, “You give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.” (For they were about five thousand men).

Jesus then said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” They did so, and made them all sit down. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. Everybody ate, and all were satisfied. The disciples gathered up twelve baskets of broken pieces that were left over. Glory be to God forever.

## June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

### The First Sunday of June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 9:11

A Psalm of David.

Let those who know Your Name put their hope in You,

for You have never forsaken those who seek You, O Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 17:1-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and he brought them up into a high mountain by themselves. [There], he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elias appeared to them, talking with him.

Peter then said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here! If you want, let us make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias.”

While Peter was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And behold, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were very afraid. Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” Lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them this order, “Do not tell anyone what you saw, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

His disciples asked him, “Why then is it that the scribes say that Elias must come first?”

Jesus answered them, “Elias indeed comes first, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elias has already come, and they did not recognize him. Instead, they did to him whatever they wanted to. Likewise, the Son of Man will also suffer at their hands.” Then, the disciples understood that he was speaking about John the Baptist. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 66:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

May God have compassion on us and bless us,

and may He manifest His face upon us,

and have mercy upon us, *(Pause)*

that we may know Your way upon the earth,

[and] Your salvation among all nations.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 28:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came to roll away the stone from the door, and [the angel] sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. Our of fear, the guards trembled and became as dead. The angel told the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lordb was lying. Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, this is my message for you.”

They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to report it to his disciples. As they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!”

They cameand took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go tell my brethren that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they were assembled with the presbyters in order to take counsel, they gave the soldiers a large amount of silver, with these words, “Say that his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept. If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry.” And so, they took the money and did as they were told. This story is widespread among the Jews until this day.

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some [still] doubted. Jesus came to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 142:10b, 8

A Psalm of David.

Your good Spirit will guide me to the land of uprightness.

Let me hear Your mercy in the morning,

for I have hoped in You.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:1-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

One day, when Jesus had finished praying in a certain place, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say:

*‘Our Father in heaven,*

*May your Name be kept holy!*

*May your Kingdom come!*

*May your will be done on Earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us day by day our daily bread.*

*4Forgive us our sins,*

*for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us;*

*and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’*

He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend. You go to this friend’s house at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread! A friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him. Then, the one inside answers and says, ‘Do not bother me! The door is now shut and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’! I tell you, although he will not get up and give food to him because they are friends, yet because of the requester’sd bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives. Whoever seeks finds. To the one who knocks it will be opened.

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if a son asks for a fish, the father will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 15:7, 8

A Psalm of David.

I will bless the Lord Who makes me to understand,

so that even at night my heart instructs me.

I see the Lord before me continually,

for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:38-41

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into Simon’s house. Simon’s mother-in-law was afflicted with a great fever, and they begged him for her. He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately, she rose up and served them. When the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Rebuking them, Jesus did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 33:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

I will bless the Lord at all times,

His praise will be continually in my mouth.

My soul will be praised in the Lord;

let the meek hear and be glad.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 12:7, 6

A Psalm of David.

I will sing to the Lord, my benefactor,

and I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

But I hope in Your mercy;

my heart will rejoice in Your salvation.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 5:17-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

It happened on one of those days, that Jesus was teaching; and there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every village of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. The power of the Lord was with him to heal the people. Behold, men brought a paralyzed man on a cot, and they sought to bring him in to lay before Jesus. Not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up to the housetop and let him down through the tiles with his cot, right in the center, in front of Jesus. 2eeing their faith, he said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

The scribes and the Pharisees began to wonder, saying, “Who is this that speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?”

But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, answered them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts in such as way? Which is easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you;’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” (he said to the paralyzed man), “I tell you, arise, and take up your cot, and go to your house.”

Immediately, the man rose up before them and took up what he was laying on, and departed to his house, glorifying God. Amazement took hold of all, and they glorified God. They were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 6:2, 37:16

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, rebuke me[, but] not in Your anger;

and chasten me[, but] not in Your wrath.

For in You, O Lord, I hope;

You will hear me, O Lord my God.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 7:7-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Ask, and it will be given you! Seek, and you will find! Knock, and it will be opened for you! For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To the one who knocks it will be opened. Who is there among you, who, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, who will give him a snake? If you then who are evil [still] know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Therefore, whatever you desire other people to do for you, you shall also do for them! This is the law and the prophets. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 37:22, 23

A Psalm of David.

Do not forsake me, O Lord;

O my God, do not be far from me.

Come to my help,

O Lord of my salvation.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 60:6, 9

A Psalm of David.

For You, O God, hear my prayers;

You give an inheritance

to those who fear Your Name.

So I will sing praise to Your Name forever and ever,

that I may perform my vows from day to day.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 12:22-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Then, a person possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him. Jesus healed him, so that the blind and mute man was now able to speak and to see. The crowds were amazed and exclaimed, “Can this be the son of David?” However, when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man can only cast out demons by {the authority of} Beelzebul, the prince of the demons!”

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus told them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? If it is by Beelzebul that I cast out demons, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can someone enter into the house of the strong man, and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the strong man? Then he will [be able to] plunder his house.

Whoever is not with me is against me! Whoever does not gather with me scatters! Therefore, I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, neither in this age, nor in the one which is to come.

Make the tree good and its fruit [will be] good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt, for the tree is known by its fruit. You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? Indeed, words flow out of what fills the hearta. The good man brings out good things out of his good treasure, and the evil man brings out evil things out of his evil treasure. I tell you that for every idle word that people speak, they will give an account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 83:9, 5

A Psalm of David.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob.

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;

they will praise You forever and ever.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 5:34-48

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But I tell you: do not swear at all! Neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not even swear by your head because you cannot make a single hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ be ‘No.’ Whatever goes beyond these is from the evil one.

You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you: do not resist one who is evil, but to whoever strikes you on your right cheek, present the other cheek as well. If anyone sues you to take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him for two. Give to whoever asks you, and do not deny whoever desires to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you! Pray for those who mistreat you and

persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust. And so, if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? If you only greet your friends, what more do you do than others? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? Therefore, be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 60:6, 9

A Psalm of David.

For You, O God, hear my prayers;

You give an inheritance

to those who fear Your Name.

So I will sing praise to Your Name forever and ever,

that I may perform my vows from day to day.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first. Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbounid!” (which is to say, “Teachere!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethrena and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your Godb.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 68:33b, 34a, 31

A Psalm of David.

Seek God, and your soul shall live,

for the Lord hears the poor,

I will praise the Name of God with a song;

I will magnify Him with praise.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:27-38

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But I tell you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. To the one who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other [cheek]. If someone takes away your cloak, do not refuse your coat also. Give to anyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

As you would like others to do to you, do the same to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them! If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same! If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive [back], what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back. Then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind [even] to the ungrateful and evil.

*Therefore, be merciful,*

*even as your Father is also merciful.*

*Do not judge,*

*and you will not be judged.*

*Do not condemn,*

*and you will not be condemned.*

*Set free,*

*and you will be set free.*

Give, and it will be given to you: a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing will be given to you. For with the same measure you measure, it will be measured back to you.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

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## July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

### The First Sunday of July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 19:7ab, 10

A Psalm of David.

Now I know that the Lord has saved His Christ;

He will hear Him from His holy heaven,

O Lord, save Your king,

and hear us when we call upon You.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:1-6

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Calling his twelve disciples together, Jesus gave them power and authority over all demons, and [power] to cure diseases. He sent them forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Jesus said to them, “Do not take anything for the journey - no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave from there. Wherever people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them.”

They departed and went throughout the villages, preaching the Good News, and healing everywhere. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 30:24ab, 20ab

A Psalm of David.

Love the Lord, all you His Saints,

for the Lord preserves the faithful.

How great is Your infinite goodness, O Lord,

which You have hidden for those who fear You.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 28:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came to roll away the stone from the door, and [the angel] sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. Our of fear, the guards trembled and became as dead. The angel told the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lordb was lying. Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, this is my message for you.”

They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to report it to his disciples. As they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!”

They came and took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go tell my brethrene that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they were assembled with the presbyters in order to take counsel, they gave the soldiers a large amount of silver, with these words, “Say that his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept. 1f this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry.” And so, they took the money and did as they were told. This story is widespread among the Jews until this day.

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some [still] doubted. Jesus came to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 88:8

A Psalm of David.

God is glorified in the council of saints,

great and awesome above all those around Him.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, the Lord also appointed seventy[-two] others and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place where he was about to go. Jesus said to them, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your ways, [but] be aware that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a purse, a wallet, or sandals. Do not greet anyone on the way. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ If a followerc of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that house, eating and drinking what they will give [you], for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever town you enter and if the people welcome you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ But if you enter into any town and people there do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near to you!’ I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for such a city.

Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But in the judgment, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. You, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to hades! Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy[-two] returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your Name!”

Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven! Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 127:1, 5

A Psalm of David.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,

who walk in His ways.

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

And may you see the joys of Jerusalem

all the days of your life.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 16:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager. An accusation was made to him that this man was wasting his possessions. He called his manager and told him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an accounting of your stewardship, for you can no longer be [my] steward.’

The manager said within himself, ‘What will I do, seeing that my lord is taking away the management position from me? I do not have strength to dig! I am ashamed to beg! I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ Calling each one of his lord’s debtors to him, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe to my lord?’ The man replied, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ That one said, ‘A hundred corsc of wheat.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

His master praised the dishonest manager because he had acted wisely, for the children of this world are wiser than the children of the light in [dealing with] their own kind. I tell you, make for yourselves friends by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails you, you may be received into the eternal dwellings. Whoever is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much. Whoever is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with true riches? If you have not been faithful in what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate one and love the other; or else he will be attached to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they scoffed at him. Jesus told them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of people, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were [proclaimed] until John [came]. Since then, the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it. Yet, it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tiny stroke of a pen in the law to fall [out]. Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another [woman] commits adultery; and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 40:2, 3ab

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is he who considers the poor and needy;

the Lord will deliver him in an evil day.

The Lord will guard him and give him life,

and will bless him on the earth.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 118:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Blessed are the blameless in the way,

who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they who search out His testimonies;

They will seek Him with their whole heart.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 18:1-9

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

Jesus called a little child to himself and set him in their midst. He then said, “Amen, I tell you that unless you change and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives such a little child in my Name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for such a person that a huge millstone be hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! Such occasions are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom the occasion does come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you! It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled rather than to have two hands or two feet and yet be cast into eternal fire. If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than to be cast into the Gehenna of fire having two eyes. Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 51:11cd, 10cd

A Psalm of David.

I will wait on Your Name,

for it is good in the sight of Your saints.

I hope in the mercy of God

Forever and unto the age of ages.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:7-15

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus noticed how people chose the best seats, he told the guest a parable, saying, “When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit in the best seat. It could be that someone more honorable than you might have been invited by the host, and he who invited both of you would come and tell you, ‘Make room for this person.’ Then, with shame, you would proceed to take the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place. And so, when the host comes, he may tell you, ‘Friend, move up higher!’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Jesus also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends, brothers, kinsmen or rich neighbors because they might return the favor and pay you back. Instead, when you give a feast, ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, or the blind [to come]. Then, you will be blessed, because they do not have the means to pay you back. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

When one of those who sat at the table with him heard these things, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will feast in the Kingdom of God!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 134:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

Praise the Name of the Lord,

O servants [of the Lord]; praise [Him],

you who stand in the house of the Lord,

in the courts of the house of our God.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the bodye of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 144:18

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways,

and holy in all His works.

The Lord is near to all who call on Him,

to all who call on Him in truth.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 9:10-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When they returned, the apostles told him what things they had done.

Then, Jesus took them with him and they withdrew to a deserted place [which was part] of a city called Bethsaida.

But the crowd perceived this and followed him. Jesus welcomed them, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and cured those who needed healing. Late in the afternoon, the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the people away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and farms to find lodging and get food, for we are here in a deserted place.”

But Jesus said to them, “You give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.” (For they were about five thousand men).

Jesus then said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” They did so, and made them all sit down. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. Everybody ate, and all were satisfied. The disciples gathered up twelve baskets of broken pieces that were left over. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 58:10b, 11a, 18a

A Psalm of David.

You, O God, are my protector.

My God—His mercy will go before me;

You are my helper, I will sing to You.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:1-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

When Jesus had finished speaking all that he wanted the people to hear, he entered into Capernaum. There was the servant of a certain centurion, a man highly valued by his master who was sick and at the point of death. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him presbyters of the Jews to ask him to come and save his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him saying, “This man deserves to have you do this because he loves our nation and [even] built our synagogue for us.” Jesus went along with them, but as he was approaching the house, the centurion sent word to him by some friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. Therefore, I did not even think myself worthy to come to you. But [only] say the word and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man placed under authority, and I have soldiers under my command. I tell this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him. Turning around, he said to the multitude who followed him, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel!” And the messengers, returning to the house, found that the servant who had been sick was [now] well. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 85:12, 13 (except end)

A Psalm of David.

I will confess You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

And I will glorify Your Name forever,

for Your mercy towards me is great,

and You have rescued my soul.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first. Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaicc, “Rabbounid!” (which is to say, “Teachere!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethrena and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 39:6abcd, 17cd

A Psalm of David.

Many are Your works, O Lord my God,

the wondrous things You have made.

There is no one who can be likened to You

in Your thoughts.

and let those who love Your salvation

say continually, “The Lord be magnified!”

Alleluia.

##### John 11:1-45

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. It was that [same] Mary who had anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair and whose brother, Lazarus, was sick. So the sisters sent [word] to Jesus, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom you lovea is sick!” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.” Now, Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. Yet, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed two days in the place where he was. After this, he said to the disciples, “Let us go into Judea again.”

The disciples told him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you are going there again?”

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Someone who walks in the day does not stumble because he sees the light of this world. But someone who walks in the night will stumbles because the light is not in him.” He said these things, and then added, “Our friend, Lazarus, has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may awake him out of sleep.”

At this, the disciples said, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”

Now, Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he had spoken of taking rest in sleep. And so, Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But, let us go to him.”

Then Thomas (who is called Didymus) said to his fellow-disciples, “Let us go also, so that we may die with him.”

And so, when Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already. 18Now, Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. Many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house.

Therefore, Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died! Even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life! The one who believes in me, even though he dies, will live! Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She answered, “Yes, Lord! I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who comes into the world.”

When she had said this, she went away, and called her sister Mary in privatea, saying, “The Teacher is here, and [he] is calling you.”

When Mary heard this, she arose quickly and went to him. Now, Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha had met him. Then the Jews who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw that she got up quickly and went out. They followed her because they thought, “she is going to the tomb to weep there.” Therefore, when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died!”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her [also] weeping, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus wept.

At this, the Jews said, “See how much affection he had for Lazarus!” Some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the man who was blind have also kept Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus therefore, being again deeply moved, came to the tomb. Now, it was a cave, and a stone was placed against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days!”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see God’s glory?”

And so, they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, “Father, I thank you that you have listened to me. I know that you always listen to me, but because of the multitude that stands around, I said this, so that they may believe that you sent me.” After saying this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

Then, he who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth.

Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

As a result, many of the Jews who had come to Mary and had seen what Jesus had accomplished believed in him. Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

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## August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ and Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

### The First Sunday of August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ and Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 32:22

A Psalm of David.

May Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

as we hope in You.

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him,

on those who hope in His mercy.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 6:45-56

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

At once, he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself sent the crowd away. After he had taken leave of them, he went up the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the shore. Seeing the disciples hard pressed in their rowing as the wind was against them, he came to them when it was about the fourth watch of the night. He walked on the sea and would have passed by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought that it was a ghost and cried out. They all saw him and were troubled, but immediately, Jesus spoke with them, and said, “Rejoice! It is I! Do not be afraid!” He got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. They were utterly astonished and marveled greatly because they had not understood about the [miracle of the] loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

After crossing over, they landed at Gennesaret and moored the boat to the shore. When they came out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him. They swarmed that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard that he was. Wherever he entered, into villages, cities, or into the country, people laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him to be able to touch just the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched him were made well. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 32:20, 21

A Psalm of David.

Our soul waits for the Lord;

for He is our helper and protector;

For our heart rejoices in Him,

and we hope in His holy Name.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 28:1-20

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came to roll away the stone from the door, and [the angel] sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. Our of fear, the guards trembled and became as dead. The angel told the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying. Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, this is my message for you.”

They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to report it to his disciples. As they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!”

They cameand took hold ofhis feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go tell my brethrene that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they were assembled with the presbyters in order to take counsel, they gave the soldiers a large amount of silver, with these words, “Say that his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept. If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry.” And so, they took the money and did as they were told. This story is widespread among the Jews until this day.

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some [still] doubted. Jesus came to them and said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 79:15, 16a

A Psalm of David.

O God of hosts, return us;

look from heaven, and behold,

and visit this vine,

which Your right hand has planted, and restore it.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 20:9-19

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

He began to tell the people this parable. “A certain man planted a vineyard and rented it out to some farmers, and went into another country for a long time. At the proper season, he sent a servant to the farmers to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty. The owner then sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, treated him with contempt, and sent him away empty. The owner sent yet a third [servant], and they also wounded him, and threw him out. Then, the lord of the vineyard thought, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son! It may be that seeing him, they will respect him.’

But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying: ‘This is the heir! Come, let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ So, they threw the sonc out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now, what will the lord of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy these farmers, and he will give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they exclaimed, “May it never be!” But Jesus looked at them, and said, “Then what is this that is written:

*‘The stone which the builders rejected,*

*Has become the chief cornerstone?’*

*Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces,*

*and it will crush to dust whoever it falls on.*

The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to lay hands on him that very hour, but they feared the people because they knew that he had spoken this parable against them. Glory be to God forever.

### The Second Sunday of August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ and Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:145a, 146

A Psalm of David.

I cry with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord;

I cry to You; save me,

and I will keep Your testimonies.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 18:9-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. L uke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Jesus also spoke this parable to certain people who were convinced of their own righteousness and who despised everyone else.

“Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed by himself, like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, dishonest, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I earn.’ But the tax collector, standing far aside, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven. Instead, he would beat his breast, saying: ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man, rather than the other, went down to his house justified. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

People were also bringing their infants to him, so that Jesus might touch them. But when the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. Jesus summoned his disciples and told them, “Allow the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I tell you: whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will in no way enter into it.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 88:2, 3

A Psalm of David.

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever;

I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth from generation to generation.

For You said, “Mercy shall be built up forever.

Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

Alleluia.

##### Mark 16:2-8

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Very early on the first day of the week, they arrived at the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone was [already] rolled back, although it was extremely large.

Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here! Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.’”

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 88:6, 16

A Psalm of David.

The heavens will confess Your wonders, O Lord,

indeed, Your truth in the Church of the Saints.

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout;

They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 5:27-39

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

After these things, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office. He said to him, “Follow me!”

Levi left everything, got up and began to follow Jesus. He made a great feast for him in his house. There was a great crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining with them. The scribes and the Pharisees murmured against Jesus’ disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

They asked him, “Why do John’s disciples often fast and pray, like also the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink?”

Jesus said to them, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast, while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then they will fast in those days.” He also told them a parable: “No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old garment, or else he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match the old. No one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved. No man having drunk old wine immediately desires new, for he says, ‘The old is better!’” Glory be to God forever.

### The Third Sunday of August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ and Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 5:8abc, 12ab

A Psalm of David.

But as for me, in Your abundant mercy

I will enter Your house;

I will bow down towards Your holy temple.

Let all who hope in You be glad;

they will rejoice forever.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 11:27-36

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman called out from the crowd and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you!”

But Jesus said, “Yes and more than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This is an evil generation; it asks for a sign. No sign will be given to this generation except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, the Son of Man will also be a sign to this generation. The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment along with the people of this generation, and she will condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, someone greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation and they will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, someone greater than Jonah is here.

No one who has lit a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket! Instead, it is placed on a stand so that those who come in may see the light. The lamp of the body is the eye! Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body is also full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is full of darkness. And so, see whether the light that is in you is not darkness. If your whole body is full of light, having no dark part, it will be completely full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 14:1, 2

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, who will dwell in Your tabernacle,

or who will live on Your holy mountain?

He who walks blamelessly, and works righteousness,

who speaks truth in his heart.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 24:1-12

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. So they entered in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Terrified, the women bowed their faces to the ground.

They said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen! Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and [on] the third day rise again?”

Then they remembered his words. Returning from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to be nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. However, Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. He returned to his home, wondering what had taken place. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 27:2a, 7a, 6

A Psalm of David.

Hear, O Lord, the cry of my supplication.

The Lord is my helper and my protector;

blessed be the Lord, for He has heard

the voice of my supplication.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:22-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

The scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and, “He is casting out demons by the [authority of the] prince of the demons!”

Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but has [come to] an end. But no one can enter into the house of a strong man to plunder it, unless he first bindsc the strong man. Then he will plunder his house. Amen, all human sins will be forgiven, and all the blasphemies ever uttered; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”. [He spoke these words] because they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

His mother and his brothers came and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A large group was sitting around him, and they told him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, looking for you.”

He answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother, and my sister, and mother.” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fourth Sunday of August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ and Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:169a, 170b, 176

A Psalm of David.

Let my supplication come before You, O Lord;

deliver me according to Your sayings.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,

for I have not forgotten Your commandments.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 17:20-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus answered them, “The Kingdom of God does not come with observation! Neither will people say, ‘Look, here!’ or, ‘Look, there!’ for behold, the Kingdom of God is in your midstd.”

Jesus told the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. People will tell you, ‘Look, here!’ or ‘Look, there!’ Do not go away or follow [them], for as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first, he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. As it happened in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People ate, drank, got married, were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered into the ship; and the flood came, destroying them all. Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot: people ate, drank, bought, sold, planted and built. But in the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from the sky which destroyed them all. It will be the same in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. In that day, whoever is on the housetop, [having] his goods in the house, should not go down to take them away! Likewise, whoever is in the field should not return. Remember Lot’s wife! Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you that in that night, there will be two people in one bed. One will be taken, and the other will be left. There will be two grinding grain together. One will be taken, and the other will be left.” Two will be in the field: one will be taken, and the other left.

In reply, the disciples asked him, “Where, Lord?”

He said to them, “Where the body is, there the eagles will also be assembled.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 89:1, 2ab

A Psalm of David.

Lord, You have been our refuge

from generation to generation,

before the mountains came to be made

or the earth and the world were formed.

Alleluia.

##### John 20:1-18

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

Now, on the first [day] of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. At this, she ran [back] and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!”

Then, Peter and the other disciple went out toward the tomb. Both ran together: the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first. Bending over and looking inside, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter in. Then Simon Peter arrived, following him, and he entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been [placed] on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Finally, the other disciple (who had arrived first at the tomb) also entered in, and he saw and believed. (For as yet, they still did not understand the Scripture: that Jesus had to rise from the dead). After this, the disciples returned to their own homes.

However, Mary remained standing outside the tomb, weeping. As she was crying, she stooped to look inside the tomb, and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She answered, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she answered, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned around and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni!” (which is to say, “Teachere!”)

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethren and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 88:12, 13a, 14b

A Psalm of David.

The heavens belong to You, and the earth is Yours;

You founded the world and all that is in it.

You created the north and the seas;

let Your hand be strong, let Your right hand be exalted.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 13:3-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As he sat on the Mount of Olives facing the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him in private, “Tell us, when will these things take place? What is the sign that these things are all about to be fulfilled?”

Then Jesus began to tell them, “Be careful that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my Name, saying: ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.

When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Those things must take place, but the end is not [there] yet. Indeed, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom! There will be earthquakes in various places, as well as famines and troubles. These things are [only] the beginning of birth pains.

But be on your guard, for people will hand you over to the courtsb. You will be beaten in the synagogues, you will stand before rulers and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them. The Good News must first be preached to all the nations. When they take you away and arrest you, do not worry in advance. Do not think ahead about what you will say, but say whatever will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his [own] child. Children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name’s sake, but the one who endures to the end will be saved. But when you see the abomination of desolationc spoken of by Daniel the prophetd standing where it should not stand (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea should flee to the mountains. Then whoever is on the housetop should not go down or enter in to take anything out of the house. He who is in the field should not come back to take his cloak. But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babies in those days! Pray that your flight will not be in the winter. For in those days, there will be oppression such as there has not been since the beginning of God’s creation until now, and never will be. If the Lord had not cut those days short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect whom he chose, he has shortened the days. Then, if anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, there!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show signs and wonders in order to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. You, therefore, must be on your guard.

Behold, I have told you all things beforehand. But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. Then, people will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. After that, he will send out his angels and [they] will gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the sky.

Learn this parable from the fig tree. When the branch has become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near! Likewise, when you see these things taking place, know that it is near, at the doors! Amen, I tell you: this generation will not pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But no one knows that day or that hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time is.

It is like a man who journeyed to another country. He leaves his house, gives authority to his servants and to each one his task. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning. But fear that coming suddenly, he might find you sleeping. What I tell you, I [also] tell everyone: keep watch!” Glory be to God forever.

### The Fifth Sunday of August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ

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### The Fifth Sunday of August or The Sunday of Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 40:14, 13 half of a and b

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel

from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen! Amen!

You have supported me,

and established me before You forever.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 21:12-33

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But before all these things [happen], they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my Name’s sake. It will turn out for you as an occasion to bear witness. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to ponder in advance how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to withstand or contradict. You will be handed over even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all for my Name’s sake, yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will acquire your lives.

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand. Then, let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains! Let those who are in the midst of her depart! Let those who are in the countryside not enter in [the city]. For these are days of vengeancea, so that all things which are written may be fulfilled. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse infants in those days! For there will be great distress in the land, and wrath to this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and will be taken away as captives into all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars; and on the earth, the anxiety of nations, perplexed over the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear, apprehensive what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then, they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to happen, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see it and know on your own that the summer is already near. Likewise, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I tell you: this generation will not pass away until all [these] things are accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 101:13, 24b, 25a

A Psalm of David.

But You, O Lord, remain forever,

and Your remembrance is from generation to generations.

Tell me how few my days are;

Do not take me away in the midst of my days.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 13:32-37

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

But no one knows that day or that hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time is.

It is like a man who journeyed to another country. He leaves his house, gives authority to his servants and to each one his task. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning. But fear that coming suddenly, he might find you sleeping. 37What I tell you, I [also] tell everyone: keep watch!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 101:25b, 26, 27a

A Psalm of David.

Your years are throughout all generations.

In the beginning, O Lord, You founded the earth,

and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

They will perish, but You will remain.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 24:3-35

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Our Lord, God, Saviour, and King of us all, Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, to Whom is glory forever.

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him in private, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign of your comingb and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered them, “Be careful not to be led astray! For many will come in my Name, saying: ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many people astray. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Do not be troubled; all of this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines, plagues, and earthquakes in various places. But all these things are [only] the beginning of the birth pains. Then, they will deliver you up to oppression and they will kill you. You will be hated by all the nations for my Name’s sake. Many will stumble and will betray and hate each other. Many false prophets will arise and they will lead many astray. Because wickedness will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Therefore,whenyouseetheabominationofdesolation whichwasspoken about by the prophet Daniel standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. The one who is on the housetop should not [even] go down to carry out the things that are in the house. The one who is in the field should not [even] return to get his clothes. But woe to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in those days! Pray that your flight will not be in the winter or a Sabbath day. For then, there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, and such as will never be again. Unless those days were cut short, no flesh would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened.

Then, if any one tells you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or, ‘There,’ do not believe it! For false messiahs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders in order to lead many astray, and if possible, even the elect.

Behold, I have told you this in advance. If therefore people tell you, ‘Behold, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or ‘Behold, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it! For as the lightning flashes from the east and is seen even to the west, this is how the coming of the Son of Man will be.

For wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together. But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, the powers of the heavens will be shaken; and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. All the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. He will send out his angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Now, learn this parable from the fig tree. When its branch has become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near. Likewise, when you see all these things, know that the time is near, even at the doors. Amen, I tell you that this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Glory be to God forever.

### The Template

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

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A Psalm of David.

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Alleluia.

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#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

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A Psalm of David.

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Alleluia.

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#### The Liturgy Gospel

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A Psalm of David.

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1. [JS] or “reveal Your face”. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)