

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

**Vespers**

Great Litany

No Kathisma

*At Lord I have Cried: Triodion 3, Feast 5; Glory, Both now: Feast*

Prokimenon

2 Readings from the Triodion

3 Readings of the Feast: (Gen 28:10-17; Ezek 43:27-44:4a; Prov. 9:1-11)

Augmented litany

*Vouchsafe, O Lord...*

Supplicatory Litany

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

*Now lettest Thou Thy servant...*, Trisagion

Troparia: Feast, once

Litany, Prayer of Saint Ephraim

Then the prayer *O All-holy Trinity* followed by *Blessed be the name of the Lord*

Psalm 33 and the dismissal sequence

**Great Compline**

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

*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...*

### Ode 2

Triodion 8 *Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee*  
Katavasia from the second canon in the Triodion

### 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, 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

*Let every breath...*

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

*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

At the end, three Great prostrations with the prayer of St. Ephrem

*O Christ, the true Light...*

Dismissal

### Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours

With Kathismata (7, 8, & 9)

At the end of each hour, 3 Great Prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephrem

Troparion and Kontakion of the Feast

At the 6th Hour, the Troparion of the Prophecy

Prokimenon and reading of the Triodion

## Typika

The Typical psalms are not said, but rather, at the conclusion of the 9<sup>th</sup> 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: 2 [the same verse is repeated twice; from the Aposticha at Vespers]; Triodion 3; Feast: 3; Archangel Gabriel: 3, the final verse of the Archangel is preceded by the Psalm verse *Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. Glory, Both now: The Archangel Gabriel was sent...**

Entry with the Gospel

*O Gladsome Light...*

Prokimena and readings of the day from the Triodion and 2 for the feast

Small Litany

Trisagion Hymn, as usually done at a liturgy

Prokimenon, Epistle, and Gospel of the feast

Instead of *It is truly meet...* we sing the Refrain and Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Feast

Communion hymn of the Feast