

**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: Litia 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 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: 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