## 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.

### 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

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,

be joyful in 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

August 31 (September 1) / Tho-out 3, see ## Epip 3 ##.

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September 2 (3) / Tho-out 5, see ## Tobi 30 ##.

September 3 (4) / Tho-out 6, see ## Tho-out 8 ##.

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 ##.

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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 ##.

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### October 1 (2) / Paopi 4 through October ? (?) / Paopi 11

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## January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

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## April or Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ

## May or Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ

## June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

## July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

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