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Vespers

The usual beginning followed by Psalm 103

Blessed is the man

At Lord I have Cried: Feast 8; Glory, Both now: Feast

Entrance with the Gospel

Prokimenon of the day and 13 Readings of the Feast

After the 3rd reading: Troparion: *O Thou Who hast created...* with verses After the 6th reading: Troparion: *To sinners and publicans...* with verses

Small litany

Prokimenon: The Lord is my light...

Epistle: *I Cor.* 9:19-27 Gospel: *Luke* 3:1-18

Litany: *Let us bow our heads...*

Priest: Peace be unto all... Let us bow our heads...

Then the Great Blessing of the Waters is performed.

After the dismissal a candle is placed in the center of the Church, and the chanters come to the center of the Church and sing the Troparion of the Feast, *Glory*, *Both Now* and the Kontakion of the Feast.

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After the first Trisagion: Troparion of the Feast After the second Trisagion: Kontakion of the Feast

After the Doxology: Litia of the Feast

Aposticha: Feast

Now lettest Thou Thy servant..., Trisagion

Troparia: Feast, thrice

Blessing of the Bread, as at the end of Vespers

Matins

Troparia after *God is the Lord*: Feast thrice

After each Kathisma: Sessional hymns of the Feast

Polyeleos and Magnification of the Feast

Sessional Hymns of the Feast

Antiphon I, Tone 4: *From my youth...*

Prokimenon of the Feast Matins Gospel : Mark 1:9-11

(*Having beheld the Resurrection* is **not** sung)

Psalm 50; Glory: Let all things rejoice today...; Both now: Let all things rejoice today...;

Have mercy on me, O God...; God the Word appeared...;

Then the Litany: *Save, O God, Thy people...*

Canon

Feast (2 Canons) 8 Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee

Katavasia The Irmoi of both canons

After Ode 3, Hypakoe of the Feast (III)

After Ode 6, Kontakion and Ikos of the Feast (VI)

After Ode 8 we do **not** sing *More Honorable...* We instead sing the refrains of the

Feast, with the canon of the Feast

(*Holy is the Lord,* our God is **not** sung.)

Exapostilarion: Feast, thrice

Praises: Feast 4; Glory: Thou didst clothe Thyself...; Both now: Today Christ hath come...

After the Great Doxology: Troparion of the Feast

At the Hours

Troparion: Feast Kontakion: Feast