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# Annual Time

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### August 29 (30) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 1

Joyful Tune

**The Feast of Nairouz**

St. Bartholomew the Apostle

St. Militeus, the 3rd Patriarch of Alexandria

#### 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 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, when the sky was shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came all over the land. Elias 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) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 2

Joyful Tune

**Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

St. Dasya the Soldier and Martyr

#### 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’s 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) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 7

August 31 (September 1) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 3, see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Joyful tune. **Commemoration of the Council held in Alexandria.** St. Theodora of Alexandria. A great earthquake in 1112 A.D.

September 1 (2) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 4, see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Joyful tune. St. Macarius, the 69th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Verena.

September 2 (3) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 5, see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Joyful tune. St. Sophia the Martyr.

September 3 (4) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 6, see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Joyful tune. **Isaias** the Prophet. St. Basilissa the martyr.

September 4 (5) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 7, see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Joyful tune. **St. Disocorus,** the 25th Patriarch of Alexandria. Rebecca and her children, the martyrs. St. Severian of Gabala.

### September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8

Joyful Tune

St. Zachariah the Priest and Martyr

**Moses the Archprophet**

St. Diomede the Martyr

#### 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 Gehenna 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 appearance, 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 Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 15

September 6 (7) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 9, see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Joyful tune. St. Pisora the bishop and martyr.

September 7 (8) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 10, see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Joyful tune. **St. Matruna the martyr.** Sts. Basin and her three children, the martyrs.

September 8 (9) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 11, see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Joyful tune. St. Basilides the martyr.

September 9 (10) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 12, see November 5 (6) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 9, page 96.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of Archangel Michael. **Council of Ephesus.**

September 10 (11) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 13, see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Joyful tune. **St. Metthias II**, 90th Patriarch of Alexandria. Miracle performed by St. Basil.

September 11(12) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 14, see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Joyful tune. St. Agathon the stylite. Sts. Felix, Rigula, and Exuperius of the Theban Legion.

September 12 (13) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 15, see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Joyful tune. Translocation of the relics of St. Stephen the protomartyr.

### September 13 (14) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 16

Joyful Tune

**Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection**

Translocation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom

#### 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, 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.

### September 14 (15) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 17

Palm Tune

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Dedication of the Church of the Holy Cross)

#### 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 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 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. 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 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 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. 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 lepers, 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 master 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 place 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!”

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 all [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 God.”

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) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 18

Palm Tune

Second Day of the Feast of the Cross

St. Prophyrius the Martyr

Commemoration of St. Stephen the priest, and St. Niketa the martyr

#### 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 worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people should worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, a time 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 hour 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 spirit, 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 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.

#### 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) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 19

Palm Tune

**Third Day of the Feast of the Cross**

St. Gregory the Armenian

#### 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, looses 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 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.

### September 17 (18) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 20

See January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St Athanasius II, 28th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Melitina the virgin and martyr. **St. Theopista** the ascetic.

### September 18 (19) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 21

Annual Tune

Commemoration of the Theotokos

**St. Cyprian the bishop and martyr**

St. Justina the martyr

#### 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 basket 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 binds 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 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.

### September 19 (20) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 22 through September 22 (23) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 25

September 19 (20) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 22, see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. **Sts. Cotylas and Axoua and the friend, Tata, the martyrs**. St. Julian the martyr.

September 20 (21) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 23, see September 18 (19) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 21, page 47.

Annual tune. **Sts. Eunapios and Andrews the martyrs**. St. Thecla the martyr. The reopening of the Church of the Virgin in 1029 A.D.

September 21 (22) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 24, see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. **St. Quadratus the Disciple.** St. Gergory ascetic.

September 22 (23) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 25, see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. **Jonas the prophet.** St. Maurice and his companions.

### September 23 (24) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 26

Annual Tune

Annunciation of the nativity of St. John the Baptist

#### 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 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.

### September 24 (25) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 27 through September 31 (Oct 1) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 3

September 24 (25) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 27, see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. St. Eustathios, his wife, and their two sons, the martyrs.

September 25 (26) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 28, see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Sts. Apater and Eraee the martyrs.

September 26 (27) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 29, see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity and Resurrection. **St. Repsim and her companions, the virgins.**

September 27 (28) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 30, see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. Micracle at the hand of St. Athanasius.

September 28 (29) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 1, see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207

Annual tune. St. Anastasia the martyr.

September 30 (31) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 2, see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. The arrival of St. Severus of Antioch in Egypt.

September 31 (Oct 1) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 3, see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. St. Simon II, the 51st Patriarch of Alexandria. St. John the soldier and martyr. Sts. Ursus and Victor of the Theoban Legion.

## October or Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ

### October 1 (2) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 4 through October 8 (9) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 11

October 1(2) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 4 see March 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 13, page 231.

Annual tune. St. Bacchus, the friend of St. Sergius, the martyr.

October 2 (3) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 5 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. St. Paul the Patriarch of Constantinople.

October 3 (4) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 6 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. Hannah, the mother of Sammuel the prophet.

October 4 (5) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 7 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. St. Paul of Tamoah.

October 5 (6) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 8 see November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25, page 115.

Annual tune. **St. Matra the elder and martyr.** Abba Hor, Susanna and her children, and Abba Agathon the hermit, the martyrs.

October 6 (7) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 9 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. **St. Eumenius** the 7th Patriarch of Alexandria. Eclipse of the sun in 958 A.M. St. Simon the bishop.

October 7 (8) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 10 see March 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 13, page 231.

Annual tune. St. Sertius, the friend of St. Bachus, the martyr.

October 8 (9) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 11 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. **St. James the Patriarch of Antioch.** St. Pelagia the virgin.

### October 9 (10) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 12

Annual Tune

Commemoration of Archangel Michael

**St. Matthew the Evangelist**

St. Demetrius, the 12th Patriach of Alexandria

#### 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. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Glory be to God forever.

### October 10 (11) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 13

See May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. St. Zachariah the ascetic.

### October 11 (12) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 14

Annual Tune

St. Philip the Deacon and Martyr

#### 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 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.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

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

A Psalm of David.

Your saints [will] 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 Spirit 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

October 12 (13) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 15 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Pantilemon the physician and martyr.

October 13 (14) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 16 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Agathon the 39th patriarch of Alexandria.

October 14 (15) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 17 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Dioscorus II the 31st Patriarch of Alexandria.

October 15 (16) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 18 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. Assembly of the Council of Antioch against Pau lof Samosta**. St. Theophilus the 23rd Patriarch of Alexandria.**

October 16 (17) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 19 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. Council of Antioch against Paul of Samosata. St. Theophilus and his wife.

October 17 (18) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 20 see January 27 (28) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 2, page 210.

Annual tune. St. John colobus.

October 18 (19) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 21 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. Commemoration of the Theotokos. Translocation of the relics of Lazarus to Constantinople. **Joel the prophet**. St. Tegi.

### October 19 (20) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 22

Annual Tune

St. Luke the Evangelist

#### 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 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 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 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 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 23 (24) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 26

October 20 (21) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 23 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual Tune. **St. Joseph** the 52nd Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Dionisius of Corinth.

October 21 (22) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 24 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

Annual Tune. **Sts. Paul, Longinus, and Zena** the martyrs. Abba Hilarion the ascetic.

October 22 (23) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 25 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual Tune**. Sts. Apollo and Apip.** Consecration of the Church of St. Julian el-Akfahsee.

October 23 (24) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 26 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual Tune. **St. Timon the Disciple and martyrs.** Commemoration of the seven martyrs on the mount of St. Anthony.

### October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27

Annual Tune. Abba Macarius the bishop of Tkoou, the martyr.

#### 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 November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25, page 115.

Annual tune. Sts. Marcian and Mercurius the martyrs.

October 26 (27) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 29 see November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27, page 118.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity, and Resurrection. **St. Demetrius of Thessalonica** the martyr.

October 27 (28) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 30 see April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30, page 246.

Annual tune. Consecration of the Church of **St. Mark**, and the appearance of his head. St. Abraham the solitary.

October 28 (29) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 1 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. **St. Celopas the disciple**. Sts. Maximus, Numitius, Victor, and Philip, the martyrs.

October 29 (30) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 2 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Peter, the 27th Patriarch of Alexandria.

October 30 (31) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 3 see November 5 (6) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 9, page 96.

Annual tune. **St. Cyracus**. St. Athanasius and his sister, Irene.

October 31 (November 1) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 4 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. **Sts. John and James, the Persian bishops and martyrs.** Sts. Epimachus and Adianus the martyrs.

## November or Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ

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

Novmber 1 (2) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 5 see November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27, page 118.

Annual tune. The apparition of the head of **St. Longinus**. St. Timothy the martyr. Sts. Timothy and Maura. The translocation of the relics of St. Theodore the Prince of Shotb.

Novmber 2 (3) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 6 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. **St. Felix** of Rome. Consecration of the Church of the Virgin in Meharraque monastery.

Novmber 3 (4) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 7 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. St George of Alexandria, the martyr. St. Nehroua of Fayoum, the martyr. Consecration of the Church of **St. George** of Cappodocia. St. Mena the bishop of Tamee.

### November 4 (5) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 8

Annual Tune

Commemoration of the Four Incorporeeal Beasts

St. Pierius, the Deacon of the Catechetical School of Alexandria

#### 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, looses 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 all [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

Annual tune

**St. Isaac**, the 41st Patriarch of Alexandria

Assembly of the Holy Council of Nicaea

#### 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.

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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

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*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 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 6 (7) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 10 through Novmeber 7 (8) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 11

Novmber 6 (7) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 10 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Sophia and the fifty virgins with her, the martyrs. Assembly of a holy council in Rome.

Novmber 7 (8) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 11 see September 23 (24) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 26, page 50.

Annual Tune. **St. Anna**, the mother of the Theotokos. St. Archilaus and St. Elisha the Hegoumen, the martyrs.

### November 8 (9) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 12

Annual Tune

Commemoration of Archangel Michael

#### 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 drachma 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, and 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 June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Timothy, the bishop of Ansena. **Abba Zacharias**, the 64th Patriarch of Alexandria.

Novmber 10 (11) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 14 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual Tune. St. Martin, bishop of Tours

### November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15

Annual Tune

St. Mena the Wonder-Worker and the Martyr

#### 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.

\*Vs 33 Found in the St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society Coptic CD, but lacking in Arabic lectionaries.

#### 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 confesses 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 June 10 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 16, page 292.

Annual tune. The beginning of the Nativity Fast of Advent. The consecration of the Church of **St. Onuphrius** the pilgrim. St Bostus the bishop and martyr.

### November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17

Annual Tune

St. John Chrysostom

#### 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 shepherd 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 June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Annual tune. Sts. Arases and Junia the martyrs. St. Philip the Apostle and martyr.

Novmber 15 (16) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 19 see March 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 13, page 231.

Annual tune. The consecration of the Church of **Sts. Sergius and Bacchus**. The commemoration of the St. Bartholomew’s preaching in the oasis.

Novmber 16 (17) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 20 see April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30, page 246.

Annual tune. **St. Ananus**, the 2nd Patriarch of Alexandria. The consecration of the Church of St. Theodoros of Shatb and St. Theodoros Meshreky.

Novmber 17 (18) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 21 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. Commemoration of the Theotokos. St. Cosmos, the 54th Patriarch of Alexandria. **St. Gregory the Wonder-Worker**. Sts. /Alphaeius, Zachaeus, Romanius, John, Thomas, and Victor, the martyrs.

### November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22

Annual Tune

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, their brothers and their mother, the martyrs.

#### 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, looses 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 November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. **St. Cornelius** the Centurion. Consecration of the Church of St. Marina.

### November 20 (21) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 24

Annual Tune

Commemoraion of the Twenty-Four Presbyters

#### 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 showbread, 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 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.

The Logos became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s uniquely-begotten 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 grace. 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

Annual Tune

St. Philopater Mercurius

#### 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 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 confesses 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 Pharisees 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 November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. **Sts. Velerian and Tiburcius**, the martyrs. St. Gregory of Nyssa.

### November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27

Annual Tune

**St. James the Persian**, the martyr

The consecration of the Church of St. Victor the martyr

#### 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

Annual Tune

St. Sarapamon the Bishop of Nokiu and the martyr

#### 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 saves 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

Joyful Tune

Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity, and Resurrection

**St. Peter the High Priest** and the Seal of the Martyrs

St. Clement the bishop of rome and the martyr.

St. Catherine of Alexandria

#### 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 Jesus 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, 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

Novmber 26 (27) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 30 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. **St. Acacius the Patriarch** of Constantinople. The Consecration of the Church of Sts. Cosman, Damina, their borthers, and their mother. St. Macarius the martyr.

Novmber 27 (28) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 1 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. **St. Peter the Iberian.** The Consecration of the Church of St. Shenoute the Archimandrite.

Novmber 28 (29) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 2 see June 10 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 16, page 292.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Abba Hor the monk.

Novmber 29 (30) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 3 see April 26 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 1, page 249.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple.

November 30 (December 1) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 4 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Andrew the Apostle.

## December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ

### December 1 (2) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 4 through December 18 (19) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 21

December 1 (2) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 5 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. **Nahum the Prophet**. St. Victor the martyr. St. Isidore the martyr.

December 2 (3) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 6 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Patlas, the priest and martyr. **St. Abraham,** the 62nd Patriarch of Alexandria.

December 3 (4) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 7 see January 27 (28) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 2, page 210.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Matthew the Poor.

December 4 (5) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 8 see March 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 13, page 231.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Theoclas, the 13th Patriarch of Alexandria. Sts. Barbara and Juliana the martyrs. **Sts. Isi and Tecla** the martyrs. St. Samuel of El-Zalamun.

December 5 (6) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 9 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Peomin the confessor.

December 6 (7) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 10 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Translacation of the Relics of St. Severus of Antioch. **St. Nicholas of Myra**, the confessor.

December 7 (8) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 11 see June 10 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 16, page 292.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Pijimi

December 8 (9) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 12 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Commemoration of Archangel Michael. **St. Hedra the bishop** of Aswan. St. John the confessor. Assembly of a council in Rome in 249 A.D.

December 9 (10) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 13 see September 23 (24) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 26, page 50.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Commemoration of the Conception of **St. Anna the mother of the Theotokos**. St. Barsanuphius the martyr. St. Apracuous the ascetic. Consecration of the Church of St. Misael the pilgrim.

December 10 (11) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 14 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. **Sts. Behnam and Sarah**, his sister. St. Christodoulos the martyrs. Sts. Simon of Manoufia, Abba Hor, and Abba Menas the elder, the martyrs. St. Ammonias the bishop.

December 11 (12) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 15 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. Gregory the Armenian.

December 12 (13) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 16 see November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27, page 118.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Gideon the Judge. Sts. Haroudia, Annanias, and Khousi the martyrs of Akhmim. The consecration of the Church of **St. James the Persian**.

December 13 (14) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 17 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Translocation of the relics of St. Luke the Stylite.

December 14 (15) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 18 see October 19 (20) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 22, page 73.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Translocation of the relics of **St. Titus the Apostle**. St. Hercules the martyrs and St. Philemon the presbyter.

December 15 (16) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 19 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. St. John the bishop of El-Borolos.

December 16 (17) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 20 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Haggai the Prophet.

December 17 (18) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 21 see December 31 (January 1) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 5, page 167.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Commemoration of the Theotokos. **St. Barnabas the Disciple.**

### December 18 (19) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 22

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ Tune

**Commemoration of Archangel Gabriel**

St. Anastasius, the 36th Patriarch of Alexandria

#### 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 [Father’s Glory]\*.” Glory be to God forever.

\*Greek has “Kingdom”, but Coptic Lectionary has “Father’s Glory”.

#### 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 Prior to A.D. 2014

December 19 (20) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 23 Prior to A.D. 2014 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. **King David**. St. Timothy the pilgrim.

### December 19 (20) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 23 After A.D. 2014

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ Tune

**King David**

St. Timothy the Pilgrim

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 131:10, 11

A Psalm of David.

For Your servant David’s sake,

do not turn Your face away from Your anointed.

The Lord swore to David this truth,

and He will not annul it,

“I will set one from the fruit of your loins on your throne.”

Alleluia.

##### John 7:40-53

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.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is truly the prophet!” Others said, “This is the Christ!” But some said, “What? Does the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” And so, there arose a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him. And so, the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they asked the officers, “Why did you not bring him?”

The officers answered, “No one has ever spoken like this man!”

At this, the Pharisees replied, “You are not also led astray, are you? Have any of the rulers believed in him, or the Pharisees? But this multitude that does not know the law is accursed.”

Nicodemus (he who came to him by night, being one of them) said to them, “Does our law judge a man, unless it first hears from him personally and knows what he does?”

They answered him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search, and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” [And so, they went each one to his home.] Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

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

A Psalm of David.

Then You spoke to Your saints in a vision

and say, “I have laid help upon a mighty one;

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 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 showbread, 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 77:70, 71, 72

A Psalm of David.

He chose His servant David,

and took him from his flocks of sheep—

He took him from behind sheep giving birth

to shepherd Jacob His people,

and Israel His inheritance.

And he shepherded them in the innocence of his heart,

and guided them with the wisdom of his hands.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 22:35-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

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 likewise, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Now while the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Messiah? 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.

### December 20 (21) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 24 through December 23 (24) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 27

December 20 (21) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 24 see December 30 (31) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 4, page 164.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. **St. Ignatius, the Patriarch of Alexandria**. St. Philogonus the Patriarch of Alexandria.

December 21 (22) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 25 see January 27 (28) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 2, page 210.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Abba John Kame.

December 22 (23) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 26 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. **St. Anastasia the martyr**. St. Juliana the martyr.

December 23 (24) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 27 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

December or Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ tune. Abba Bisadi the bishop and martyr.

### December 24 (25) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 28

Annual Tune

**Preparation Day (Paramouni) of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord in the Flesh**

The Martyrdom of 150 men and 24 women from Antipolis

#### 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

Joyful Tune

**The Glorious Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord in the Flesh**

#### 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 worship 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

Joyful Tune

**The Second Day of the Glorious Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord in the Flesh**

St. John the Hegoumen

#### 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 Messiah? 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

Joyful Tune

The Third Day of the Glorious Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord in the Flesh

**St. Stephen the Protodeacon and Protomartyr**

St. Lawindianus the Martyr

The 8000 Martyrs of Akhmim

#### 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 worship 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 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 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 June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Joyful tune. **St. Theonas**, the 16th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Callinicus the bishop and martyr.

### December 29 (30) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 3

Joyful Tune

Commemoration of the Slaying of the Infants of Bethlehem

#### 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. However, 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.

### December 30 (31) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 4

Joyful Tune

St. John the Evangelist

#### 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. I 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 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.

The Logos became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s uniquely-begotten 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 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 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 love 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 Jesus 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.

### December 31 (January 1) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 5

See November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25, page 115.

Joyful tune. St. Eugenius the soldier and martyr.

## January or Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ

### January 1 (2) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 6

Joyful Tune

**The Feast of the Circumcision**

The Ascension of Elias into Heaven

St. Basil the Great, the bishop of Caesarea

St. Macianus, the 8th Patriarch of Alexandria.

#### 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 parents 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. Then 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. Simeon 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, and 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 Jesus 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.

### January 2 (3) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 7 through January 4 (5) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 9

January 2 (3) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 7 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. St. Silvester, the Patriarch of Rome.

January 3 (4) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 8 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. Consecration of the Church of St. Macarius in his monastery. St. Andronicus, the 37th Patriarch of Alexandria. **St. Benjamin**, the 38th Patriarch of Alexandria.

January 4 (5) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 9 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. St. Abraham the ascetic.

### January 5 (6) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 10

Annual Tune

**The Preparation Day (Paramouni) of the Feast of Theophany**

#### 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, so that what had been spoken through Isaias 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

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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.

### January 6 (7) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 11

Joyful Tune

The Glorious Feast of Theophany

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 41:7bc, 12cd

A Psalm of David.

Therefore I will remember You

from the land of Jordan.

Hope in God, for I will give confess Him;

My God is the salvation of my face.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 3:1-12

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In those days, John the Baptizer was preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying: “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” This is the one whom Isaias the prophet had spoken about in these words:

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

*Make ready the way of the Lord!*

*Make his paths straight.*

It was peculiar about John that he wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. Soon, people from Jerusalem, all of Judea and the entire region around the Jordan river went out to [listen to] him. They were baptized by John in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to receive his baptism, he told them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore, bring forth fruit worthy of repentance! Do not think [that you can say] to yourselves: ‘We have Abraham as our father!’ For I tell you that from these stones, God is able to raise up children to Abraham! Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees! Therefore, every tree that does not produce good fruit is to be cut down and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but he who comes after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals! He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clear his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff, he will burn up with unquenchable fire! Glory be to God forever.

#### The Gospel of the Blessing of the Waters (Lakane—the Prayer over the Basin)

##### Psalm 113:3, 5

A Psalm of David.

The sea saw [it] and fled;

the Jordan turned back.

Why was it, O sea, that you fled,

and you, O Jordan, that you turned back?

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 3:1-17

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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 Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 28:3, 4

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;

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets:

*Behold, I send my messenger before your face,*

*who will prepare your way before you.*

*The voice of one crying in the wildernesse: ‘Make ready the way of the Lord!*

*Make his paths straight!’*

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All the country of Judea and all those from Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by John in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel’s hair, a leather belt around his waist and he ate locusts and wild honey. He preached, saying, “He who comes after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to kneel down and untie the strap of his sandals. I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

It happened, in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and he was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. A voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 117:26, 28ab

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord;

we have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

You are my God, and I will confess You;

You are my God, and I will exalt You;

Alleluia.

##### John 1:18-34

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

No one has seen God at any time! The uniquely-begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, he has explained him.

This is John’s testimony, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

He admitted and did not deny [it], [plainly] admitting, “I am not the Christ!”

They asked him, “What then? Are you Elias?” He said, “I am not!” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.”

Therefore, they asked him, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

John said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaias the prophet said.”

Those who had been sent were from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the prophet?”

John answered them, “I baptize in water, but among you stands one whom you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, who is ranked before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day, John saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who is ranked before me, because he was before me.’ I did not know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water: that he would be revealed to Israel.” John bore witness, saying, “I beheld the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven and remain on him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you will see the Spirit descending and remaining, this is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’ Moreover, I myself have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” Glory be to God forever.

### January 7 (8) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 12

Joyful Tune

**The Second Day of the Glorious Feast of Theophany**

Archangel Michael

St. Theodore the Martyr

St. Anatole the Martyr

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 41:2, 7bc

A Psalm of David.

My soul longs for You, O God,

as the deer longs for springs of water.

therefore I will remember You

from the land of Jordan

Alleluia.

##### Luke 3:21-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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, after all the people were baptized, that Jesus was also baptized. As he was praying, the sky was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form as a dove on him. A voice came out of heaven, saying “You are my beloved Son! In you I am well pleased.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 33:12, 6

A Psalm of David.

Come, you children, hear me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Come to Him and be enlightened,

and your faces will never be ashamed.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 3:13-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 103:1, 2a

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, You are exceedingly magnified.

You are clothed with confession and splendor,

wrapping Yourself in light for a garment

Alleluia.

##### John 1:35-51

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.

Again, the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. He looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him speak, and they began to follow Jesus. Turning and seeing them following, Jesus asked them, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

He said to them, “Come, and see!”

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. (It was about the tenth hour). One of the two who heard John and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother, Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which translated means Christ). Andrew brought him to Jesus who looked at him, and said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Kephas” (which translated means Peter). 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.

### January 8 (9) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 13

Joyful Tune

**The Feast of the Wedding of Cana of Galilee**

St. Theopholus the Monk

St. Demiana the Martyr

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 4:8b, 9b

A Psalm of David.

[They were increased from] the harvest of their wheat, wine and oil,

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

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 19:1-12

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 had finished [speaking] these words, he departed from Galilee and arrived at the borders of Judea, beyond the Jordan. Great crowds followed him, and he healed them there. Pharisees came to him to test him, asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?”

Jesus answered, “Have not you read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be attached to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh?’ And so, they are no longer two, but one flesh! Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one tear apart.”

They asked him, “Why then did Moses command us to give our wife a bill of divorce and send her away?”

Jesus replied, “Because of the hardness of your hearts, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been so. I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, (except for reason of sexual immorality,) and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced women commits adultery.”

His disciples said to him, “If this is the situation of the man with his wife, it is not advantageous to marry!”

But Jesus said to them, “Not all men can receive this saying: only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb, there are also eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. He who is able to receive this saying, let him receive it.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 103:15ab, 24ab

A Psalm of David.

wine gladdens the heart of man,

that his face may shine with oil,

How magnificent are Your works, O Lord!

You have made all things in wisdom;

Alleluia.

##### John 4:43-54

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 the two days, he departed from there and went into Galilee. (For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country). When he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also went to the feast. 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, “Sir, 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 learned 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. This was the second sign that Jesus performed on his return from Judea into Galilee. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 76:15, 16, 17b

A Psalm of David.

You are the God Who does wonders;

You have made Your power known among the peoples.

You redeemed Your people… with Your arm.

the waters saw You and were afraid.

Alleluia.

##### John 2:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 third day, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding. When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no wine.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, is that to you and me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Whatever he tell you to do, do it.” Now, six water jars made of stone were set there, meant for rites of purification of the Jews, and they each contained two or three measures. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water!” And they filled them up to the brim. He then said to them, “Now, draw some out, and take it to the chief steward of the feast;” and they did so. When the chief steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine (not knowing where it had come from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and after the guests have drunk freely, the inferior one. But you have kept the good wine until now!” This, the beginning of his signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Glory be to God forever.

### January 9 (10) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 14 through January 16 (17) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 21

January 9 (10) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 14 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. **St. Arselidas the monk**. St. Maximus, the brother of St. Domatius.

January 10 (11) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 15 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22. (Previous Kitchener had Tho-out 18)

Annual tune. Obadiah the prophet.

January 11 (12) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 16 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. **St. Philotheus the martyr**. St. John, the 48th Patriarch of Alexandria.

January 12 (13) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 17 see June 10 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 16, page 292.

Annual tune. **St. Domatius the brother of St. Maximus**. St. Yousab, bishop of Garga.

January 13 (14) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 18 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. James the Syrian.

January 14 (15) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 19 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Finding of the relics of Sts. Apahor, Pisoura, and their mother, Ampera. The thousands of martyrs of Antinou.

January 15 (16) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 20 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. **St. Prochorus the Disciple**. Consecration of the Church of St. John Chrysostom. Sts. Bahn and Eklog, the martyrs.

January 16 (17) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 21 see April 26 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 1, page 249.

Annual tune. **The Dormition of our Lady, the Holy Theotokos Mary.** St. Gelaria, daughter of Emperor Zeno. St. Gregory of Nyssa.

### January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22

Annual Tune

St. Anthony the Great

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 31:11a, 32:1b, 31:6

A Psalm of David.

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

[for] praise befits the upright.

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 servant sand 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 31:11a, 32:1b, 32:12

A Psalm of David.

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

[for] praise befits the upright.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people He chose as His own inheritance.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 19:11-19

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 the people heard these things, he went on to tell [them] a parable because he was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the Kingdom of God would be revealed immediately. He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. So he called ten of his slaves and gave them ten mina coins, and told them, ‘Trade [with these] until I come.’ But his subjects hated him, and they sent a delegation after him, to say: ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

It so happened that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, that he commanded these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, so that he might know what they had earned by conducting business. The first came before him, saying: ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas!’

The king said to him, ‘Well done, you good servant! Because you were found faithful with very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’

The second came, saying: ‘Your mina, Lord, has made five minas!’

And so, the king said to him, ‘And you are to be set over five cities.’ Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 33:20, 67:4

A Psalm of David.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord will deliver them from all of them.

But let the righteous be glad;

let them rejoice in the presence of God;

let them exult with delight and gladness.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 12:32-44

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.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves purses which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief can reach and where moth cannot destroy. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps burning. Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Amen, I tell you: he will dress himself [to serve], make them recline, and he will come to serve them! They will be blessed if the master comes in the second or third watch, and finds them doing so. But know this, that if the master of the house had known when the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour when you do not expect him.”

Peter said to him, “Lord, are you telling this parable [only] to us, or to everyone?”

The Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and wise steward whom his master will set over his household to give [his people] their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will set this servant over all that he has. Glory be to God forever.

### January 18 (19) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 23 through January 20 (21) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 25

January 18 (19) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 23 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. **St. Timothy the Apostle**. St Cyril IV, the 110th Patriarch of Alexandria.

January 19 (20) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 24 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. **St. Mary the ascetic**. St. Psati the presbtyer.

January 20 (21) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 25 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune**. St. Peter of Scetis**. St. Askala the ascetic.

### January 21 (22) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 26

Annual Tune

**The Fourty-Nine Martyrs, the Elders of Scetis (Sheheet)**

St. Anastasia the Ascetic

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 31:11a, 32:1b, 31:7

A Psalm of David.

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

[for] praise befits the upright.

Therefore, everyone who is holy will pray to You

at an appropriate time.

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 saves 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 31:11a, 32:1b, 32:12

A Psalm of David.

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

[for] praise befits the upright.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people He chose as His own inheritance.

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 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.

##### 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.

### January 22 (23) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 27 through January 24 (25) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 29

January 22 (23) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 27 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. **St. Serapion the martyr**. Archangel Sourial. Translocation of the relics of St. Timothy the Apostle. St. Apepham the martyr.

January 23 (24) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 28 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. **St. Clement of Rome**, the martyr. St. Kaou the martyr.

January 24 (25) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 29 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity and Resurrection. **St. Eksanie the asetic.** St. Seriakus the martyr.

### January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30

Annual Tune

Sts. Pistis, Helpis, Agape and Their Mother Sophia, the Martyrs

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:26, 27

A Psalm of David.

The rulers went in front, followed by the singers,

while between them were you maidens playing timbrels.

Bless God in the churches,

[bless] the Lord from the fountains of Israel!

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 26:6-13

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.

Now, when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar containing very expensive fragrant oil. And she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, “Why this waste? For this oil could have been sold for a good amount and given to the poor.”

However, knowing this, Jesus said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has done a good deed for me! For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. But by pouring this oil on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Amen, I tell you: wherever this Good News is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told, in memory of her.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 8:3ab, 4

A Psalm of David.

You have prepared praise

out of the mouth of babies and nursing infants;

for I behold the heavens, the work of Your fingers,

You have established the moon and stars.

Alleluia.

##### John 4:15-24

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, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or come all the way here to draw [water]!”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

The woman answered, “I have no husband!”

Jesus replied, “You said well, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully.”

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

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, a time 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 hour 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 spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 44:15, 16

A Psalm of David.

The virgins in her train will be brought to the King;

her companions will be brought to You.

They will be brought with gladness and rejoicing;

they will be led into the temple of the King.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 25:1-13

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.

Then, the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. Those who were foolish took their lamps but brought no oil along with them whereas the wise ones brought oil in their vessels along with their lamps. Now, since the bridegroom was late, they all became tired and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish virgins said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ But the wise virgins answered: ‘What if there is not enough for us and you? You should rather go to those who sell [oil] and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went away to buy [oil], the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and then the door was shut. Afterwards, the other virgins also arrived and said: ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered, ‘Amen, I tell you that I do not know you!’ Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day or hour the Son of Man is coming. Glory be to God forever.

### January 26 (27) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 1

See November 5 (6) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 9, page 96.

Annual tune. **Eccumenical Council of Constantinople**. Consecration of a Church dedicated to St. Peter the Seal of the Martyrs.

### January 27 (28) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 2

Annual Tune

**St. Paul the Hermit**

St. Longinus the Abbot

#### 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, all you upright in heart.

Therefore, everyone who is holy will pray to You

at an appropriate time.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 22:24-30

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.

An argument also arose between them about which of them was considered to be the greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the nations have lordship over the people, and those who have authority over people are called ‘benefactors.’ But not so with you! Instead, the one who is the greater among you should become as the younger, and one who is leading as the one who serves. For who is greater, the one reclining at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? Yet, I am among you as one who serves. But you are those who have remained with me in my trials, and now I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as my Father bestowed [a kingdom] upon me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom; and you will sit on thrones, judging the Twelve tribes of Israel.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 31:11a, 32:1b, 32:12

A Psalm of David.

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

[for] praise befits the upright.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people He chose as His own inheritance.

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 Liturgy Gospel

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

A Psalm of David.

Your priests will be clothed with righteousness;

Your saints will rejoice

for Your servant David’s sake.

O Lord, remember David

and all his meekness,

how he swore to the Lord,

and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:33-41

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.

Jesus arrived in Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked his disciples, “What were you arguing among yourselves on the way?”

But they remained silent because on the way, they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the Twelve and told them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and the servant of all.” He took a little child and set him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives such a little child in my Name, receives me; and whoever receives me, does not receive me, but the one who sent me.”

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in your Name; and we forbade him, because he does not follow us!”

But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who does a mighty work in my Name will be able to quickly speak evil of me. For whoever is not against us is on our side. Amen, I tell you that whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in my Name, because you belong to Christ, will not lose his reward. Glory be to God forever.

### January 28 (29) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 3 through January 31 (February 1) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 6

January 28 (29) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 3 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. St. James the ascetic.

January 29 (30) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 4 see October 19 (20) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 22, page 73.

Annual tune. St. Agabus the Disciple.

January 30 (31) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 5 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. St. Agrippus, the 10th Patriarch of Alexandria. Sts. Bishay and Apanoub. **Abba Apollo, the friend of Abba Abib.** St. Hippolytus of Rome.

January 31 (February 1) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 6 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. Apparition of the body of St. Hippolytus, the Patriarch of Rome. **Sts. Apakir, John, the three virgins and their mother, the martyrs.**

## February or Ⲙϣⲓⲣ

### February 1 (2) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 7 through February 28 (29) / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 4

February 1 (2) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 7 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. **St. Alexander**, the 43rd Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Theodore, the 45th Patriarch of Alexandria.

February 2 (3) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 8 see January 1 (2) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 6, page 182.

Joyful tune. **The Entrance of the Lord into the Temple.** St. Simeon the Elder. The 21 martyrs of Lybia.

February 3 (4) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 9 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. **St. Barsuma**, the father of the Syrian monks. St. Paul the Syrian, the martyr.

February 4 (5) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 10 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Annual tune. **St. James the Son of Alphaeus**, St. Justus, the martyr. St. Isidor of Pelusim. St. Philo,the bishop of Persia, and the martyr.

February 5 (6) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 11 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Fabianus, the Patriarch of Rome. Abba John, the 94th Patriarch of Alexandria.

February 6 (7) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 12 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. Monthly commemoration of Archangel Michael. **St. Gelsius the monk.**

February 7 (8) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 13 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. Sts. Sergius of Atripe, his father, mother, sister, and companions, the martyrs. St. Timothy III, 32nd Patriarch of Alexandria.

February 8 (9) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 14 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. **St. Severus of Antioch.** St. James, the 50th Patriarch of Alexandria.

February 9 (10) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 15 see June 10 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 16, page 292.

Annual tune. **Zaccaraias the prophet.** Consecration of the first Church for the Forty Martyrs of Sebastia. St. Pahnoutius.

February 10 (11) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 16 see September 23 (24) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 26, page 50.

Annual tune. St. Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist.

February 11 (12) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 17 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. St. Menas the monk.

February 12 (13) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 18 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. St. Militius, the confessor and Patriarch of Antioch. Consecration of the Church of St. Paul the Simple.

February 13 (14) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 19 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. Translocation of the relics of St. Martianus of Athens to Antioch

February 14 (15) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 20 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Peter II, 21st Patriarch of Alexandria. Sts. Basil, Theodore, and Timoty of Alexandria, the martyrs.

February 15 (16) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 21 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Annual tune. Monthly commemoration of the Theotokos. St. Onesimus, the slave of Philemon, the martyr. St. Gabriel, the 57th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Zachariah, the bishop of Sakha.

February 16 (17) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 22 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Maruta.

February 17 (18) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 23 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. St. Eusebius, son of St. Basilides, the martyr.

February 18 (19) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 24 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Agapius the bishop. Sts. Timothy and Matthias, the martyrs.

February 19 (20) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 25 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. Sts. Archippus, Philemon, and Lycia, the new martyrs. St. Quona and St. Menas, the martyrs.

February 20 (21) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 26 September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22. (Previous Kitchener had Tho-out 28)

Annual tune. Hosea the prophet. St. Zadok and his Persian companions, the martyrs.

February 21 (22) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 27 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. St. Eustathius the patriarch of Antioch. St. Perpetua the Martyr of North Africa.

February 22 (23) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 28 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Thedorus the Roman.

February 23 (24) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 29 see December 30 (31) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 4, page 164.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity, and Resurrection. **St. Polycarp the bishop of Smyrna**, the martyr.

February 24 (25) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 30 see May 27 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 2, page 275.

Annual tune. The finding of the head of St. John the Baptist.

February 25 (26) / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 1 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. St. Narcissus the bishop of Jerusalem. St. Alexandrus the martyr. Anba Marcura.

February 26 (27) / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 2 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Macrobius the bishop and martyr.

February 27 (28) / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 3 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124. (Fr. Athanasius Iskander reports this as “see September 13 (14) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 16, page 26”, but St. Shenouda’s Society, and the Ottawa Lectionary agree with November 25 (26).

Annual tune. St. Cosmas, the 58th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Porphyry the martyr. St. Hadid the preist.

February 28 (29) / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 4 see November 5 (6) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 9, page 96.

Annual tune. Council on the Island of Bani-Omar. St. Haboulyous the prince and martyr.

### February 29 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month) 6

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 118:95, 96

A Psalm of David.

Sinners waited for me [in order] to destroy me;

I understood Your testimonies.

I saw the end of all perfection;

Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 13:10-17

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.

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day. Behold, there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten herself up. When Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!” He laid his hands on her and immediately, she stood up straight and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. He said to the crowd, “There are six days in which people should work! Therefore, come on those days and be healed, not on the Sabbath day!”

Then, the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead it out to water? Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham who was bound by Satan for eighteen years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame and all the people rejoiced over all the glorious things that were done by him. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 118:89, 90

A Psalm of David.

Your word, O Lord,

continues forever in Heaven.

Your truth [endures] from generation to generation;

You founded the earth, and it continues.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 4:23-30

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.

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, when the sky was shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came all over the land. Elias 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.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 118:97, 98

A Psalm of David.

O how I love Your law, O Lord!

It is my meditation all day long.

You made me wiser than my enemies by Your commandment,

for it is mine forever.

Alleluia.

##### John 2:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 third day, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding. When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no wine.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, is that to you and me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Whatever he tell you to do, do it.” Now, six water jars made of stone were set there, meant for rites of purification of the Jews, and they each contained two or three measures. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water!” And they filled them up to the brim. He then said to them, “Now, draw some out, and take it to the chief steward of the feast;” and they did so. When the chief steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine (not knowing where it had come from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and after the guests have drunk freely, the inferior one. But you have kept the good wine until now!” This, the beginning of his signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Glory be to God forever.

## March or Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ

### March 1 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 5 through March 8 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 12

March 1 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 5 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Serapamon the ascetic. St. Peter the priest and martyr. St. Eudexia the martyr.

March 2 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 6 see November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27, page 118.

Annual tune. St. Dioscorus the new martyr. St. Theodotus the bishop.

March 3 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 7 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Sts. Philemon and Apollonius the martyrs. St. Mary of Israel, the martyr.

March 4 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 8 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Annual tune. St. Matthias the Apostle. St. Julian, the 11th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Arianus the martyr.

March 5 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 9 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. St. Koran. Sts. Abrianus, Amarata his wife, Eusebius, Armanius, and the forty after them, the martyrs.

March 6 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 10 see September 14 (15) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 17, page 29.

Palm tune. The Appearance of the Glorious Cross.

March 7 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 11 see September 18 (19) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 21, page 47.

Annual tune. St. Basil the bishop and martyr.

March 8 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 12 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. Monthly Commemoration of Archangel Michael. St. Demetrius’ virginity revealed. St. Malachius the martyr. St. Glathinos the martyr.

### March 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 13

Annual Tune.

**St. Dionysius, the 14th Patriarch of Alexandria**

The return of Abba Macarius the Great and Abba Macarius of Alexandria

The Forty Matrys of Sebastia

#### The Evening or Vespers 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.

##### 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 36:39, 40ac

A Psalm of David.

The deliverance of the righteous is from the Lord,

and He is their protector in time of affliction.

The Lord will help them and deliver them;

[He will] save them, because they hope in Him.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 13:9-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy 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.

##### 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 confesses 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.

### March 10 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 14 through March 24 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 28

March 10 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 14 see September 18 (19) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 21, page 47.

Annual tune. St. Shenouti the martyr.

March 11 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 15 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Sarah of Upper Egypt. St. Elias of Hnes.

March 12 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 16 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Mikhail, the 46th Patriarch of Alexandria.

March 13 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 17 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Lazarus, the friend of Christ, the bishop of Cyprus. St. George the ascetic martyr. St. Sidhom Bishai the martyr. St. Basil, bishop of Jerusalem.

March 14 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 18 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Isidore the martyr.

March 15 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 19 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. St. Aristobulus the Disciple. Sts. Alexander, Agabius, Timol, Dionysius, and Romulus, the martyrs.

March 16 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 20 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Michael II, the 56th Patriarch of Alexandria. The Raising of Lazarus from the dead.

March 17 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 21 see August 6 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 13, page 348.

Annual tune. Monthly commemoration of the Theotokos. Dwelling of our Lord in Bethany. Consultation of the chief preists to put Lazarus to death.

March 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 22 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Cyril of Jerusalem. St. Michael the bishop of Nakada. Joseph of Arimathea.

March 19 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 23 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. Daniel the prophet.

March 20 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 24 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Macarius, the 59th Patriarch of Alexandria. Apparition of the Theotokos at Zeitoun.

March 21 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 25 see October 11 (12) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 14, page 69.

Annual tune. St. Oneishorus the Disciple. St. Matthias, the 100th Patriarch of Alexandria.

March 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 26 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Eupraxia, a virgin of Rome. St. Peter VI, the 104th Patriarch of Alexandria.

March 23 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 27 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. Commemoration of the Crucifixion. Abba Macarius the Great. St. Domicos the martyr.

March 24 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 28 see September 13 (14) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 16, page 26.

Annual tune. Emperor Constantine the Great. St. Peter VII, the 109th Patriarch of Alexandria. Abba Sarapamon.

### March 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 29

Joyful Tune

Feast of the Annunciation of the Nativity of our Lord in the Flesh

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 143:5, 7ab (part 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+

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 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.” 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.

### March 26 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 30 through March 31 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 5

March 26 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 30 see December 18 (19) / Ⲕⲟⲓⲁϩⲕ 22, page 142.

Annual tune. Commemoration of Archangel Gabriel. Transfer of the Relics of St. James the Persian. Samson the Judge.

March 27 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 1 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. **St. Silvanus the monk.** The Arabs of Upper Egypt attacked the desert of Scetis. Aaron the prophet.

March 28 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 2 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Christopher, the martyr. Pope Youannis IX, the 81st Patrairch of Alexandria.

March 29 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 3 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. John the bishop of Jerusalem. St. Michael, the 71st Patrairch of Alexandria.

March 30 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 4 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Sts. Victor, Decius, Eirene the Virgin, and those with them, the martyrs.

March 31 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 5 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual utne. Ezekiel the Prophet. St. Hepartius the bishop of Gangra, the martyr.

## April or Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ

### April 1 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 6 through April 17 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 22

April 1 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 6 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. Commemoration of the appearance of the Lord to St. Thomas. **St. Mary of Egypt.**

April 2 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 7 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. St. Joachim, the father of the Theotokos. St. Macrobius. Sts. Agapious, Theodora and Metruf.

April 3 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 8 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. Agape, Eirence, Shiona, the virgin martyrs. The One Hundred and Fifty Martyrs at the hand of the king of Persia.

April 4 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 9 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121 (according to an Arabic Lectionary. The Ottawa lectionary and St. Shenouda’s Society have: see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.)

Annual tune. St. Zosimus the priest. Commemoration of the miracle at the hand of Pope Shenouti I, the 55th Patriarch of Alexandria.

April 5 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 10 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Annual tune. St. Isaac, the disciple of Abba Apollo. St. Gabriel II, the 70th Patriarch of Alexandria.

April 6 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 11 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Theodora the virgin. St. John, the bishop of Gaza.

April 7 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 12 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Alexander, the bishop of Jerusalem. St. Antonios, the bishop of Tamoui.

April 8 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 13 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Sts. Joshua and Joseph, the martyrs. Dionisa the Deaconess and Medius the martyrs. St. Youanni 17th, the 105th Patriarch of Alexandria.

April 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 14 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Maximus, the 15th Patriarch of Alexandira.

April 10 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 15 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. The Consecration of the altar for St. Nicholas of Myra. The Consecration of the Church of St. Agabus the Disciple. St. Alexandra the Empress. St. mari VI, the 101st Patriarch of Alexandira.

April 11 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 16 see December 30 (31) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 4, page 164.

Annual tune. St. Antipas, the bishop of Pergamos, the martyr. The ascension of Enoch the prophet to heaven.

April 12 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 17 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Annual tune. St. James the son of Zebedee, the Apostle. St. Nicodemus.

April 13 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 18 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. St. Arsenius the slave of St. Sousenyous, the martyr.

April 14 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 19 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Simeon the Armenian, the bishop of Persia, the martyr. St. John the martyr. Vizir abu Elaala Fahd ibn Ibrahim an dhis companions, the martyrs. David the monk and martyr.

April 15 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 20 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Paphnuti the martyr.

April 16 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 21 see September 18 (19) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 21, page 47.

Annual tune. Monthly commemoration of the Theotokos. St. Hierotheos of Athens.

April 17 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 22 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. Isaac of Hourin. St. Alexander I, the 19th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Mark II, the 49th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Michael II, the 53rd Patriarch of Alexandira.

### April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23

Annual Tune

Daniel the Prophet

**St. George the Prince of the Martyrs**

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 33:18, 19

A Psalm of David.

The righteous cried and the Lord heard them,

and delivered them from all their afflictions.

The Lord is near the brokenhearted,

and will save those who are humble in spirit.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 10:16-22

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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. Glory 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.

##### 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, looses 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 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.

##### 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.

### April 19 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 24 through April 21 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 26

April 19 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 24 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Shenouti I, the 55th Patriarch of Alexandira. St. Sina the soldier and martyr.

April 20 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 25 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Sarah and her two sons, the martyrs. Sts. Paphnouti the Hermit, Theodore the Worshipper, and the One Hundred martyrs.

April 21 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 26 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Sousenios the martyr. St. John VII, the 78th Patriarch of Alexanria.

### April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27

Annual Tune

**St. Victor, the son of Romanus, the Martyr**

St. Joachim, the Father of the Theotokos

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 4:7b, 8a, 9b

A Psalm of David.

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

You have given more gladness to my heart

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

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 [Father’s glory]\*.” Glory be to God forever.

\*Greek has “Kingdom,” but Coptic lectionary has “Father’s glory”.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 5:12d, 13

A Psalm of David.

And all who love Your Name will glory in You,

for You will bless a righteous person;

O Lord, You crowned us with the shield of Your goodwill.

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 saves 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 Liturgy 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 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 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 confesses 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.

### April 23 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 28 through April 24 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 29

April 23 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 28 see November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25, page 115.

Annual tune. St. Milius, the ascetic martyr.

April 24 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 29 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. St. Erastus the Disciple. St. Acacius the bishop of Jerusalem.

### April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30

Annual Tune

St. Mark the Evangelist and Martyr

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 39:10abc, 3c

A Psalm of David.

I have proclaimed righteousness

in the great assembly.

I will not restrain my lips;

He set my feet on a rock, and directed my steps.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 6:6b-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. 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.

He went around the villages, teaching. Calling to himself the Twelve, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He told them to take nothing for their journey, except for a staff: no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse. He also told them to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from the area. If any place does not welcome you and if people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Amen, I can tell you that in the day of judgment, things will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for that city!”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They also cast out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were sick and healed them. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 104:1, 2, 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.

##### Mark 10:17-30

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy 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, praise His Name;

proclaim His salvation from day to day.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 1:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets:

*Behold, I send my messenger before your face,*

*who will prepare your way before you.*

*The voice of one crying in the wildernesse: ‘Make ready the way of the Lord!*

*Make his paths straight!’*

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All the country of Judea and all those from Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by John in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel’s hair, a leather belt around his waist and he ate locusts and wild honey. He preached, saying, “He who comes after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to kneel down and untie the strap of his sandals. I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

It happened, in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and he was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. A voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Glory be to God forever.

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Annual Tune

The Nativity of the Theotokos

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

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

A Psalm of David.

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. *(Pause)*

for the Most High Himself has [established] her [forever].

All who rejoice have their dwelling in you!

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:38-42

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 they went on their way, Jesus entered into a village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. She had a sister called Mary who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard his word. But Martha was distracted with much serving. She came up to Jesus, and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Ask her to help me!”

But Jesus answered, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things! But one thing is needed! Mary has chosen the good part, and it will not be taken away from her.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 47:9abc, 2

A Psalm of David.

As we have heard, so we have seen

in the city of the Lord of Hosts,

in the city of our God;

The Lord is Great, and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 12:35-50

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 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.”

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

But Jesus answered, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to this generation except for the sign of Jonah the prophet. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah. And behold, someone greater than Jonah is here! The queen of the south will stand up in the judgment with this generation and she will condemn it because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And behold, someone greater than Solomon is here!

After an unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he wanders through dry places seeking rest and does not find it. He then says, ‘I will return into my house from which I came out,’ and when he has come back, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order! Then, he goes [around] and brings with himself seven other spirits more evil than he, and they enter in and dwell there. And so, the last state of that person becomes worse than the first. This is how it will be with this evil generation.”

While Jesus was still speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, desiring to speak to him. Someone said to him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you.”

But to the person who had spoken, Jesus answered, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” He then stretched out his hand towards his disciples and said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers! As it is, whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 44:13, 14

A Psalm of David.

And the daughter of Tyre will worship Him with gifts;

the richest of the people will entreat your favor.

All the glory of the King’s daughter is within,

adorned and embroidered with golden tassels, with many colours.

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 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.

### April 27 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 2 through April 30 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 5

April 27 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 2 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. Job the Rigtheous.

April 28 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 3 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. St. Jason the Disciple. St. Otimus the priest. St. Gabriel IV, the 86th Patriarch of Alexandria.

April 29 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 4 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. St. John I, the 29th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. John V, the 72nd Patriarch of Alexandria.

April 30 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 5 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. Jeremias the Prophet.

## May or Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ

### May 1 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 6 through May 4 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 9

May 1 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 6 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. St. Isaac El-Defrawi the martyr. St. Macarius of Alexandria. St. Paphnouti of El-Bandara the presbyter.

May 2 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 7 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Athanasius the Apostolic, the 20th Patriarch of Alexandria.

May 3 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 8 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual utne. St. John of Senhout, the martyr. St. Daniel, the Hegoumen of Scetis (Sheheet).

May 4 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 9 see September 13 (14) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 16, page 26.

Annual tune. St. Helena the Empress. St. John XI, the 89th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Gabriel VIII, the 97th Patriarch of Alexandria.

### May 5 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 10

Annual Tune

Commemoration of the Three Holy Youths in the Fiery Furance

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

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

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 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 112:1, 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.

##### Mark 10:13-16

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

People were bringing little children to him so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who were bringing them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me! Do not forbid them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I tell you that whoever will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will in no way enter into it!” He took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. 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.

##### 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.

### May 6 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 11 through May 14 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 19

May 6 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 11 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Theoclia the wife of St. Justus, the martyr. St. Paphnouti the bishop.

May 7 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 12 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. The consecration of the Church of St. Demiana. The Relocation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom. The appearance of the Cross of Light above Glogotha. St. Mark VII, the 106th Patriarch of Alexandria. Teacher (Mo’allem) Malati the martyr.

May 8 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 13 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

Annual tune. St. Arsanius the tutor of the Emperor’s children.

May 9 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 14 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. St. Pakhom, the father of the Cenobitic Life. St. Epimachus of Pelusium, the martyr.

May 10 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 15 see October 9 (10) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 12, page 66.

Annual tune. St. Simon the Zealot, the Apostle. The Four Hundred Martyrs in Dandara. St. Menas the Deacon.

May 11 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 16 see December 30 (31) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 4, page 164.

Annual tune. St. John the Evangelist.

May 12 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 17 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Epiphanius the bishop of Cyprus.

May 13 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 18 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. St. George, the friend of St. Abraam. The Commemoraiton of Pentecost.

May 14 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 19 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

Annual tune. Abba Isaac, the presbyter of the Cells. St. Isidore of Antioch, the martyr.

### May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20

Annual Tune

Abba Ammonius the Anchorite

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 64:5abc, 6ab

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is he whom You have chosen

and taken to Yourself;

he will dwell in Your courts forever.

Hear us, O God our Saviour,

the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 24:42-47

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Watch therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, be ready, for it is at an hour which you do not expect that the Son of Man will come.

Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. Amen, I tell you that he will set him over all that he has. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 36:17b, 18, 29

A Psalm of David.

The Lord supports the righteous.

The Lord knows the ways of the blameless,

and their inheritance will be eternal.

The righteous will inherit the earth,

and dwell in it unto ages of ages.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 13:33-37

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.

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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 36:30, 31

A Psalm of David.

A righteous man’s mouth will meditate wisdom,

and his tongue speaks justice.

The law of his God is in his heart,

and his steps will not slip.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 16:1-12

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.

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 cors 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? Glory be to God forever.

### May 16 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 21 through May 18 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 23

May 16 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 21 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. Monthly commemoration of the Theotokos. St. Marcian.

May 17 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 22 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. St. Andronicus the Disciple

May 18 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 23 see April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30, page 246.

Annual tune. St. Junia the Disciople. St. Julian and his mother, the martyrs.

### May 19 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 24

Joyful Tune

The Feast of the Entry of the Lord into the Land of Egypt

Habakkuk the Prophet

St. Bashnouna El-Makari the monk and martyr

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 105:23, 27

A Psalm of David.

Israel came into Egypt,

and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

He placed the words of His signs in them,

and His wonders in the land of Ham.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 4:12-17

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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, so that what had been spoken through Isaias 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.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 105:21b, 22a, 4

A Psalm of David.

Who did great things in Egypt,

wonderful things in the land of Ham,

Remember us, O Lord, in Your love for Your people;

visit us with Your salvation.

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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 105:36, 38

A Psalm of David.

He struck down every firstborn in their land,

the first-fruits of all their labour.

Egypt was glad at their exodus,

for fear of them fell upon them.

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. However, 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.

### May 20 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 25

See November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25, page 115.

Annual tune. St. Colluthus of Antione the martyr. Ibrahim El-Gohari.

### May 21 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 26

Annual Tune

St. Thomas the Apostle

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:12, 36ab

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will give a word

to those proclaiming the Gospel to a great company.

God is wondrous among His Saints; the God of Israel

will give strength and power to His people.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:7-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Jesus went up into the mountain and called to himself those he wanted and they went to him. He appointed twelve to be with him, to send them out to preach, and to have authority to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons. [They were:] Simon, to whom he gave the name Peter; James the son of Zebedee and John, the brother of James, to whom he gave the name Boanerges which means ‘Sons of Thunder’; Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who was to betray him.

Jesus went home again and again, the crowd assembled, so much that they could not even eat bread. When his own [friends] heard it, they came to take charge of him, saying, “He is insane!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

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

A Psalm of David.

Your saints [will] 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.

##### Luke 6:12-23

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.

It happened in these days, that Jesus went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night, in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve from among them, which he also named ‘apostles’: Simon, whom he also named Peter; Andrew, his brother; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor. 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 18:2, 4

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 20:24-31

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

However, Thomas called ‘the Twin’, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas replied, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe!”

After eight days, his disciples were inside once again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them, and he said, “Peace be with you.” Then, he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands! Place your hand here and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing!”

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed! Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.”

Now, Jesus accomplished many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. However, these ones are ritten, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in his Name. Glory be to God forever.

### May 22 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 27 through May 26 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 1

May 22 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 27 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. John II, the 13th Patriarch of Alexandira. St. Lazarus, the Beloved of the Lord.

May 23 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 28 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. The relocation of the relics of St. Epiphanius.

May 24 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 29 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. St. Simon the Stylite.

May 25 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 30 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Michael I, the 68th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Phorus the Disciple.

May 26 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 1 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. St. Carpus the Disciple. Consecration of the Church of Sst. Leontius of Tripoli. St. Cosman and his companions, the martyrs. St. Epipam the soldier. St. Zikam the martyr.

### May 27 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 2

Annual Tune

Discovery of the Relics of St. John the Baptist

St. John VIII, the 107th Patriarch of Alexandria

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 34:10a, 27cd

A Psalm of David.

All my bones will say, “O Lord, who is like You?”

Let those who [delight in Your salvation]

say continually, “let the Lord be magnified.”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 7:18-28

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.

John’s disciples told the Baptist about all these things. John called two of his disciples and sent them to Jesus to ask, “Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?” When the men had come to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptizer has sent us to you, saying: ‘Are you the one who is coming or should we look for another?’”

At that very time, Jesus had been healing many diseases, plagues and evil spirits; and had given sight to many who were blind. Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have Good News preached to them. Blessed is he who is not offended by me!”

When John’s messengers had departed, Jesus began to tell the multitudes about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are gorgeously dressed and live delicately are in kings’ courts. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

*‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face,*

*who will prepare your way before you.’*

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.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 50:10, 21d

A Psalm of David.

You will make me hear joy and gladness;

my bones that were humbled will rejoice.

then they will offer calves on Your altar.

Alleluia.

##### John 3:25-36a

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.

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. 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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 33:21, 16

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will guard all [the] bones [of the righteous],

not one of them will be broken.

[For] the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,

and His ears are open to their supplications.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 11:2-10

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 John heard about the works of Christ from his prison, he sent two of his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who comes or should we look for another?”

Jesus replied to them, “Go and tell John about the things you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have Good News preached to them. Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me.”

As they went their way, Jesus began to speak to the multitudes concerning John; “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in king’s houses! But why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet! For he is the one of whom it is written:

*‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’*

Glory be to God forever.

### May 28 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 3 through May 31 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 6

May 28 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 3 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. **St. Alladius the bishop and martyr.** Anba Abraam the bishop pof Fayum. St. Cosmas, the 44th Patriarch of Alexandria. Consecration of the Church of St. George in the city of Burma. St. Martha the Egyptian.

May 29 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 4 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. **St. Shenousi the martyr**. Sts. Abamoun and Sophia the martyrs. St. John of Heraclia the martyr. St. Apahor the martyr. St. John VIII, the 8th Patriarch of Alexandria.

May 30 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 5 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

Annual tune. **St. James the Confessor**. Sts. Pishoy and Peter ,the martyrs. Consecraiton of the Church of St. Victor.

May 31 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 6 see July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20, page 323.

Annual tune. St. Theodore the monk and martyr. St. Dydimus the Dean of the Catechetical School of Alexandria.

## June or Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ

### June 1 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 7 through June 9 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 15

June 1 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 7 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. St. Episkhairon the martyr.

June 2 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 8 see May 19 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 24, page 268.

Annual tune. **Dedication of the Church of the All-Holy and Blessed Virgin.** Sts. Amanda nad her children, the martyrs. St. George the new martyr.

June 3 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 9 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual Tune. **Samuel the Prophet.** St. Lucilianus the martyr. Translocaiton of the relics of St. Mercurius to Egypt.

June 4 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 10 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual Tune. **St. Eudaemon** the martyr. The closure of all Pagan temples by Constantine. St. John XVI, the 103rd Patriarch of Alexandria. The Ordination of St. Demetrius II as the 111st Patriarch of Alexandria.

June 5 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 11 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. **St. Cladius** Stratelates the martyr. Concration of the Church of the Forty Martyrs in Alexandria.

June 6 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 12 see November 8 (9) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 12, page 99.

Annual tune. Monthly commemoration of **Archangel Michael**. St. Justis, the 7th Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Cyril II, the 67th Patriarhc of Alexanria. St. Euphemia.

June 7 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 13 see August 26 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ 3, page 374.

Annual Tune. Commemoration of **Archangel Gabriel**. St John, the bishop of Jerusalem.

June 8 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 14 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St John XIX, the 113th Patriarch of Alexanria. Sts. Apakir, John, Ptolemy and Philip the martyrs.

June 9 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 15 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. Translocaitn of the relics of St. Mark the Evangelist during the tenth year of St. Cyril VI. Consecraiton of the Church of Abba Menas at Maryut.

### June 10 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 16

Annual Tune

St. Onuphrius (Abba Nofer)

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 111:6b, 7a, 3b, 9c

A Psalm of David.

A righteous person will be in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of evil tidings,

and his righteousness endures unto ages of ages;

his horn will be exalted with glory

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 24:42-47

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Watch therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, be ready, for it is at an hour which you do not expect that the Son of Man will come.

Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. Amen, I tell you that he will set him over all that he has. 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 19:11-19

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 the people heard these things, he went on to tell [them] a parable because he was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the Kingdom of God would be revealed immediately. He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. So he called ten of his slave and gave them ten mina coins, and told them, ‘Trade [with these] until I come.’ But his subjects hated him, and they sent a delegation after him, to say: ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

It so happened that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, that he commanded these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, so that he might know what they had earned by conducting business. The first came before him, saying: ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas!’

The king said to him, ‘Well done, you good servant! Because you were found faithful with very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’

The second came, saying: ‘Your mina, Lord, has made five minas!’

And so, the king said to him, ‘And you are to be set over five cities.’ 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.

##### Luke 12:32-44

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.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves purses which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief can reach and where moth cannot destroy. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps burning. Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Amen, I tell you: he will dress himself [to serve], make them recline, and he will come to serve them! They will be blessed if the master comes in the second or third watch, and finds them doing so. But know this, that if the master of the house had known when the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour when you do not expect him.”

Peter said to him, “Lord, are you telling this parable [only] to us, or to everyone?”

The Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and wise steward whom his master will set over his household to give [his people] their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will set this servant over all that he has. Glory be to God forever.

### June 11 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 17 through June 23 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 29

June 11 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 17 After A.D. 1968 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

Annual tune. Return of the relics of **St. Mark the Evangelist** in A.D. 1968. St. Latsoun the monk.

June 12 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 18 see November 25 (26) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 29, page 124.

Annual tune. **St. Damian**, the 35th Patriarch of Alexanria. Inauguration of the New Cathedral fo St. Mark in the Monastery of Anba Reweiss.

June 13 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 19 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. Placement of the relics of St. Mark in the Cathedral of Alexandria in 1968. St. Archelaus the 18th Patriach of Alexandria. **St. Geroge** the New Martyr. St. Bishai Anoub.

June 14 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 20 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. Elisha the prophet.

June 15 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 21 see April 26 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 1, page 249.

Annual tune. Dedication of the first Church for the All-holy and Blessed Virgin in Phillipi. St. Timothy of Memphis the martyr. St. Cedron, the 4th Patriarch of Alexandria.

June 16 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 22 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Concecraiton of the Church of Sts. Cosmas and Damina, their mother and their brothers.

June 17 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 23 see January 17 (18) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 22, page 200.

Annual tune. St. Apanoub the Confessor.

June 18 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 24 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. The Strong St. Moses.

June 19 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 25 see December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. St. Jude the Apostle and martyr. St. Peter IV, the 34th Patriarch of Alexandria.

June 20 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 26 see see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22. (Kitchener previously had Tobi 1)

Annual tune. Joshua the Prophet. Consecration of the Church of Archangel Gabriel in Fayoum.

June 21 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 27 see April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30, page 246.

Annual tune. **St. Ananias** the Disciple and martyr. St. Thomas of Shentalet.

June 22 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 28 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Theodosius, the 33rd Patriarch of Alexandria. Consecraiton of the Church of Abba Sarapamon the martyr, the bishop of Nikios.

June 23 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 29 see May 15 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 20, page 265.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity and Resurrection. Commemoraiton of the Seven Ascetic Martyrs of Mount Tounar. Sts. Abba Hor, Pishai, and their mother, Theodora, the martys.

### June 24 / Ⲡⲁⲱⲛⲉ 30

Annual Tune

Nativiyt of St. John the Baptist

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 51:10, 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

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 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.

##### 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 violent 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 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 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.

##### 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.

### June 25 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 1 through June 26 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 2

June 25 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 1 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Febronia the martyr. Sts. Bioukha and Benjamin, the presbyters.

June 26 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 2 see April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30, page 246.

Annual tune. St. Thaddeaus the Apostle.

### June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3

Annual Tune

**Abba Cyril the Great**

St. Celestine the Patriarch of rome

#### The Evening or Vespers 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 [the] 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.

#### The Morning or Prime 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 15:17-25

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.

I command these things to you, so that you may love one another.

If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own! But you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, and so the world hates you. Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his lord.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But they will do all these things to you on account of my Name, because they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin! Whoever hates me also hates my Father. If I had not accomplished among them the works which no one else had done [before], they would not have had sin. But now, they have seen [those things] and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this has happened so that the word which was written in their law may be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without reason.’ Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 106:32

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].

The righteous will see it and be glad.

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 shepherd 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.

### June 28 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 4

See November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. Translocaiton of the relics of Sts. Apakir and John.

### June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5

Annual Tune

The Apostles’ Feast

Sts. Theodosia and her Companions

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 67:12, 36ab

A Psalm of David.

The Lord will give a word

to those proclaiming the Gospel to a great company.

God is wondrous among His Saints; the God of Israel

will give strength and power to His people.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 3:7-21

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Jesus went up into the mountain and called to himself those he wanted and they went to him. He appointed twelve to be with him, to send them out to preach, and to have authority to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons. [They were:] Simon, to whom he gave the name Peter; James the son of Zebedee and John, the brother of James, to whom he gave the name Boanerges which means ‘Sons of Thunder’; Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who was to betray him.

Jesus went home again and again, the crowd assembled, so much that they could not even eat bread. When his own [friends] heard it, they came to take charge of him, saying, “He is insane!” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Gospel of the Blessing of the Waters (Lakane—the Prayer over the Basin)

##### Psalm 50:9

A Psalm of David.

You will sprinkle me with hyssop,

and I will be cleansed;

You will wash me,

and I will be whiter than snow.

[You will] create a clean heart in me, O God,

and renew an upright spirit within me.

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 water. 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 learned that the man had been sick for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to be made well?”

The sick man replied, “Sir, 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 him 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 144:10b, 11, 12a

A Psalm of David.

Your saints [will] 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.

##### Luke 6:12-23

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.

It happened in these days, that Jesus went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night, in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve from among them, which he also named ‘apostles’: Simon, whom he also named Peter; Andrew, his brother; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor. 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 18:2,

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.

##### Matthew 10:1-15

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 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 lepers, and cast out demons. Freely you have received, give freely as well. Do not take any gold, silver or brass in your money belts. Do not take a bag for your journey, or two coats, or shoes, or staff: the one who works is worthy of his food. As you enter any city or village, find out who is worthy and stay there until you go on. As you enter into the household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If some place does not receive you and does not hear your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you depart from that house or that city. Amen, I tell you: in the day of judgment, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that city. Glory be to God forever.

### June 30 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 6

See December 27 (28) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 1, page 157.

Annual tune. **St. Olympus the Disciple**. St. Theodosia na dher companions, the martyrs.

## July or Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ

### July 1 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 7 through July 13 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 19

July 1 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 7 see January 27 (28) / Ⲙϣⲓⲣ 2, page 210.

Annual tune. St. Shenouti the Archimandrite. **St. Ignatius** the bishop of Rome, the martyr.

July 2 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 8 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. **St. Pishoi**. Sts. Piroou and Athom. St. Balanah the presbyter. St. Pimanon. St. Cyrus (Karas), the brother of Emperor Theodosius.

July 3 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 9 see April 25 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 30, page 246.

Annual tune. **St. Simon Cleophas** the Disciple and martyr. St. Cleadion, the 9th Patriarch of Alexandria.

July 4 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 10 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Theodore, the bishop of Pentapolis, the martyr. St. Theodore, the bishop of Corinth, the martyr. **St. Gabriel VII**, the 9th Patriarch of Alexandria.

July 5 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 11 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. St. John and his cousin, Simon. **St. Isaiah the hermit.**

July 6 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 12 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. Montly commemoration of Archangel Michael. Abba Hor the martyr.

July 7 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 13 seeNovember 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. **St. Pisentius** the bishop of Kift. St. Apamon of touch, the martyr.Abba Shenouti the new martyr.

July 8 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 14 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. **St. Macarius of Alexandria**. St. Pocopius of Jerusalem, the martyr. St Peter V, the 83rd Patriarch of Alexandria.

July 9 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 15 see July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3, page 327.

Annual tune. St. Ephriam the Syrian.

July 10 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 16 see December 30 (31) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 4, page 164.

Annual tune. **St. John of the Golden Gospel.** Recovery of the relics of St. George the mew martyr.

July 11 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 17 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Euphemia the martyr.

July 12 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 18 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Annual tune. St James the brother of the Lord, the bishop of Jerusalem.

July 13 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 19 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. St. Bidaba the bishop of Kift the martyr. St. Pantalemon the physician and martyr. St. John X, the 85th Patriarch of Alexandria.

### July 14 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 20

Annual Tune

St. Theodore Strathelatis the Martyr

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 17:35, 40

A Psalm of David.

[He] trains my hands for war;

and You made my arms like a bronze bow.

You have girded me with strength for battle,

and have subdued under me all who rose against me.

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 44:4, 5a, 7

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

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

the sceptre of Your Kingdom is a sceptre of justice.

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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 90:13, 11

A Psalm of David.

You will tread upon the asp and the basilisk,

you will trample the lion and the dragon underfoot.

for He will command His Angels

to guard you in all your ways.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 10:21-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.” Glory be to God forever.

### July 15 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 21 through July 26 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 2

July 15 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 21 see March 9 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙϩⲟⲧⲡ 13, page 231.

Annual tune. Montly commemoration of the Theotokos. **St. Sosenius** the eunuch.

July 16 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 22 see April 22 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 27, page 244.

Annual tune. **St. Macarius the martyr.** St. Leontius of Tripoli the martyr.

July 17 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 23 see November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27, page 118.

Annual tune. **St. Longinus the martyr**. St. Marina the martyr.

July 18 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 24 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. **St. Apanoub** the martyr. St. Simeon I, the 42nd Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Isidore.

July 19 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 25 see November 21 (22) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 25, page 115.

Annual tune. St. Anthony the martyr. St. Hilaria. St. Domatius the Syrian martyr. Abba Isaac the martyr. Sts. Thecla and Mouji the martyrs. St. Apakragon the martyr. St. Palamon the father of the monks. St. Thecla. **The Consecraiton of the Church of St. Mercurius.**

July 20 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 26 Prior to A.D. 2014 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. St. Joseph the Carpenter. St. Timothy, the 22nd Patriarch of Alexandria.

July 20 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 26 After A.D. 2014 see May 19 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 24, page 268.

Annual tune. **St. Joseph** the Carpenter. St. Timothy, the 22nd Patriarch of Alexandria.

July 21 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 27 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. St. Apamon the martyr. Consecration of the church of Abba Fam. Sts. Boushra and Emad the martyrs.

July 22 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 28 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Mary Magdaline.

July 23 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 29 see June 29 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 5, page 302.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity and Resurrection. Translocaiton of the relics of St. Andrew the Apostle. **St. Ourshenoufa the martyr.**

July 24 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 30 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. Sst. Mercurius and Ephraem the martyrs.

July 25 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 1 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune**. St. Apoli**, son of Justus, son of Emperor Nomerius, the martyrs. St. Cyril V, the 112th Patriarch of Alexandria.

July 26 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 2 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Paesa.

### July 27 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 3

Annual Tune

Translocation of the relics of St. Simon the Stylite

St Abramius, the 5th Patriarch of Alexandria

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 39:3c, 4ab

A Psalm of David.

He has set my feet on a rock, and has directed my steps.

And He has put a new song in my mouth,

a hymn to our God.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 7:22-25

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.

Many will tell me in that Day, ‘Lord, Lord, did not we prophesy in your Name, cast out demons in your Name and do many deeds of power in your Name?’ Then I will tell them, ‘I never knew you! Depart from me, you who work iniquity.’

Everyone therefore who hears my words and does them, I will compare with a wise person who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, beating hard on that house. Yet, it did not collapse, because it was founded on the rock. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 88:25, 20

A Psalm of David.

My truth and My mercy will be with him,

and in My Name he will be raised to power .

Then You spoke to Your saints in a vision

and say, “I have laid help upon a mighty one.”

Alleluia.

##### Luke 13:23-30

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.

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 startsaying, ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!’ But the master 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 place 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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 60:2, 3c, 4abc

A Psalm of David.

Hear my supplication, O God;

attend to my prayer.

You lifted me high on a rock.

You guided me,

for You became my hope,

a tower of strength.

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.

### July 28 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 4 through July 31 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 7

July 28 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 4 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual Tune. **Ezekieh the King**. Consecration of the church of St. Anthony.

July 29 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 5 see January 21 (22) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 26, page 203.

Annual tune. St. John the soldier and martyr.

July 30 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 6 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual tune. St. Julietta the martyr.

July 31 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 7 see September 23 (24) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 26, page 50.

Annual tune. **Annunciation nativity of the Theotokos to Joachim.** St. Timothy II, the 26th Patriarch of Alexandria.

## August or Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ and Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month)

### August 1 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 8 through August 5 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 12

August 1 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 8 see May 5 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 10, page 262.

Annual tune. **Sts. Lazarus, Salmi, his wife, and their children, the martyrs.** The confession of St. Peter the Apostle.

August 2 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 9 see November 11 (12) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 15, page 103.

Annual tune. St. Ari the presbyter and martyr.

August 3 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 10 see November 23 (24) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 27, page 118.

Annual tune. St. Matra the martyr. St. Pigebus the martyr.

August 4 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 11 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. St. Moses the bishop of Ousim.

August 5 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 12 see September 14 (15) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 17, page 29.

Annual tune. Montly commemoration of Archangel Michael. The regin of **Emeror Constantine.**

### August 6 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 13

Joyful Tune

The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor

#### The Evening or Vespers 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.

##### Luke 9:28-36

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.

About eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up to the mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling. And behold, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elias. They appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Now, Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. As Moses and Elias were departing from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias”. He did not know what he was saying.

While Peter was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud. A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They kept silent and told no one in those days of what they had seen. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 103:31, 32

A Psalm of David.

Let the glory of the Lord be forever;

the Lord will be glad in His works—

He looks upon the earth and makes it tremble;

He touches the mountains, and they smoke.

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 86:1, 2a, 5

A Psalm of David.

His foundations are on the holy mountains;

The Lord loves the gates of Zion

A man will say, “Mother Zion,”

and, “a man was born in her,”

for the Most High Himself has founded her.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 9:2-13

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up to a high mountain in private, by themselves. [There], he was transfigured in front of them. His clothing became radiant, extremely white like snow, such as no launderer on earth could whiten them. Elias and Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus.

Peter told Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elias.” He did not know what to say, for they were very afraid.

A cloud came which overshadowed them and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son! Listen to him.”

Suddenly, looking around, they saw no one with them any more, except Jesus only.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen, until after the Son of Man would have risen from the dead. They kept this saying to themselves, wondering what “rising from the dead” meant.

They asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elias must come first?”

Jesus answered, “Indeed, Elias comes first and restores all things. Why then is it written about the Son of Man that he must suffer many things and be despised? But I tell you that Elias has [already] come, and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him.” Glory be to God forever.

### August 7 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 14 through August 9 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 16

August 7 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 14 see November 13 (14) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 17, page 106.

Annual tune. A miracle at Alexandria in the time of Abba Thjeophilus, the 23rd Patriarch of Alexandria.

August 8 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 15 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual utne. St. Marina the ascetic.

August 9 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 16 see April 26 / Ⲡⲁϣⲁⲛⲥ 1, page 249.

Annual tune. **The Assumption of the Theotokos**. St. Matthias IV, the 102 Patriarch of Alexandria.

### August 10 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 17

Annual Tune

St. Jacob the Soldier and Martyr

#### The Evening or Vespers 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.

##### 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 36:39, 40ac

A Psalm of David.

The deliverance of the righteous is from the Lord,

and He is their protector in time of affliction;

the Lord will help them and deliver them;

He will… save them, because they hope in Him.

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 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 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.

### August 11 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 18 through August 17 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 24

August 11 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 18 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Annual tune. St. Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople. St. Eudaemon the martyr.

August 12 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 19 see October 24 (25) / Ⲡⲁⲱⲡⲉ 27, page 76.

Annual tune. Translocatin of the relics of St. Macarius to his monastery in Scetis (Sheheet).

August 13 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 20 see November 18 (19) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 22, page 110.

Annual tune. The Seven Holy Youths, the martyrs of Ephesus.

August 14 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 21 see January 25 (26) / Ⲧⲱⲃⲓ 30, page 207.

Annual Tune. The monthly commemoration of the Theotokos. **St. Irene.**

August 15 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 22 see September 5 (6) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 8, page 22.

Annual tune. **Michah the Prophet.** St. Hadid the martyr.

August 16 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 23 see April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. **The 30,000 martyrs of Alexandria** during the reign of Marcian. St. Damian the martyr in Antioch.

August 17 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 24 see November 24 (25) / Ⲁⲑⲟⲣ 28, page 121.

Annual tune. **St. Thecla Hemanoute**, the Ethiopian. St. Thomas, bishop of Marsh.

### August 18 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 25

Annual Tune

**St. Besarion the Great, the first disciple of St. Anthony**

St. Macarius III the 114th Patriach of Alexandria.

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 41:2

A Psalm of David.

My soul longs for You, O God,

as the deer longs for springs of water.

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 33:6, 8

A Psalm of David.

Come to Him and be enlightened,

and your faces will never be ashamed.

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

and He will deliver them.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 19:11-19

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 the people heard these things, he went on to tell [them] a parable because he was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the Kingdom of God would be revealed immediately. He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. So he called ten of his slaves and gave them ten mina coins, and told them, ‘Trade [with these] until I come.’ But his subjects hated him, and they sent a delegation after him, to say: ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

It so happened that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, that he commanded these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, so that he might know what they had earned by conducting business. The first came before him, saying: ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas!’

The king said to him, ‘Well done, you good servant! Because you were found faithful with very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’

The second came, saying: ‘Your mina, Lord, has made five minas!’

And so, the king said to him, ‘And you are to be set over five cities.’ Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 103:1bc, 2a

A Psalm of David.

O Lord my God, You are exceedingly magnified.

You are clothed with confession and splendor,

wrapping Yourself in light for a garment,

Who makes spirits His Angels,

and His ministers flames of fire.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 12:32-44

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.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves purses which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief can reach and where moth cannot destroy. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps burning. Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Amen, I tell you: he will dress himself [to serve], make them recline, and he will come to serve them! They will be blessed if the master comes in the second or third watch, and finds them doing so. But know this, that if the master of the house had known when the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour when you do not expect him.”

Peter said to him, “Lord, are you telling this parable [only] to us, or to everyone?”

The Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and wise steward whom his master will set over his household to give [his people] their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will set this servant over all that he has. Glory be to God forever.

### August 19 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 26

Annual Tune

St. Moses and his sister Sarah, the Martyrs

St. Agabius the soldier, and Thecla his sister, the Martyrs

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 30:24, 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.

##### 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 144:10b, 5b, 11b, 20a, 21a

A Psalm of David.

Your saints [will] bless You,

and they will recount Your wonders,

and they will speak of Your power,

He will do the will of those who fear Him,

The Lord keeps all who love Him.

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 worship 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 149:5, 9

A Psalm of David.

The saints will boast in glory,

And they will rejoice on their beds.

To execute the written judgment among them:

This glory is for all His saints.

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.

### August 20 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 27

See April 18 / Ⲡⲁⲣⲙⲟⲩⲧⲉ 23, page 241.

Annual tune. Sts. Benjamin and Eudoxia the martyrs. St. Mary the Armenian, the martyr.

### August 21 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 28

Annual Tune

Commemoration of the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 46:9, 10

A Psalm of David.

God reigns over the nations;

God is seated on His holy throne.

Rulers of peoples gather together

With the God of Abraham,

for God’s mighty ones of the earth

are greatly exalted.

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. I 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 104:3b, 4

A Psalm of David.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord be glad.

Seek the Lord and be strengthened;

continually seek His face

[and walk after Him.]

Alleluia.

##### Luke 16:19-31

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.

Now, there was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen, feasting in luxury every day. A certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Yes, even dogs came and licked his sores. It happened that the beggar died and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. In hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus in his bosom. He cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! For I am in agony in this flame.’

But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime, you received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But now, he is comforted here and you are in anguish. Besides all this, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot [do so], and that no one may cross over from there to us.’

He said, ‘I ask you therefore, father, that you would send Lazarus to my father’s house; for I have five brothers, that he might bear witness to them, so that they would not also come to this place of torment.’

But Abraham replied to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets! Let them listen to them!’

But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

Then Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.’” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 104:8b, 9, 10

A Psalm of David.

The word He commanded for a thousand generations,

[the covenant] which He established with Abraham,

and His oath to Isaac;

and He established it with Jacob as an ordinance,

and with Israel as an everlasting covenant.

Alleluia.

##### Mark 12:18-27

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Then Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to him. They asked him, “Teacher, Moses wrote to us, ‘If a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife behind him but no children, his brother should take his wife, and raise up an offspring for his brother.’ There were seven brothers. The first took a wife, died, and left no offspring. The second [brother] took her and [also] died, leaving no children behind him. The third likewise; and so the seven [brothers] married her and left no children. Last of all, the woman also died. In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For the seven [brothers] had her as a wife.”

Jesus answered them, “Is this not why you are mistaken, by not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God? For when people {will} rise from the dead, they do not marry or are given in marriage; instead, they are like angels in heaven. But regarding the fact that the dead are raised, have not you read in the book of Moses (in the passage about the Bush), how God spoke to him, saying: ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living! This is why you are greatly misled.” Glory be to God forever.

### August 22 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 29

Joyful Tune

Commemoration of the Annunciation, Nativity, and Resurrection

**Sts. Athanasius the bishop, Gerasimus, and Theodotus, the Martyrs**

Arrival of the relics of St. John the Short to Scetis (Sheheet) in 515 A.D.

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 191:9, 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 15:1-11

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Pharisees and scribes then came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying: “Why do your disciples disobey the tradition of the presbyters? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”

Jesus answered them, “Why do you also disobey the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother should be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever may tell his father or his mother, “Whatever support you might otherwise have received from me is now a gift devoted to God,” is not bound to honor his father or mother.’ Thus, you have made the commandment of God void because of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaias prophesied about you quite well when he said:

*‘These people draw near to me with their mouth,*

*and honor me with their lips;*

*but their heart is far from me.*

*And in vain do they worshipe me,*

*teaching as doctrine rules made by men.’*

Jesus gathered the crowds and said to them, “Hear, and understand. What enters into the mouth does not defile a person, but what comes out of the mouth, this is what defiles a person. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime 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 15:12-20

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.

Then, the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

But Jesus answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted. Leave them alone! They are blind guides of the blind; and if the blind guide the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”

And so, Jesus answered, “Do you still fail to understand? Do not you understand that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the belly and then out of the body? But the things which come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile the person. Indeed, it is from the heart that evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies come forth. These are the things which defile a person; but to eat with unwashed hands does not make anyone impure.” Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 67:20

A Psalm of David.

Blessed be the Lord God;

blessed be the Lord from day to day;

the God of our salvation will [prepare our way for us].

Alleluia.

##### John 8:21-27

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.

Then, Jesus spoke to them again, “I am going away; you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I go, you cannot come.”

At this, the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”

Jesus said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you therefore that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am {he}, you will die in your sins.”

Therefore, they asked him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning! I have much to say concerning you and [much] to condemn. these [things] I say to the world.”

They did not understand that he spoke to them about the Father. Glory be to God forever.

### August 23 / Ⲙⲉⲥⲟⲣⲏ 30

Annual Tune

Malachi the Prophet

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 5:12abd, 13b

A Psalm of David.

Let all who hope in You be glad;

they will rejoice forever,

and all who love Your Name will glory in You,

[for] You will bless a righteous person;

O Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 13:53-58

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 had finished [speaking] these parables, he departed from there. Coming into his own country, he taught the people in their synagogue and they were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? Are not all of his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all of these things?” And they stumbled because of him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own house!” He did not do many deeds of power there because of their unbelief. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 100:8

A Psalm of David.

Each morning I slay all the sinners of the land,

that I may purge all workers of iniquity

from the city of the Lord.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 14:1-5

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. Glory be to God forever.

#### The Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 49:23, 14b

A Psalm of David.

A sacrifice of praise will glorify Me,

and this is the way by which I will show him the salvation of God.

Pay your vows to the Most High.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 14:16-24

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 Jesus replied, “A certain man gave a great banquet and invited many people. At supper time, he sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now!’ But they all began to make excuses.

The first told him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please have me excused!’

Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen and I must go try them out. Please have me excused!’

Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come!’

That servant came back and reported these things to his lord. At this, the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in the poor, the maimed, the blind, and the lame.’

The servant said, ‘Lord, it is done as you commanded, and there is still room!’

The lord then told the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled! For I tell you that none of those who were invited will taste of my supper.’” Glory be to God forever.

### August 24 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ 1

Annual Tune

**St. Eutychus, a disciple of St. John the Evangelist**

St. Pishay the Antiochian

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 64:5abc, 6ab

A Psalm of David.

Blessed is he whom You have chosen

and taken to Yourself;

he will dwell in Your courts [forever].

Hear us, O God our Saviour,

the hope of all the ends of the earth.

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 saves 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 36:17b, 18

A Psalm of David.

The Lord supports the righteous.

The Lord knows the ways of the blameless,

and their inheritance will be eternal.

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 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.

The Logos became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We beheld his glory, glory as a Father’s uniquely-begotten 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 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 36:30, 31

A Psalm of David.

A righteous man’s mouth will meditate wisdom,

and his tongue speaks justice.

The law of his God is in his heart,

and his steps will not slip.

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 love 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 Jesus 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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Annual Tune

St. Titus the Disciple

#### The Evening or Vespers Gospel

##### Psalm 18:4, 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.

##### 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 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.

##### Luke 5:18-26

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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, 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. Seeing 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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 104:1, 67:12

A Psalm of David.

Confess the Lord and call on His Name;

tell of His works among the nations.

The Lord will give a word

to those proclaiming the Gospel to a great company.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 6:12-23

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.

It happened in these days, that Jesus went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night, in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve from among them, which he also named ‘apostles’: Simon, whom he also named Peter; Andrew, his brother; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor. 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.

### August 26 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ 3

Annual Tune

**Archangel Raphael**

St. Andrianus the Martyr

St. John XIV, the 96th Patriarch of Alexandria

#### 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 [Father’s glory]\*.” Glory be to God forever.

\*Greek has “Kingdom,” but Coptic lectionary has “Father’s glory”.

#### The Morning or Prime Gospel

##### Psalm 96:7c, 8a, 9

A Psalm of David.

Worship Him, all His angels!

Zion heard and was glad,

for You are the Lord Most High over all the earth,

You are exalted far above all the gods.

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 137:1b, 2a, 1a, 1c

A Psalm of David.

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

I will bow down toward Your holy temple,

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

for You heard the words of my mouth.

Alleluia.

##### Matthew 25:31-46

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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 the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Before him, all the nations will be gathered and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on

his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then, the King will tell those on

his right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of my Father! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world! For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, saying: ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visited you?’

The King will answer them, ‘Amen, I tell you: as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ Then, he will also say to those on his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not receive me; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.’

Then, they will answer, saying: ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help you?’ Then he will answer them, saying: ‘Amen, I tell you: as much as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ These [ones on the left] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Glory be to God forever.

### August 27 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ 4

Annual Tune

**Abba Poemen the Anchorite**

St. Leparius the bishop of Rome

#### 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 24:42-47

Stand with the fear of God. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Bless, O Lord, the reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. 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.

Watch therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, be ready, for it is at an hour which you do not expect that the Son of Man will come.

Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. Amen, I tell you that he will set him over all that he has. 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 13:33-37

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.

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 Liturgy Gospel

##### Psalm 115:6, 7ab

A Psalm of David.

The death of His saints is

precious in the sight of the Lord.

O Lord, I am Your servant;

I am Your servant and the son of Your handmaid.

Alleluia.

##### Luke 16:1-12

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.

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 cors 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? Glory be to God forever.

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Annual tune. Amos the Prophet. St. James the bishop of Egypt. St. Barsoma the naked. **St. John XV**, the 99th Patriarch of Alexandria.

August 29 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ 6 see February 29 / Ⲕⲟⲩϫⲓ ⲛ̀ⲁ̀ⲃⲟⲧ (The Little Month) 6, page 227.

Annual tune. A Thanksgiving to God.

August 29 (30) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 1 see August 29 (30) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 1, page 16.

Joyful Tune. **The Ecclesiastical New Year**. St. Bartholomew the Apostle. St. Milieus, the 3rd Patriarch of Alexandria.

August 30 (31) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 2 see August 30 (31) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 2, page 19.

Joyful tune. **The martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.** St. Dasya the soldier and martyr.

August 31 (September 1) / Ⲑⲟⲟⲩⲧ 3 see June 27 / Ⲉⲡⲏⲡ 3, page 299.

Joyful tune. Commemoration of the **Council held in Alexandria**. A great earthquake in 1112 A.D.