

8 SEPTEMBER
THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

Thy Nativity O Virgin Mother of God, hath proclaimed joy to all the world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Annulling the curse He hath bestowed a blessing; and having done away with death, He hath given us eternal life.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O most pure one by thy holy Nativity, which thy people delivered from the guilt of sin, celebrate as they cry unto thee: A barren woman beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

14 SEPTEMBER
THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
TROPARION, FIRST TONE

Ⲁ Lord save Thy people and
bless Thine inheritance. Grant
Thou unto Orthodox Christians
victories over adversaries, and
by Thy Cross preserve Thy
people.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Θ Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, do Thou bestow Thy bounties now upon Thy people, which is named after Thee, O Christ our God. Gladden Orthodox Christians with Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries; for they have for their aid Thy weapon, the invincible trophy of peace.

26 SEPTEMBER, ALSO 8 MAY
THE REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN
TROPARION, SECOND TONE

Ⲁ Apostle beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to lean on His breast, receiveth thee when thou bowest before him in intercession. Implore Him O Theologian, to dispel oppressive heathen threats like a cloud; and ask for us peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

Who can tell of thy great deeds
O virginal Saint? For thou dost
cause miracles to flow forth,
and thou pourest out healings;
and thou dost intercede for our
souls, as the Theologian and
friend of Christ.

1 OCTOBER
THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
ΤΡΟΠΑΡΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Today we Orthodox people, joyfully keep festival overshadowed by thy coming among us O Mother of God; and as we gaze upon thy most pure image, we say with compunction: Shelter us with thy precious Protection; and deliver us from every evil; and entreat thy Son Christ our God, that He save our souls.

KONTAKION, THIRD TONE

The Virgin today doth stand before us in the church, and together with the choirs of the saints, she doth invisibly pray to God for us. The angels worship with the hierarchs; the Apostles exult with the Prophets; for the Theotokos prayeth for us, to Christ the pre-eternal God.

22 OCTOBER, 8 JULY
THE WONDER-WORKING KAZAN ICON
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

O ardent advocate, Mother of the Lord Most High, thou prayest for all to thy Son Christ our God, and thou actest to save all who have recourse to thy powerful protection. O Lady our Mistress and Queen, defend all of us who in trials troubles and illnesses, burdened by many sins, stand in thy presence and pray to thee

with tears, with compunction
of soul and contrition of heart,
before the most pure image of
thy wonder-working icon; for
we have unflagging hope in
thee, that we will be delivered
from all adversities. Grant to
all what is good for us, and
save us all O Virgin Mother of
God; for thou art the divine
protection of thy servants.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, EIGHTH TONE

Let us run O ye people, to that quiet and good harbour, to the speedy helper, to the ready and cordial salvation of the Virgin's protection. Let us hurry to prayer and hasten to repentance; for the most pure Mother of God, poureth forth copious mercies for us; she precedeth us with her aid, and delivereth from great evils and

woes, her virtuous and God-
fearing servants.

26 OCTOBER
THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS
TROPARION, THIRD TONE

The world hath found thee to be a great helper, in times of trouble O Passion-bearer, victorious over the pagans. Thus as thou didst defeat the arrogance of Lyæus, and didst fortify Nestor for struggle, O Saint Demetrius, do thou beseech Christ our God, to grant us great mercy.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

God Who gave thee invincible strength O Demetrius, hath empurpled the Church with the streams of thy blood, and hath kept thy city unharmed; for thou art its support.

8 NOVEMBER

SYNAXIS OF SAINT MICHAEL THE CHIEF
COMMANDER AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS
TROPAKION, FOURTH TONE

Supreme Commanders of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy now beseech you, that by your prayers ye protect us, under the shelter of the wings of your immaterial glory, guarding us who fervently pray and cry out: Deliver us from adversities, as the leaders of the ranks of the powers on high.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

Ⲁ supreme Commanders of God, and servants of divine glory, ye leaders of the angels and guides of men: Ask for what is to our profit and for great mercy, since ye are the marshals of the bodiless hosts.

13 NOVEMBER
SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
TROPARION, EIGHTH TONE

Shining forth from thy mouth,
like the bright rays of the dawn,
thy God-given grace hath illu-
minated the whole world. Thou
didst gain for the world a trea-
sure of not being greedy for gain,
and didst show us the heights of
humility. As by thy words thou
instructed us O Father John
Chrysostom, beseech Christ God
that our souls may be saved.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, ΣΙΧΤΗ ΤΟΝΕ

From heaven hast thou received grace divine, and by thy lips thou dost teach all to worship the One God in Trinity. O all-blessed and godly John Chrysostom, rightly do we praise thee, for thou art a teacher revealing things divine.

21 NOVEMBER
THE ENTRY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

Today is the prefigurement of God's good will, and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin appeareth openly in the Temple of God, and bringeth the glad tidings of Christ to all. To her then let us also cry aloud in a great voice: Rejoice thou fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

The all-pure temple of the Saviour, the very precious bridal chamber, the Maiden who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the Spirit Divine. Of her the angels of God sing in praise: She is the heavenly tabernacle.

6 DECEMBER
SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

As a rule of faith, an image of meekness and a teacher of temperance, the Lord revealed thee to thy flock, in the truth of things; therefore thou didst attain the heights by humility and riches by poverty. O our father and hierarch Nicholas, entreat Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

KONTAKION, THIRD TONE

In Myra thou wast shown to be a hierarch, O Saint Nicholas; for in the fulfillment of Christ's Gospel, thou didst today offer up thy life for thy people, and didst save the innocent from death; therefore thou wast sanctified and wast revealed to be, a great initiate of the grace of God.

25 DECEMBER
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

Thy Nativity O Christ our God,
hath shone upon the world
with the light of knowledge;
for thereby they who served
the stars, through a star were
taught to worship Thee, the
Sun of righteousness, and to
know Thee the Dayspring from
on high. O Lord glory to Thee.

KONTAKION, THIRD TONE

Today the Virgin giveth birth to Him Who is above all being, and the earth offereth a cave to Him Whom no man can approach. Angels with shepherds give glory, and Magi journey with a star. For our sake is born, a young Child the pre-eternal God.

1 JANUARY
THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD AND THE
COMMEMORATION OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT
TROPARION OF THE FEAST, FIRST TONE

Θ Thou Who sittest upon a fiery throne on high, with the unoriginate Father and Thy Spirit Divine, Thou wast pleased to be born in the flesh on earth, from the Virgin who knew not man O Jesus; therefore Thou wast circumcised as a man on the eighth day. Glory to Thy most gracious will; glory to Thine ineffable

dispensation; glory to Thy
philanthropic condescension,
O Thou Who alone lovest
mankind.

KONTAKION, THIRD TONE

The Lord of all accepteth
circumcision, and in His good-
ness He cutteth away the sins
of men, and giveth salvation to
the world. And in heaven
above with the Creator Basil
rejoiceth, as the most
illustrious hierarch of Christ,
and His divine mysteries.

KONTAKION OF ST BASIL, FOURTH TONE

Thou hast proved to be an unshakable pillar, of the Church and its firm foundation, as thou givest all men an inviolate treasure, and sealest it with thy doctrines O godly Basil, revealer of heavenly things.

6 JANUARY
THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
ΤΡΟΠΑΡΙΟΝ, FIRST TONE

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness unto Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Thou hast appeared today to the whole world, and Thy light O Lord hath been signed upon us, who with knowledge sing Thy praise. Thou hast come Thou art made manifest, the unapproachable Light.

30 JANUARY

THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS BASIL THE GREAT,
GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
ΤΡΟΠΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

As equals of the Apostles in
virtue, and as teachers of the
whole world, implore the
Master of all to grant peace to
the inhabited earth, and to our
souls great mercy.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

Into the enjoyment of repose
and Thy good things O Lord,
Thou hast taken those
consecrated heralds of God,
and preachers who were
foremost among Thy teachers;
for Thou hast accepted their
labours and sufferings as
above all other offerings, O
Thou Who alone dost glorify
Thy saints.

2 FEBRUARY
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
TROPARION, FIRST TONE

Rejoice thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Mother of God; for from thee hath arisen the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, giving light to those in darkness. Be glad also, thou righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Liberator of our souls, Who bestoweth upon us resurrection.

KONTAKION, FIRST TONE

Ⲁ Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Simeon's hands as was meet, now Thou hast also gone before us and saved us, O Christ our God; but grant peace to our lives amidst wars, and strengthen Orthodox Christians whom Thou lovest, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind.

25 MARCH
THE ANNUNCIATION
ΤΡΟΠΑΡΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announceth the good tidings of grace; therefore let us also cry out with him, to the Mother of God: Rejoice O thou that art highly favoured; the Lord is with thee.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, EIGHTH TONE

To thee our mighty leader in battle, O Mother of God, we thy servants offer hymns of victory and thanksgiving, for we have been delivered from dangers. Since thou possessest power invincible, set us free from every peril, that we may cry to thee: Rejoice thou Bride unwedded.

23 APRIL
HOLY GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

Thou didst fight the good fight for the sake of the faith, O George Passion-bearer of Christ, and thou didst rebuke the impiety of thy tormentors. As a well-pleasing sacrifice thou wast offered to God; hence thou hast also received the crown of victory, and by thy prayers O Saint, thou bestowest forgiveness of sins upon all.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Having been cultivated by God, thou wast seen to be a cultivator of piety, O most honourable one. Thou hast gathered sheaves of virtue for thyself; for as thou didst sow with tears, thou didst reap with rejoicing. Having suffered unto the shedding of thy blood, thou hast received Christ; and by thy prayers O Saint George, thou bestowest forgiveness of sins upon all.

24 JUNE
THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

Ⲁ Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, we who lovingly honour thee, know not how to extol thee worthily; for thy mother's barrenness and thy father's muteness were ended, by thy glorious and honourable birth; and the Incarnation of the Son of God, is proclaimed to the world.

KONTAKION, THIRD TONE

Today a barren woman giveth birth, to the Forerunner of Christ; and he is the culmination of all prophecy; for when in the River Jordan he laid his hand upon Him, Whom the prophets had proclaimed, he showed himself to be the Prophet and Preacher of God the Word, and also his Forerunner.

29 JUNE

THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED CHIEF
APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

Ⲁ foremost of the Apostles, and teachers of the world, entreat the Master of all, to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

Into the enjoyment of repose
and Thy good things O Lord,
Thou hast taken those steadfast
heralds of God, and preachers
who were Thy chief disciples;
for Thou hast accepted their
labours and death, as above all
other offerings, O Thou Who
alone knowest the secrets of
our hearts.

20 JULY
HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH
TROPARION, FOURTH TONE

In angel in the flesh, the summit of the prophets, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, the glorious Elijah from above sent down upon Elisha, the grace to drive away diseases and to cleanse lepers; thus upon those who honour him, he poureth forth healing.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

Ⲁ Prophet and preacher of the great works of our God, renowned Elijah who by thy words, didst restrain the rain clouds: Pray for us to Him, Who alone loveth mankind.

1 August
FEAST OF THE ALL-MERCIFUL SAVIOUR
TROPARION, EIGHTH TONE

Θ Thou Who lookest down
from on high and receivest the
poor, look upon us O Saviour,
and visit us who are afflicted
with sins. O all-merciful
Master, through the prayers of
the Theotokos, grant our souls
great mercy.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ, FOURTH TONE

Ὁ all-merciful Saviour, I have committed every kind of unclean act, and have fallen into the pit of despair; but from my heart I groan and cry out to Thee O Word: Make haste O Compassionate One, and hurry to help us for Thou art merciful.

6 August
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
TROPARION, SEVENTH TONE

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain O Christ our God, showing Thy disciples Thy glory as far as they were able to bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of light glory to Thee.

KONTAKION, SEVENTH TONE

On the mount wast Thou
transfigured, and Thy disciples
beheld Thy glory O Christ our
God, as far as they were able:
that when they should see Thee
crucified, they would know
that Thy Passion was
voluntary, and would preach to
the world, that Thou art truly
the Brightness of the Father.

15 August
THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
TROPARION, FIRST TONE

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity, and in thy Dormition thou didst not forsake the world, O Mother of God. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions thou dost deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

The grave and death could not hold the Mother of God, who is unsleeping in her intercessions, and an unfailing hope in her mediation; for as the Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him, Who dwelt within her ever-virgin womb.

16 August
THE PORTRAIT NOT MADE BY HANDS
TROPARION, SECOND TONE

We venerate Thy most pure image O Good One*, and ask forgiveness for our transgressions O Christ our God. For of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross, that Thou mightest deliver from the bondage of the enemy, them that Thou didst fashion. Wherefore we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou

didst fill all things with joy O
our Saviour, when Thou
camest to save the world.

KONTAKION, SECOND TONE

As we behold the triumph of the
image, which was not painted
but was divinely depicted, the
image of Thine ineffable and
divine condescension to man,
in Thy true Incarnation, O
Word of the Father not subject
to depiction, we venerate it and
kiss it.

29 August
REHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
TROPARION, SECOND TONE

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee O Forerunner; for thou wast shown to be truly more venerable than the prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the river, Him Whom they proclaimed, and then after thou hadst joyfully suffered for the truth,

thou didst announce to those in Hades, the good tidings that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sins of the world, and granting us great mercy.

KONTAKION, FIFTH TONE

The glorious Beheading of the Forerunner, was a certain divine dispensation, that he might also proclaim the coming of the Saviour, to those in Hades. Let Herodias lament then, that she demanded a wicked murder; for she loved not the law of God, nor eternal life, but a life that is false and fleeting.