

Holy and Great Tuesday
March 25 / April 7: Annunciation of Our
Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Great Compline

God is with us.

After the first Trisagion: Troparion of the Feast

After the second Trisagion: Kontakion of the Feast

After the Doxology: Lita of the Feast, *Glory, Both now: Today Gabriel announceth...*

Aposticha: Feast

Now lettest Thou Thy servant..., Trisagion

Troparia: Feast, thrice

Blessing of the Loaves

Matins

Troparia after *God is the Lord*: Feast, thrice

After the first Kathisma: Sessional Hymns from the Triodion, without litany

After the Kathismata: Small Litany, and Sessional Hymns of the Feast

Polyeleos and Magnification, and selected psalm verses for the Feast

Litany and sessional hymns of the Feast

Hymn of Ascent, First Antiphon, Tone 4: *From my youth...*

Prokimenon of the Feast

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-49, 56

Psalm 50. *Glory: Through the prayers of the Theotokos...; Both now: Repeat; Have mercy on me, O God; Sticheron of the Feast.*

Save, O God, Thy people...

Canon

Odes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Feast 8 *Most Holy Theotokos save us, The Angel cried, The Theotokos said*
Katavasia *I shall open my mouth...*

Odes 8 & 9

Feast 4 *Most Holy Theotokos save us, The Angel cried, The Theotokos said*
Triodion 4 (2 canons) *Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee*

Katavasia After Ode 8, from Triodion; after Ode 9 from both Triodion and Feast

After Ode 3, Kontakion, Ikos from the Triodion; Sessional hymns of the Feast

After Ode 6, Kontakion and Ikos of the Feast

[At Ode 9, We do **not** sing *More Honorable...*]

Exapostilaria: Feast; *Glory, Triodion; Both now, Feast*

Let every breath...

Praises: Feast 4; *Glory; Triodion Both now: Feast*

After the doxasticon, the verse *Unto Thee is due glory, O Lord our God...* is **omitted**; and the priest immediately announces *Glory to Thee Who hast shown us the light!*

The Small Doxology is **read**

Litany: *Let us complete our morning prayer...*

Aposticha: Triodion; *Glory, Feast; Both now: Triodion*

It is good to give praise unto the Lord... once

Trisagion

Troparion of the Feast

Augmented Litany, followed by the Prayer of St. Ephrem, with 3 Great Prostrations.

No dismissal for Matins, but instead the first hour is begun.

First Hour

No Kathisma

Troparion: Feast; Kontakion: Feast

3 Great prostrations with the prayer of St. Ephrem

O Christ, the true Light...

Festal Dismissal

Third Hour

With Kathismata (12)

Troparion for the Feast

Reading from the Gospel

Kontakion for Holy Tuesday

3 Great Prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephrem

Sixth Hour

With Kathismata (13)

Troparion for the Feast

Troparion of the Prophecy

Prokimena and reading from the Triodion

Reading from the Gospel

Kontakion for the Feast.

3 Great Prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephrem.

Ninth Hour

No Kathisma

Troparion for the Feast

Reading from the Gospel

Kontakion for Holy Tuesday

3 Great Prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephrem

Typika

The Typical psalms are not said, but rather, at the conclusion of the 9th hour we read the Beatitudes, quickly, without prostrations.

The Creed is not read, but after *Both now...* skip to *Remit, pardon, forgive, O God... Our Father...*

Then, Kontakion of the Feast

Lord, have mercy. 40; Glory... Both now...; More honorable...; In the name of the Lord...

The priest says: *God be gracious unto us...*

3 Great Prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephrem

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion...

Then the dismissal

Vesperal Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Blessed is the Kingdom

Usual beginning

Psalm 103 is read

Great Litany

The kathisma is not read

At Lord I have cried: Triodion: 5; Feast: 5; Glory; Triodion; Both now: The Archangel Gabriel was sent...

Entry with the Gospel; *O Gladsome Light...*

Prokimenon, Tone 6: *Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.*

Reading: Exodus 2:5-10.

Prokimenon, Tone 4: *Behold now, what is so good or so joyous as for brethren to dwell together in unity?*

Reading: Job 1:13-22.

2 Readings for the Feast, from Exodus and Proverbs.

Small Litany. Exclamation: *For holy art Thou, O our God;*

Trisagion Hymn, as usually done at a Liturgy

Prokimenon of the Feast in Tone 4: *Proclaim from day to day the good tidings.*

Epistle: Heb. 2:11-18 (§306).

Alleluia, Tone 1.

Gospel: Luke 1:24-38 (§3); Matt. 24:36-26:2 (§102-107).

And the rest of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Instead of *It is truly meet*, we sing the refrain *Proclaim, O earth*; with the Irmos of the 9th Ode of Annunciation (*Let no profane hand*).

Communion Hymn: *The Lord hath elected Sion, He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.*