

LISTING OF FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS

ACCORDING TO THE MENAION

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NOTES

- A. To distinguish between Vigil and Polyeleos Rank commemorations, refer to the section entitled “Ranking of Feasts and Commemorations According to the Menaion.”
- B. The listing of 3rd and 4th Class commemorations will, of course, vary slightly from place to place depending on local piety and veneration.

1ST CLASS

FEASTS OF THE MASTER

(from the Menaion)

- 09/14 Elevation of the Precious Cross¹
12/25 Nativity of Christ²
01/06 Theophany³
08/06 Transfiguration⁴

(from the Triodion)

---- Palm Sunday⁵

(from the Pentecostarion)

- Thomas Sunday⁶
---- Ascension⁷
---- Pentecost⁸

FEASTS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

(from the Menaion)

- 09/08 Nativity of the Theotokos⁹
11/21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple¹⁰
02/02 Meeting of the Lord in the Temple¹¹
03/25 Annunciation of the Theotokos¹²
08/15 Dormition of the Theotokos¹³

2ND CLASS

¹ Forefeast on September 13th; Leavetaking on September 21st.

² Forefeast period begins on December 20th; Leavetaking on December 31st.

³ Forefeast period begins on January 2nd; Leavetaking on January 14th.

⁴ Forefeast on August 5th; Leavetaking on August 13th.

⁵ No Forefeast and no Leavetaking.

⁶ No Forefeast; Leavetaking on the following Saturday.

⁷ No Forefeast; Leavetaking on the Friday before Pentecost.

⁸ No Forefeast; Leavetaking on the following Saturday.

3RD CLASS (VIGIL or POLYELEOS)

(from the Menaion)

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- 09/01 The Indiction

⁹ Forefeast on September 7th; Leavetaking on September 12th.

¹⁰ Forefeast on November 20th; Leavetaking on November 25.

¹¹ Forefeast on February 1st; Leavetaking on February 9th. This festal period may be shortened depending upon the proximity of February 2nd to the Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

¹² Forefeast on March 24th; Leavetaking on March 26th (or at Vespers on March 25th).

¹³ Forefeast on August 14th; Leavetaking on August 23rd.

09/26 Apostle John the Theologian (repose)
 10/26 Great-martyr Demetrios¹⁴
 10/28 Protection of the Theotokos¹⁵
 11/1-7 Raphael Hawaweeny of Brooklyn¹⁶
 11/08 Archangels Michael & Gabriel
 11/13 John Chrysostom (repose)
 11/25 Great-martyrs Catherine & Mercurios
 11/30 Apostle Andrew the First-Called
 12/04 Great-martyr Barbara & John Damascene
 12/05 Sava the Sanctified¹⁷
 12/06 Nicholas of Myra
 12/12 Spyridon the Wonder-worker
 01/01 Circumcision and Basil the Great
 01/11 Theodosios the head of monasteries
 01/17 Antony the Great
 01/18 Athanasios & Cyril of Alexandria
 01/20 Euthymios the Great
 01/25 Gregory the Theologian
 01/27 John Chrysostom (transfer of relics)
 01/30 The Three Hierarchs
 02/10 Hieromartyr Haralampos
 02/24 The Forerunner (1st & 2nd discoveries)
 03/09 Forty Martyrs
 04/23 Great-martyr George¹⁸
 05/08 Apostle John the Theologian ('manna')
 05/21 Constantine and Helen
 05/25 The Forerunner (3rd discovery)
 06/04 Metrophanes of Constantinople
 06/24 Nativity of the Forerunner¹⁹
 06/29 Chief Apostles Peter and Paul²⁰
 07/05 Athanasios of Athos
 07/11 Euphemia the all-praised
 07/27 Great-martyr Panteleimon
 08/25 Apostles Bartholomew and Titus
 08/29 Beheading of the Forerunner²¹

KATHOLIKON

(from the Menaion)

11/01 Cosmas & Damian of Asia²²
 07/01 Cosmas & Damian of Rome
 07/20 Prophet Elias
 07/25 Dormition of St Anna

4TH CLASS (DOXOLOGY)

(from the Menaion)

09/06 Miracle of the Archangel Michael
 09/09 Righteous Joachim and Anna

09/13 Dedication of the Church of the Anastasis
 09/23 Conception of the Forerunner
 09/28 Venerable Chariton²³
 10/06 Apostle Thomas
 10/09 Apostle James of Alphaeus
 10/18 Apostle Luke
 10/23 Apostle James Brother-of-the-Lord
 11/03 Dedication of the Church of St George
 11/09 Nektarios of Aegina
 11/14 Apostle Philip
 11/16 Apostle Matthew
 12/09 Conception of the Theotokos²⁴ (*or Katholikon*)
 12/15 Hieromartyr Eleftherios
 12/26 Synaxis of the Theotokos
 01/07 Synaxis of the Forerunner
 01/16 Chains of Apostle Peter
 03/26 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel (*if a Saturday*)²⁵
 04/25 Apostle Mark
 04/30 Apostle James of Zebedee
 05/02 Athanasios the Great (transfer of relics)
 05/10 Apostle Simon the Zealot
 06/11 Apostles Bartholomew & Barnabas
 06/30 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles
 07/02 Deposition of the Robe of the Theotokos
 07/05 Ss Athanasios & Lampados²⁶
 07/08 Greatmartyr Prokopios²⁷
 07/13 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel²⁸
 07/17 Great-martyr Marina²⁹
 08/01 Procession of the Precious Cross³⁰
 08/31 Deposition of the Belt of the Theotokos
*(from the Pentecostarion)*³¹
 - - - Mid-Pentecost (Wednesday after Paralytic)
 - - - Day of the Holy Spirit (Monday after Pentecost)

²³ Or 5th Class/Simple with Sung Praises.

²⁴ Forefeast on December 8th; no Leavetaking.

²⁵ Monday-Friday, it is served as 5th Class/Simple

²⁶ Or 3rd Class/Polyeleos for St Athanasios alone.

²⁷ Or 5th Class/Simple with Sung Praises.

²⁸ Or 5th Class/Simple with Sung Praises.

²⁹ Or 5th Class/Simple with Sung Praises.

³⁰ Forefeast on July 31st; no Leavetaking.

³¹ The Pentecostarion commemorations have no Forefeasts but they do have Leavetakings: i.e., Pascha (Leavetaking on Wednesday after Blind Man Sunday); Thomas Sunday (Leavetaking on Saturday), Myrrh-bearers Sunday (Leavetaking on Saturday), Paralytic Sunday (Leavetaking on Tuesday), Mid-Pentecost (Leavetaking on the following Wednesday), Samaritan Woman Sunday (Leavetaking on Saturday), Blind Man Sunday (Leavetaking on Tuesday), Ascension Thursday (Leavetaking on Friday before Pentecost), and Pentecost Sunday (Leavetaking on Saturday).

¹⁴ No Forefeast; Leavetaking at Vespers on October 26th.

¹⁵ Celebrated by the Slavs on October 1st.

¹⁶ The date of celebration is the first Saturday in November.

¹⁷ Or Katholikon if Vigil on December 6th.

¹⁸ The date of celebration may vary due to the date of Pascha.

¹⁹ No Forefeast; Leavetaking on June 25th.

²⁰ No Forefeast; Leavetaking on June 30th.

²¹ No Forefeast; Leavetaking on August 30th.

²² Or 5th Class/Simple with Sung Praises.