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On the Occasion of the Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and All the Faithful Children of the Genuine Byzantine Orthodox Church:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, through the power and communion of the All-Holy, Good, and Life-Giving Spirit.

Beloved in Christ,

As we enter once again into the sacred beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year, beginning on the first day of September, I extend to each of you my paternal blessings, archpastoral greetings, and fervent prayers for a year filled with the grace, mercy, wisdom, and abundant blessings of Almighty God.

The beginning of the Church Year is not merely a change of dates upon the calendar. It is a sacred invitation to renew our lives in Christ, to deepen our commitment to the Holy Orthodox Faith, and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the spiritual work entrusted to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Holy Scripture declares:

“Thou shalt bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness; and Thy paths shall drop fatness.” (Psalm 64:12 LXX)

These words remind us that every season, every opportunity, every challenge, and every blessing of our earthly pilgrimage must be received with thanksgiving and offered back to God through faithful obedience, prayer, repentance, and love.

I. A CALL TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Beloved children of the Church,

The beginning of a new ecclesiastical year calls each of us to examine our hearts and renew our commitment to the life of the Church.

We must not allow the passing of time to find us spiritually unchanged, indifferent to the commandments of God, or distant from the sacramental life of the Church.

Rather, let us renew our devotion to prayer, fasting, repentance, the reading of Holy Scripture, participation in the Divine Liturgy, and the reception of the Holy Mysteries with proper preparation and reverence.

Let us put away resentment, jealousy, bitterness, pride, division, and every spirit that weakens the unity of the Body of Christ.

May our parishes become communities of holiness, our homes become places of prayer, our monasteries become sanctuaries of spiritual transformation, and our lives become living testimonies of the Gospel.

For the Apostle Paul exhorts us:

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

May this new ecclesiastical year become a season of genuine spiritual renewal and transformation for every member of our Church.

II. UNITY, LOVE, AND FAITHFULNESS TO THE HOLY TRADITION

As a Church entrusted with the preservation and proclamation of the Orthodox Christian Faith, we must remain steadfast in the apostolic teachings, the Holy Scriptures, the sacred Canons, the teachings of the Holy Fathers, and the liturgical and spiritual inheritance of the Byzantine Orthodox Tradition.

Our unity must not be merely institutional or administrative. It must be rooted in our common confession of the Holy Trinity, our participation in the

sacramental life of the Church, and our love for one another in Jesus Christ.

I therefore exhort all our hierarchs, priests, deacons, monastics, and faithful to cultivate humility, mutual respect, obedience according to the order of the Church, and brotherly love.

Let us reject unnecessary divisions and personal ambitions. Let us never permit disagreements, misunderstandings, or worldly interests to overshadow the sacred responsibility of serving Christ and His Holy Church.

Our calling is not to glorify ourselves, but to glorify God through our words, conduct, and service.

III. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Church exists not only for its own preservation but also for the proclamation of the Gospel and the salvation of humanity.

Our Lord commands us to carry His light into the world and to become instruments of His mercy and compassion.

During this new ecclesiastical year, let us strengthen our missionary responsibilities, support the establishment and growth of Orthodox Christian communities, encourage theological education, nurture vocations to the priesthood and monastic life, and extend Christian assistance to those who suffer.

We must remember the poor, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick, the elderly, the widows, the orphans, the persecuted, and all those who have been forgotten or abandoned by society.

Our missionary efforts in Africa and Pakistan, together with our vision for the establishment of a permanent Orthodox monastery, must be guided by prayer, responsible stewardship, fidelity to the Orthodox Faith, and genuine love for our neighbours.

Let our charity be sincere, our missionary witness be faithful, and our service be offered without discrimination or expectation of earthly reward.

As our Saviour teaches:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

IV. A CALL TO PRAYER, REPENTANCE, AND HOLINESS

Beloved brothers and sisters,

We live in a world marked by uncertainty, conflict, suffering, moral confusion, and spiritual distraction. Yet the Church must never surrender hope, for our hope is founded not upon the passing circumstances of this world but upon the eternal promises of God.

Let every parish renew its prayer life. Let every priest serve the Holy Mysteries with reverence and diligence. Let every family establish a regular rhythm of prayer. Let our young people be instructed in the Orthodox Faith, and let our elders be honoured for their wisdom, sacrifice, and steadfastness.

Let us remember that holiness is not reserved for a select few. It is the calling of every Christian.

Through repentance, prayer, humility, participation in the Holy Mysteries, and the continual pursuit of the virtues, we are called to grow in communion with God and to participate in His divine grace.

May the Lord grant us the strength to overcome temptation, the wisdom to discern His will, the courage to proclaim His truth, and the humility to serve one another.

V. BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR

As your Metropolitan Primate, I prayerfully commend the coming ecclesiastical year to the loving providence of Almighty God.

I invoke the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ upon:

- All our hierarchs, that they may shepherd the flock of Christ with wisdom, holiness, and discernment.
- All our priests and deacons, that they may serve faithfully and worthily at the Holy Altar.
- All our monastics, that their lives may remain dedicated to prayer, repentance, and spiritual witness.
- All our parishes and missions, that they may grow in faith, unity, holiness, and love.
- All our families, that their homes may be sanctuaries of peace, forgiveness, and Christian devotion.

- All our children and young people, that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and knowledge of God.
- All the sick, suffering, unemployed, homeless, and afflicted, that the Lord may grant them consolation, healing, provision, and deliverance.
- All our benefactors and supporters, that God may bless their generosity and reward their acts of Christian love.
- All those labouring in our missionary and humanitarian endeavours, that the Lord may strengthen their hands and make their efforts fruitful.

May the All-Holy Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for us before her Son. May the holy Apostles, the Holy Fathers, the Martyrs, the Confessors, and all the Saints pray for the preservation and spiritual growth of our Holy Church.

May the Lord grant peace to the world, unity to His Church, strength to those who labour in His vineyard, and salvation to all who call upon His Holy Name.

CONCLUSION

Beloved children in Christ,

Let us begin this new ecclesiastical year with renewed faith, unwavering hope, sincere repentance, and steadfast love.

Let us not merely count the days of the coming year, but make every day an offering to God.

Let us not merely speak of the Orthodox Faith, but live it.

Let us not merely build institutions, but build lives transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Let us not merely seek blessings for ourselves, but become instruments through whom God's blessings reach others.

May this ecclesiastical year be a year of spiritual awakening, missionary growth, ecclesiastical unity, charitable service, and abundant divine grace for the entire Genuine Byzantine Orthodox Church.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

With paternal love, archpastoral prayers, and my blessing,

† METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP MARK

Metropolitan Primate VII

Genuine Byzantine Orthodox Church Metropolia

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Glory to God for all things!



This feast, celebrated on February 2, is known in the Orthodox Church as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Another name for the feast is The Meeting of our Lord. Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians call the feast, The Purification of the Holy Virgin. About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began the custom of holding lighted candles during the Divine Liturgy of this feast day. Therefore, some churches in the West refer to this holy day as Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation concludes the observances related to the Nativity of Christ, a period that opened on November 15 with the beginning of the Nativity fast.

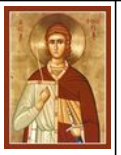
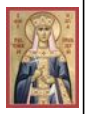
Biblical Story

The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God.

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September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Aug 19/ 1 *Don Icon of Theotokos GM Andrew & 2,593 Martyred with him* 	Aug 20/ 2 *Pr. Samuel*  Labor Day	Aug 21/ 3 *Ap. Thaddaeos of the 70* *M. Vassa and Sons*	Aug 22/ 4 *Icon Theotokos of Prusa M. Agathonikos & Co. VM Evlalia of Barcelona*	Aug 23/ 5 *Apodosis of Dormition* *M. Louppos of Thessalonica* *HM Irenaeos, Bp of Lyons*
Aug 24/ 6 *St. Cosmas of Aetolia* 	Aug 25/ 7 *Trans. Relics Ap. Bartholomew to Lipari* *Ap. Titus of the 70*	Aug 26/ 8 *Icon Theotokos of Vladimir MM Adrian & Natalia Ss. Barlaam & Ioasaph* 	Aug 27/ 9 *GM Phanourios* *St. Poemen the Great* 	Aug 28/ 10 *St. Moses the Black* 	Aug 29/ 11 *Beheading of St. John the Forerunner* 	Aug 30/ 12 *Ss. Alexander, John, & Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople Syn. Enlighteners of Serbia*
Aug 31/ 13 *Dep. Precious Belt of Theotokos* *HM Cyprian of Carthage* *St. Aidan of Lindisfarne*	Sep 1/ 14 *Eccl. New Year* *St. Symeon the Stylite Rt. Jesus of Navi* 	Sep 2/ 15 *M. Mamas*  *St. John the Faster*	Sep 3/ 16 *HM Anthimos, Bp. of Nicomedia & Co.* *St. Edward, King of England*	Sep 4/ 17 *Pr. Moses & Pr. Aaron Icon Burning Bush HM Babylas & Co.* 	Sep 5/ 18 *Pr. Zacharias & Rt. Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner* 	Sep 6/ 19 *Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chonae* 
Sep 7/ 20 *M. Sozon the Shepherd* *St. Kassiane the Hymnographer* 	Sep 8/ 21 ***Nativity Theotokos*** 	Sep 9/ 22 *Ss. Joachim & Anna* 	Sep 10/ 23 *MM Menodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora* *St. Pulcheria the Empress* 	Sep 11/ 24 *St. Theodora of Alexandria* *St. Euphrosynos the Cook* 	Sep 12/ 25 *Apodosis Nativity Theotokos* *HM Autonomos, Bp. of Italy*	Sep 13/ 26 *HM Cornelius the Centurion* *Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection*
Sep 14/ 27 ***Exaltation Cross*** 	Sep 15/ 28 *GM Nicetas the Goth* *M Porphyrios the Actor* 	Sep 16/ 29 *GM Ephemia* *M Ludmilla, Princess of the Czechs* 	Sep 17/ 30 *M. Sophia & Three Daughters: Faith, Hope & Love* 	Green = No Fasting. Violet = Fast day, but Fish, Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Blue = Fast day, but Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Red = Fast day. No Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs, Wine or Olive Oil Allowed.		



The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter this world through her womb.

Biblical Story

The biblical story of the Feast of the Annunciation is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (1:26-39). The Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, who was living in Nazareth, and said to her, “Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you.” Mary was perplexed and wondered what kind of greeting this was.

The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as "good tidings." This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of St Luke (1:26-38). The troparion describes this as the "beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery," for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man.

The feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary comes nine months before the Nativity of Our Lord known as Christmas on the twenty-fifth of March. It is the celebration of the announcing of the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary as recorded in the Gospel of Saint Luke. In other words, this is the day of the Incarnation as it is known in the civil world as conception of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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				Sep 18/ 1 *St. Evmenios, Bp. of* *Gortyna*	Sep 19/ 2 *MM Trophimos,* *Savvatios, &* *Dorymedon of Antioch*	Sep 20/ 3 *GM Efstathios* *Placidas, Theopiste,* *Agapios & Theopistos*
Sep 21/ 4 *Apodosis* *Exaltation* *Pr. Jonas*	Sep 22/ 5 ***Holy Fathers of the Kiev Caves*** *HM Phokas, Bp. Sinope* *St. Peter the Merciful*	Sep 23/ 6 *Conception of* *St. John the* *Baptist*	Sep 24/ 7 *St. Thekla the* *Protomartyr*	Sep 25/ 8 *St. Sergios of Radonezh* *St. Euphrosyne, nun*	Sep 26/ 9 *St. John the* *Theologian* *Rt. Gideon*	Sep 27/ 10 *M. Kallistratos & 49 Martyrs with him* *NM Aquilina of Thessalonica*
Sep 28/ 11 *St. Chariton the* *Confessor* *Pr. Baruch*	Sep 29/ 12 *St. Kyriakos the* *Anchorite of Palestine*	Sep 30/ 13 *HM Gregory the Illuminator of Armenia*	Oct 1/ 14 *Holy Protection* *Ap. Ananias St.* *Romanos the Melodist* Columbus Day	Oct 2/ 15 *HM Cyprian & M. Justina* *St. Andrew, Fool For Christ*	Oct 3/ 16 *HM Dionysios the Areopagite* *St. John the Chozebite*	Oct 4/ 17 *HM Hierotheos, Bp. of Athens* *St. Paul the Simple*
Oct 5/ 18 *Hierarchs of Moscow: Peter, Alexis, Jonas, Philip & Hermongenes* *M Charitine of Amisos*	Oct 6/ 19 *Ap. Thomas*	Oct 7/ 20 *MM Sergius & Bacchus of Rome, in Syria*	Oct 8/ 21 *St. Pelagia the former courtesan* *St. Thais the former harlot NM Ignatios*	Oct 9/ 22 *Ap. Iakovos, Son of Alphaeos* *Rt. Abraham & Lot*	Oct 10/ 23 *14 Elders of Optina 7 SS of Volhynia 26 Martyrs Zographou (BG)*	Oct 11/ 24 *Ap. Philip of the 70* *Miracle of Icon of Christ in Beruit*
Oct 12/ 25 *St. Symeon the New Theologian* *St. Martin of Tours*	Oct 13/ 26 *Iveron Icon* *NM Zlata of Bulgaria*	Oct 14/ 27 ***Sunday Holy Fathers' 7th Ecumenical Council*** *St. Cosmas Hymnographer*	Oct 15/ 28 *HM Lucian of Antioch* *Ss. Dionysios & John, Bp. of Suzdal*	Oct 16/ 29 *M. Longinos the Centurion*	Oct 17/ 30 *Pr. Hosea* *M. Susanna, Queen of Georgia*	Oct 18/ 31 *Evangelist Luke*



On the Sunday before Great and Holy Pascha (known as Easter in the West), the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts. *Palm Sunday* is the celebration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival, the people go out to welcome the Lord with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as the promised Messiah, our King and Lord.

We find the story of Palm Sunday in all four of the Gospels (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-38; and John 12:12-18). Five days before the Passover, Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Having sent two of His disciples to bring Him a colt of a donkey, Jesus sat upon it and entered the city. People gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover were looking for Jesus. Both because of His great works and teaching, and because they'd heard of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus. When they heard Christ was entering the city, they went out to meet Him with palm branches. They laid their garments on the ground before Him and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

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Oct 19/ **1** *Pr. Joel* *St. John of Rila* *Ss. Varus, Cleopatra & John*	Oct 20/ **2** *GM Artemios of Antioch St. Matrona of Chios*	Oct 21/ **3** *St. Hilarion the Great*	Oct 22/ **4** Kazan Icon Deliverance Poles St. Averkios 7 Sleepers of Ephesus	Oct 23/ **5** *Ap. Iakovos, Brother of the Lord*	Oct 24/ **6** MM Arethas & 4,229 Fellow Martyrs St. King Elesboam	Oct 25/ **7** *M. Marcian & Martyrios St. Tabitha the Almsgiver*
Oct 26/ **8** GM Demetrios of Thessalonica	Oct 27/ **9** *M. Nestor of Thessalonica*	Oct 28/ **10** *GM Paraskeve of Iconium* *St. Job of Pochaev* *St. Dimitry of Rostov*	Oct 29/ **11** *St. Anastasia of Rome* *Ss. Abramios the Recluse & niece Mary of Mesopotamia* Veterans Day	Oct 30/ **12** *Ap. Cleopas of Cilicia* *M. Zenovios, Bp. & his sister Zenovia*	Oct 31/ **13** *Ap. Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles & Aristoboulos of the 70*	Nov 1/ **14** *Ss. Kosmas & Damian of Asia* *NM Iakovos of Mt. Athos & Co.*
Nov 2/ **15** *MM Akindynos, Pegasios, Afthonios, Elpidephoros & Anempodistos of Persia*	Nov 3/ **16** *HM Akepsimas, Bp. of Naeson & Co.* *Syn. Church of St. George at Lydda*	Nov 4/ **17** ***Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians*** *St. Ioannikios the Great*	Nov 5/ **18** *MM Galaction & Episteme of Emesa*	Nov 6/ **19** *St. Paul the Confessor of Constantinople*	Nov 7/ **20** *33 Martyrs of Melitene* *NHM Joseph of Petrograd NHM Kyril of Kazan*	Nov 8/ **21** Synaxis of the Bodiless Hosts St. Philaret, Confessor of New York
Nov 9/ **22** *Icon "Quick to Hear" St. Nectarios*	Nov 10/ **23** *Ap. Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertius, Erastos, and Quartus of the 70*	Nov 11/ **24** *GM Menas of Egypt St. Theodore the Stoudite*	Nov 12/ **25** *St. John the Almsgiver* *St. Martin of Tours*	Nov 13/ **26** *St. John Chrysostom*	Nov 14/ **27** *Ap. Philip* *St. Gregory Palamas*	Nov 15/ **28** *MM Gurias, Samonas and Abibos St. Paisios Velichkovsky* ***Nativity Fast*** Thanksgiving
Nov 16/ **29** *Evangelist Matthew* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 17/ **30** *St. Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo Caesarea* ***Nativity Fast***					

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On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

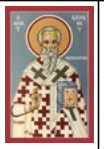
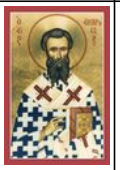
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December 2026

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		Nov 18/ 1 *M. Platon of Ankyra* *M. Romanos, Deacon of Caesarea* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 19/ 2  *Pr. Obadiah* *Ss. Barlaam & Ioasaph of India* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 20/ 3 *Prefestival Entry Theotokos* *St. Gregory of Decapolis* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 21/ 4 ***Entry Theotokos*** 	Nov 22/ 5  *Ap. Philemon, Archippos & Co.* *St. Cecilia & Co.* ***Nativity Fast***
Nov 23/ 6  *St.Amphilochios of Iconium St. Gregory of Agrigentum* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 24/ 7 *HM Clement, Pope of Rome* *HM Peter, Pat. of Alexandria* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 25/ 8  *Apodosis Entry GM Catherine GM Mercurios* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 26/ 9 *St. Alypios the Stylite* *NM George of Chios* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 27/ 10  *Kursk Root Icon GM Iakovos of Persia St. Gregory of Sinai* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 28/ 11 *St. Stephen the New* ***Nativity Fast***	Nov 29/ 12 *MM Paramon and 370 with him* ***Nativity Fast***
Nov 30/ 13  *Ap. Andrew the FirstCalled St.Froumentios, Ab. Ethiopia Nativity* ***Fast***	Dec 1/ 14 *Pr. Nahum* *St. Philaret the Almsgiver* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 2/ 15 **n**  *Pr. Abbakoum* *VM Myrope of Chios* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 3/ 16 *Pr. Sophonias St. John the Hesychast, Bp. of Koloneia* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 4/ 17  *GM Barbara* *St. John of Damascus* *NHM Seraphim of Phanarion* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 5/ 18  *St. Savvas the Sanctified* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 6/ 19  *St. Nicholas the Wonderworker* ***Nativity Fast***
Dec 7/ 20  *St. Ambrose of Milan* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 8/ 21 *St. Patapios of Thebes* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 9/ 22 *Conception Theotokos Icon Theotokos "Unexpected Joy"* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 10/ 23 *MM Menas, Hermogenes & Efgraphos of Alexandria* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 11/ 24  *St. Daniel the Stylite Nativity* ***Fast***	Dec 12/ 25  *St. Spyridon St. Herman of Alaska, HM Juvenaly & M. Peter the Aleut* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 13/ 26  *M. Efstratios & Co. VM Lucy of Sicily* ***Nativity Fast***
Dec 14/ 27 *MM Thyrsos, Lefkios & Kallinikos of Bithynia* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 15/ 28  *HM Eleutherius of Illyricum* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 16/ 29 ***OT Righteous*** *Pr. Haggai* *M. Marinus of Rome* *St. Theophano, Empress* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 17/ 30  *Pr. Daniel & the Three Children: Ananias, Azarias and Misael* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 18/ 31 *MM Sebastian, Zoe & Co. of Rome* ***Nativity Fast***	Violet = Fast day, but Fish, Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Blue = Fast day, but Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Red = Fast day. No Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs, Wine or Olive Oil Allowed.	



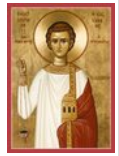
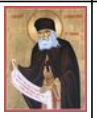
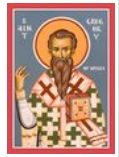
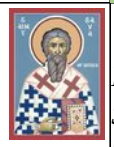
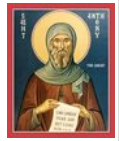
The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

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January 2027

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					Dec 19/ **1** *Ss. Boniface & Aglais of Rome* *St. Gregentius, Archbishop of Zafar* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 20/ **2** *St. Ignatios the Godbearer* *St. John of Kronstadt* ***Nativity Fast*** 
Dec 21/ **3** *VM Juliane of Nikomedia & Co.* ***Nativity Fast*** 	Dec 22/ **4** *GM Anastasia, Deliverer from Potions* ***Nativity Fast*** 	Dec 23/ **5**  *10 Martyrs of Crete St.Naum, Enlightener of Bulgaria* ***Nativity Fast***	Dec 24/ **6** *Eve of Nativity M. Evgenia, nun of Rome & Co.* ***Nativity Fast*** 	Dec 25/ **7** ***Nativity of Christ*** 	Dec 26/ **8** *Synaxis Theotokos* 	Dec 27/ **9** *Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen* 
Dec 28/ **10** *20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia*	Dec 29/ **11** *14,000 Holy Innocents* 	Dec 30/ **12** *VM Anysia of Thessalonika* *NM Gideon of Karakalou*	Dec 31/ **13** *Apodosis Nativity* *St. Melania the Younger of Rome*	Jan 1/ **14** ***Circumcision of Christ St.*** *Basil the Great* 	Jan 2/ **15** *St. Seraphim of Sarov St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome* 	Jan 3/ **16** *Pr. Malachias* *St. Genevieve* 
Jan 4/ **17** *Synaxis 70 Apostles*	Jan 5/ **18** *Eve of Theophany* *St. Syncletike of Alexandria* 	Jan 6/ **19** ***Theophany*** 	Jan 7/ **20** *St. John the Baptist* 	Jan 8/ **21** *St. Domnica of Carthage*	Jan 9/ **22** *GM Polyefktos in Armenia* 	Jan 10/ **23** *St. Gregory of Nyssa* 
Jan 11/ **24** *St. Theodosios the Coenobiarch* 	Jan 12/ **25** *St. Savva of Serbia* *VM Tatiane of Rome* 	Jan 13/ **26** *MM Hermylos & Stratonikos* *St. Maximos of Kapsokalyvia*	Jan 14/ **27** *Apodosis Theophany* *Martyrs of Sinai & Raithu* *St. Nina, Eq. Apostles* 	Jan 15/ **28** *St. Paul of Thebes* *St. John the HutDweller* 	Jan 16/ **29** *St. Peter's Chains* 	Jan 17/ **30** *St. Anthony the Great* 
Jan 18/ **31** *Ss. Athanasios & Kyril of Alexandria* 	Green = No Fasting. Orange = Fast day, but Shellfish, Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Blue = Fast day, but Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Red = Fast day. No Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs, Wine or Olive Oil Allowed.					



This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit.

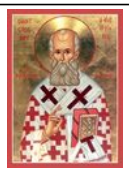
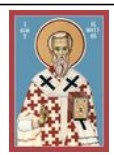
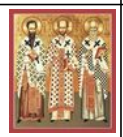
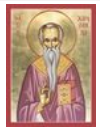
Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord" (PG 96, 1357c). According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "was created before the sun and moon"; and a little further on, "The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ...Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit"

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	Jan 19/ **1** *St. Mark of Ephesus* *Ss. Makarios & Makarios of Egypt* 	Jan 20/ **2** *St. Efthymios the Great* 	Jan 21/ **3** *St. Maximos the Confessor* 	Jan 22/ **4** ***New-martyrs of Russia Ap.*** *Timothy of the 70* 	Jan 23/ **5** *HM Clement of Ancyra*	Jan 24/ **6** *St. Xenia of St. Petersburg* 
Jan 25/ **7** *St. Gregory the Theologian* 	Jan 26/ **8** *Ss. Xenophon, Mary & their sons, Arcadios & John*	Jan 27/ **9** Trans. of the *Relics of St. John Chrysostom* 	Jan 28/ **10** *Ss. Ephraim & Isaac the Syrians* 	Jan 29/ **11** *Trans. of the Relics of St. Ignatios the Godbearer* 	Jan 30/ **12** *The Three Great Hierarchs* 	Jan 31/ **13** *Ss. Kyros & John, Unmercenary Healers* 
Feb 1/ **14** *Prefestival of the Meeting* *St. Bridget of Ireland* 	Feb 2/ **15** ***Meeting of our Lord*** 	Feb 3/ **16** *Ss. Simeon the GodReceiver & Anna the Prophetess*	Feb 4/ **17** *St. Isidore of Pelusium* *NM Joseph of Aleppo*	Feb 5/ **18** *Search of the Lost* *St. Agatha of Sicily* 	Feb 6/ **19** *St. Photios the Great* *Ss. Barsanouphios the Great & John the Prophet* 	Feb 7/ **20** *St. Parthenios of Lampsakos* *NM George of Crete*
Feb 8/ **21** *Publican & Pharisee Triodion PeriodBegins* *GM General Theodore* *Pr. Zacharias* 	Feb 9/ **22** *Apodosis of the Meeting* *M. Nicephoros of Antioch* *St. Peter of Damascus*	Feb 10/ **23** *HM Haralampos of Magnesia* 	Feb 11/ **24** *HM Blaise of Sebasteia* *St. Theodora, Empress*	Feb 12/ **25** *St. Meletios of Antioch* 	Feb 13/ **26** *Ap. Aquila & St. Priscilla* *St. Symeon the MyrrhStreamer of Serbia* 	Feb 14/ **27** *St. Kyril, Equal to the Apostles* 
Feb 15/ **28** ***Prodigal Son*** *Ap. Onesimos of the 70* 	Green = No Fasting. Blue = Fast day, but Wine and Olive Oil Allowed.					



The Bible contains 4 lists of the names of the 12 apostles: Matt 10:12, Mark 3:13, Luke 6:14 and Acts 1:13. They vary slightly as well as the sequence although they list Peter first, even though it was Andrew (his brother) who was called first by the Lord. It is believed that Christ selected only 12 which was the number of the twelve sons of Jacob who later became the leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel. After Pentecost, Christ's 12 disciples became the leaders of the "new Israel." The number 12 was considered so important that very shortly after the falling of Judas Iscariot, the remaining 11 voted in a new Apostle by the name Matthias, so that there would be 12 once again.

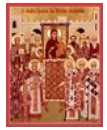
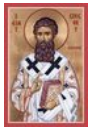
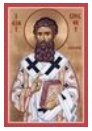
These apostles followed Christ as He traveled and were eye witnesses to His numerous wonders. After the Ascension of Jesus back to heaven they continued His work of redeeming mankind from sin. In fact at the Ascension Jesus commanded the apostles to go out and make disciples of all nations through baptism and to teach nations all that they had observed and all that He commanded of them. He enabled them to succeed in that he bestowed the Holy Spirit upon them (at Pentecost) as they traveled

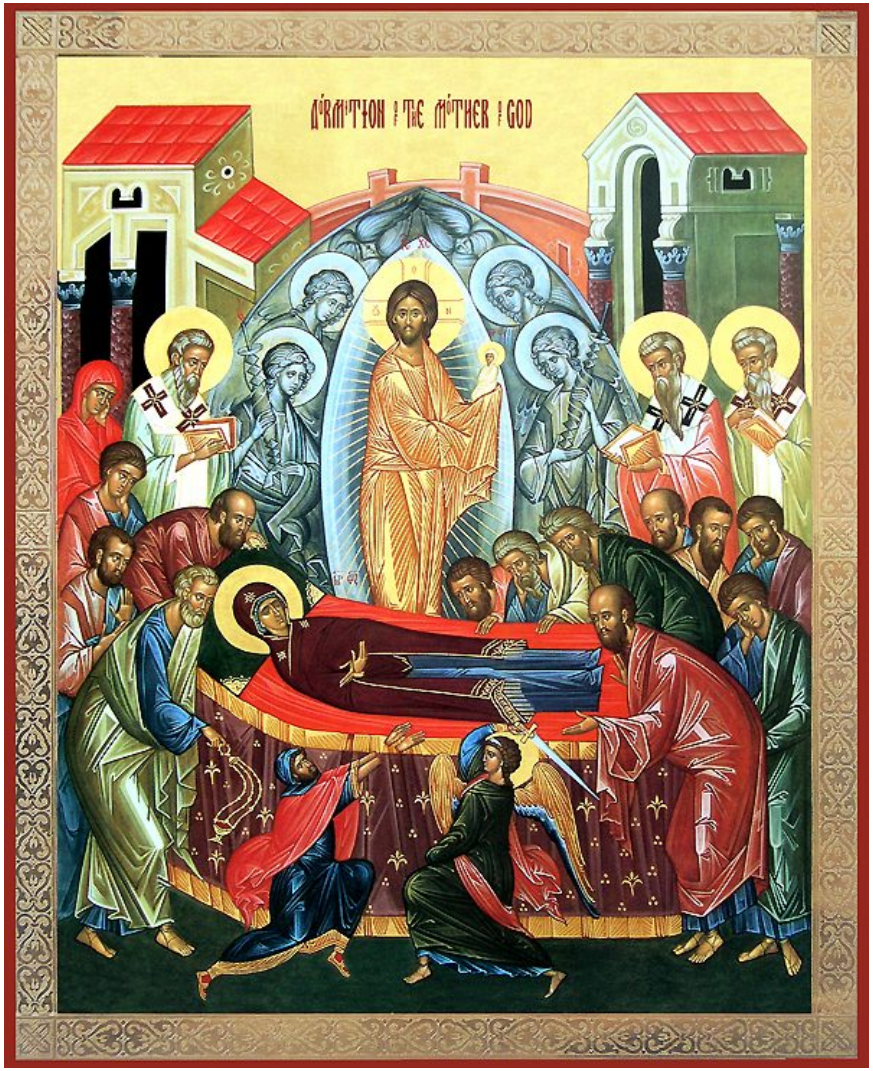
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March 2027

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	Feb 16/ **1** *M. Pamphilos & Co. of Palestine St. Flavian, Pat. Constantinople*	Feb 17/ **2**  *GM Theodore the Recruit*	Feb 18/ **3** *St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome*	Feb 19/ **4**  *St. Apfeya St. Philothei of Athens*	Feb 20/ **5** *St. Leo, Bp. of Catania St. Bessarion the Great of Egypt*	Feb 21/ **6** *St. Timothy of Symbola*
Feb 22/ **7**  ***Meatfare*** ***Last day of Meat*** *MM Maurice and 70 Soldiers with him*	Feb 23/ **8**  *HM Polycarp, Bp. of Smyrna*	Feb 24/ **9**  *1st & 2nd Findings of the Head of St. John the Baptist*	Feb 25/ **10** *St. Tarasios, Ab. of Constantinople*	Feb 26/ **11**  *GM Photine St. Porphyrios of Gaza*	Feb 27/ **12** *St. Procopios, Confessor of Dekapolis*	Feb 28/ **13** *St. Basil, Confessor of Dekapolis*
Mar 1/ **14**  ***Cheesefare Forgiveness Sunday*** *M. Evdokia of Heliopolis* *V. Domnina of Syria*	Mar 2/ **15** *HM Theodotos, Bp. of Cyrenia* ***Great Fast***	Mar 3/ **16** *MM Evtropios, Kleonikos & Vasiliskos of Amasea* ***Great Fast***	Mar 4/ **17**  *St. Gerasimos of the Jordan* ***Great Fast***	Mar 5/ **18** *MM Conon of Isauria & Conon of Pamphylia* *St. Mark the Ascetic* ***Great Fast***	Mar 6/ **19**  *M. Theophilos with the 42 Martyrs of Amorion* ***Great Fast***	Mar 7/ **20**  *7 Hieromartyrs of Cherson St. Paul the Simple* ***Great Fast***
Mar 8/ **21**  ***Sunday of Orthodoxy*** *St. Theophylactos, Bp. of Nicomedia Great* ***Fast***	Mar 9/ **22**  *40 Martyrs of Sebastia* ***Great Fast***	Mar 10/ **23**  *MM Quadratus & Co. of Corinth* ***Great Fast***	Mar 11/ **24**  *St. Sophronios* ***Great Fast***	Mar 12/ **25**  *St. Gregory the Dialogist St. Symeon the* ***Great Fast***	Mar 13/ **26**  *M. Alexander of Macedonia St. Nikephoros Trans. Relics Great* ***Great Fast***	Mar 14/ **27**  *St. Benedict of Nursia* ***Great Fast***
Mar 15/ **28**  ***St. Gregory Palamas*** *MM Agapios & Co. at Caesarea* ***Great Fast***	Mar 16/ **29** *St. Christodoulos of Patmos M. Papas* ***Great Fast***	Mar 17/ **30**  *St. Patrick of Ireland St. Alexios, the* ***Great Fast***	Mar 18/ **31**  *St Cyril Jerusalem* ***Great Fast***	Green = No Fasting. Brown = All Foods Allowed Except Meat. Orange = Fast day, but Shellfish, Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Blue = Fast day, but Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Red = Fast day. No Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs, Wine or Olive Oil Allowed.		



The **Dormition** (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. The Feast of the Dormition, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "gloriofied" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins. In the Gospel of the feast, however, in the liturgical services and in the Dormition icon, the Church proclaims as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world; and that having truly died, she was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk11.27–28).

The Apostles were miraculously summoned to this event, and all were present except Thomas when Mary passed from this life. She was then buried.

Thomas arrived a few days later, and desiring to see her one more time, convinced the others to open her tomb. Upon doing so, the Apostles discovered that her body was no longer present. This event is seen as a firstfruits of the resurrection of the faithful that will occur at the Second Coming of Christ. The event is normally called the *Dormition*,

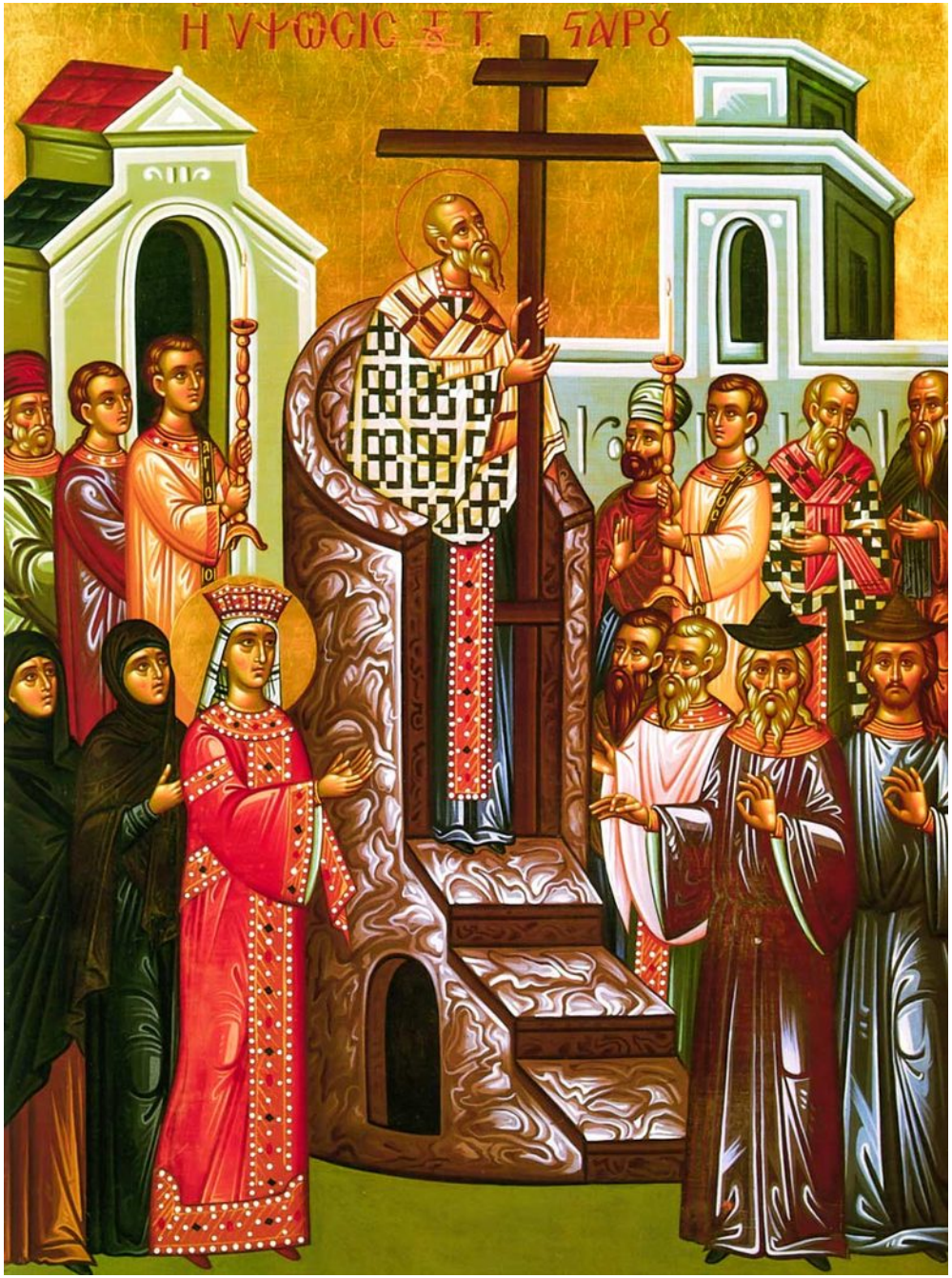
Her bodily assumption was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles. Orthodox theology teaches that the Theotokos has already undergone the bodily resurrection, which all will experience at the second coming. She stands in heaven in that glorified state which the other righteous ones will only enjoy after the Last Judgment.

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				Mar 19/ 1 *MM Chrysanthus,* *Daria & Co. of Rome* ***Great Fast***	Mar 20/ 2 *Holy Martyrs of Mar* *Savas* ***Great Fast***	Mar 21/ 3 *St. Iakovos the* *Confessor, Bp. of* *Catania* ***Great Fast***
Mar 22/ 4  *HM Basil of* *Ancyra* *NM Efthymios of Mt.* *Athos Great Fast*	Mar 23/ 5  *HM Nicon &* *199 Disciples* *VM Basil of Mangazea* ***Great Fast***	Mar 24/ 6 *Prefestival of the* *Annunciation* *8 Martyrs of Palestine* ***Great Fast***	Mar 25/ 7 ***The Annunciation*** 	Mar 26/ 8  *Apodosis of* *Annunciation* *Syn. of the* *Archangel Gabriel* ***Great Fast***	Mar 27/ 9 *M. Matrona of* *Thessalonica* ***Great Fast***	Mar 28/ 10 *St. Hilarion the New of* *Pelekete* ***Great Fast***
Mar 29/ 11 ***St. John*** ***Climacus***  *HM Mark, Bp. of* *Arethusa & Co.* ***Great Fast***	Mar 30/ 12  *St. John of the* *Ladder* ***Great Fast***	Mar 31/ 13  *Rt. Joseph the* *All-Comely* *St. Innocent of* *Alaska* ***Great Fast***	Apr 1/ 14 *St. Mary of*  *Egypt* ***Great Fast***	Apr 2/ 15 *St. Titus the* *Wonderworker* *VM Theodora of Tyre* ***Great Fast***	Apr 3/ 16 *St. Niketas the* *Confessor* *St. Joseph the* *Hymnographer* *NM Paul the Russian* ***Great Fast***	Apr 4/ 17 *St. Zosimas of* *Palestine* ***Great Fast***
Apr 5/ 18  *St. Mary of* *Egypt* *MM Claudianos & Co.* *St. Mark the Anchorite* *Great Fast*	Apr 6/ 19  *St.* *Methodios,* *Equal to the Apostles* *St. Gregory of Sinai* ***Great Fast***	Apr 7/ 20  *MM Rufinos,* *Aquilina M Kalliopios of* *Cilicia Great Fast* ***Great Fast***	Apr 8/ 21  *St. Mary of* *Egypt Ap. of 70* *Agavos, Rufus & Co.* **Great Fast**	Apr 9/ 22 *M. Efpsychios at* *Caesarea* *HM Desan & Co. of* *Persia* ***Great Fast***	Apr 10/ 23 *NHM Gregory V, Pat.* *Constantinople* *NM Demos at Smyrna* ***Great Fast***	Apr 11/ 24  ***Lazarus*** ***Saturday Ap.*** Pochaev Icon "Footprint" HM Antipas, Bp. Of Pergamon **Great Fast**
Apr 12/ 25 ***Palm*** ***Sunday***  *St. Basil the* *Confessor, Bp. of Parion* *St. Akakios of Mt.* *Athos* ***Great Fast***	Apr 13/ 26 ***Holy &*** ***Great*** ***Monday***  *HM Martin, Pope of* *Rome* ***Great Fast***	Apr 14/ 27  ***Holy &*** ***Great*** ***Tuesday*** *Aristarchos,* *Pudens &* *Trophimos of the* *70*	Apr 15/ 28  ***Holy &*** ***Great*** ***Wednesday*** *M. Crescens in* *Myra of Lycia* *St. Leonides,* *Bp. of Athens*	Apr 16/ 29  ***Holy &*** ***Great*** ***Thursday*** *VMM Agape,* *Irene &* *Chionia in Illyria*	Apr 17/ 30 ***Holy &*** ***Great*** *Friday*  *HM Symeon,* *Bp. of Persia* *& Co.*	



Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Message of the Cross" (I Cor. 1:18-24 sermon)

"For the word of the **cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God"!

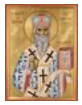
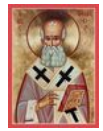
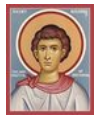
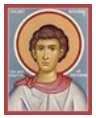
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						Apr 18/ 1 ***Holy & Great Saturday*** *St. John, Disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis* 
Apr 19/ 2 ***Pascha*** 	Apr 20/ 3 *Ap. of the 70 Zacchaeos Ss.Athanasios & Ioasaph* ***Renewal Week*** 	Apr 21/ 4 *HM Januarius & Co. of Benevento* ***Renewal Week*** 	Apr 22/ 5 ***Renewal Week***	Apr 23/ 6 *St. George the Great Martyr & Trophybearer* ***Renewal Week*** 	Apr 24/ 7 *NM Raphael, Nicholas & Irene MM Savas the Goth* ***Renewal Week*** 	Apr 25/ 8 *Evangelist Mark* ***Renewal Week*** ***Renewal Week*** 
Apr 26/ 9 ***Thomas Sunday*** *HM Basil, Bp. of Amasea St. Stephan, Bp. of Perm* ***Renewal Week*** 	Apr 27/ 10 *HM Symeon, Kinsman of the Lord NHM Seraphim of Phanar Renewal Wk.* 	Apr 28/ 11 *9 Martyrs at Kyzikos* ***Renewal Week***	Apr 29/ 12 *Ap. Jason & Sosipater of the 70 St Basil of Ostrog* 	Apr 30/ 13 *Ap. Iakovos, Son of Zebedee St. Clement the Hymnographer of Studion*	May 1/ 14 *Pr. Jeremias NMM Efthymios, Ignatios & Akakios of Mt. Athos* 	May 2/ 15 *Trans. Relics of St. Athanasios the Great King Boris, Enlightener of Bulgaria* 
May 3/ 16 *MM Timothy & Mavra of Egypt NM Ahmet the Calligrapher*	May 4/ 17 *VM Pelagia of Tarsus*	May 5/ 18 *GM Irene of Magedon* 	May 6/ 19 *Rt. Job the Much-Suffering* 	May 7/ 20 *Comm. of the Sign of the Cross over Jerusalem* 	May 8/ 21 *Syn. of St. John Theologian St. Arsenios the Great* 	May 9/ 22 *Pr. Esaias GM Christopher* 
May 10/ 23 *Ap. Simon the Zealot St. Isidora, Fool for Christ of Egypt* 	May 11/ 24 *Ss. Kyril & Methodios, Teachers of the Slavs* 	May 12/ 25 *St. Epiphanios, Bp. of Cyprus St. Germanos, Pat. of Constantinople*	May 13/ 26 ***Mid-Pentecost St.*** *Portaitissa VM Glyceria Martyrs of Iveron, By the Latins* 	May 14/ 27 *M. Isidore of Chios NM John of Bulgaria* Memorial Day	May 15/ 28 *St. Pachomios the Great* 	May 16/ 29 *Theodore the Sanctified NM Nicholas of Metsovon* 
May 17/ 30 *Ap. Andronikos & Junia of the 70*	May 18/ 31 *MM Peter, Dionysios & Co. at Ankyra M. Theodotos & Co.*					



The victory of Orthodoxy over Arianism

On this day in the year 351, not long after Saint Cyril of Jerusalem had succeeded Maximus as Archbishop of Jerusalem, during the reign of Constantius, the son of Saint Constantine the Great, on the day of Pentecost, the multi-attested sign of the Cross appeared over Jerusalem.

Saint Cyril, in his letter to the Emperor Constantius, describes the event he witnessed with his own eyes:

On the nones [or 7th] of May, about the third hour [or nine in the morning], a vast luminous body, in the form of a Cross, appeared in the heavens, just over the holy Golgotha, reaching as far as the holy Mount of Olives [that is, almost two English miles in length], seen not by one or two persons, but clearly and evidently by the whole city. This was not, as may be thought, a momentary transient phenomenon: for it continued several hours visible to our eyes, and brighter than the sun, the light of which would have eclipsed it, had not this been stronger. The whole city, struck with a reverential fear, tempered with joy, ran immediately to the church, young and old, Christians and heathens, citizens and strangers, all with one voice giving praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the worker of miracles; finding by experience the truth of the Christian doctrine, to which the heavens bear witness. (*PG* 33:1 16q)

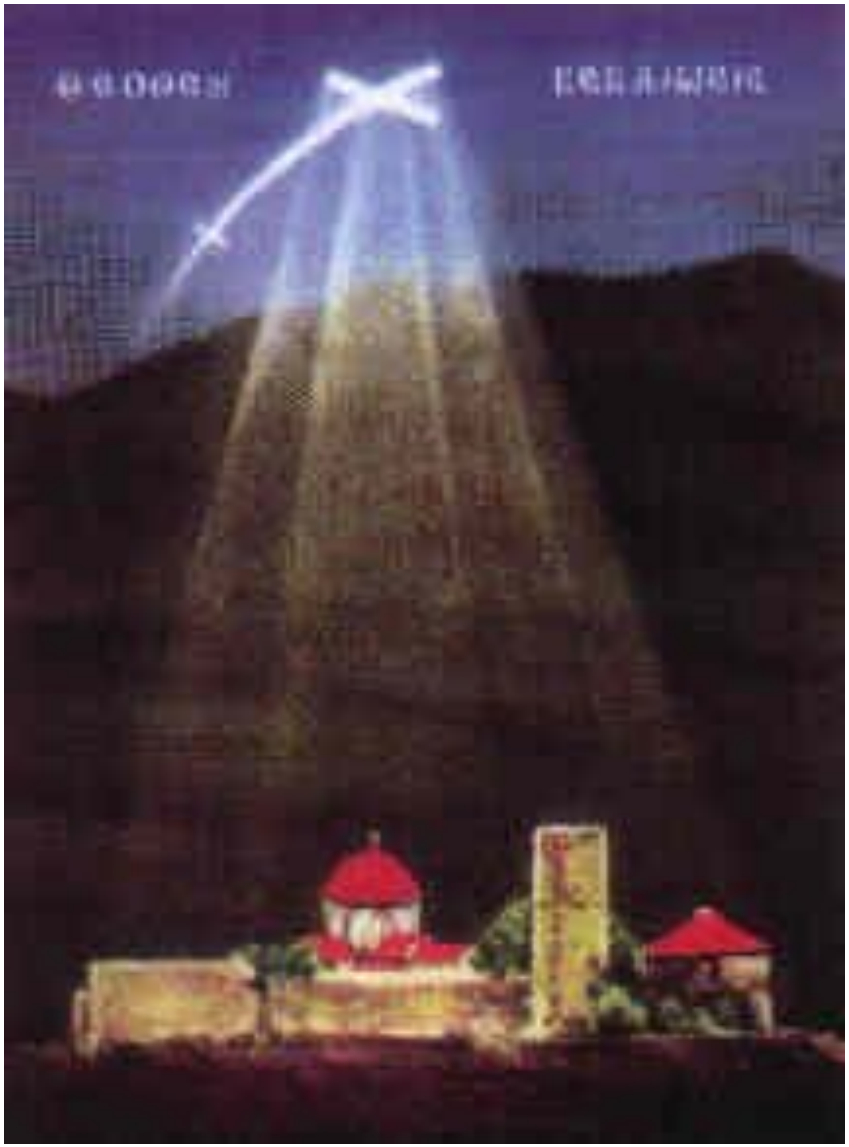
He concludes his letter with wishes that the emperor may always glorify the holy and consubstantial Trinity. Historians of the time, both Orthodox and non-Orthodox, including Sozomen, Theophanes, Eutychius, John of Nice, Glycas, and others quote Saint Cyril concerning this event. Others, such as Socrates, Philostorgius, and the anonymous *Chronicle of Alexandria* give their own account of this phenomenon. This miracle was regarded by the Christians as the final victory of Orthodoxy over Arianism. Philostorgius and the *Chronicle of Alexandria* affirm that this Cross of light was encircled with a "large rainbow".

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		May 19/ 1 *HM Patrick, Bp. of Prussa* *& Co.*	May 20/ 2 *M. Thalelaeos & Co.* *at Cilicia*	May 21/ 3 *Ss. Constantine & Helen, Equal to the Apostles*	May 22/ 4 *Fathers 2nd Ecumencial Council Rt. Melchisedek, King of Salem*	May 23/ 5 *St. Michael, Confessor, Bp. of Synada*
May 24/ 6 *St. Symeon the Stylite of the Wondrous Mountain* *St. Vincent of Lerins*	May 25/ 7 *3rd Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist*	May 26/ 8 *Aps. Karpos, Alphaeos & Co. of the 70*	May 27/ 9 ***Apodosis of Pascha*** *St. John the Russian Venerable Bede*	May 28/ 10 ***The Ascension***	May 29/ 11 *VM Theodosia of Tyre* *M. Theodosia of Constantinople*	May 30/ 12 *St. Issakios of Dalmatou*
May 31/ 13	Jun 1/ 14 *M. Justin the Philosopher*	Jun 2/ 15 *St. Nikephoros* *GM John the New of Trebizond*	Jun 3/ 16 *M. Lucillian & Co.*	Jun 4/ 17 *Ss. Martha & Mary* *St. Metrophan, 1st Pat. Constantinople*	Jun 5/ 18 *HM Dorotheos, Bp. of Tyre*	Jun 6/ 19 ***Saturday of Souls*** *St. Bessarion of Egypt* *St. Hilarion the New*
Jun 7/ 20 ***Pentecost***	Jun 8/ 21 *Apodosis of Ascension* *Trans. of the Relics GM Theodore the General*	Jun 9/ 22 *St. Cyril of Alexandria*	Jun 10/ 23	Jun 11/ 24	Jun 12/ 25 *St. Onuphrios the Great of Egypt*	Jun 13/ 26 *VM Aquilina of Byblos*
Jun 14/ 27 ***Sunday of All Saints*** *Pr. Elissaios* *St. Methodios*	Jun 15/ 28 *Pr. Amos* *GM Lazarus, Prince of* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 16/ 29 *Apodosis of Pentecost* *St. Tychon, Bp. of* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 17/ 30 *Sabel & Ismael and Co.*	Green = No Fasting. Violet = Fast day, but Fish, Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Blue = Fast day, but Wine and Olive Oil Allowed. Red = Fast day. No Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs, Wine or Olive Oil Allowed.		



Victory of True Orthodoxy over Modernist, Ecumenist and Heretics

In 1925, on the eve, of the feast of the Exaltation of the All-Honourable and Life-giving Cross of our Saviour, 14 September according to the Orthodox Church calendar, the all-night vigil was served at the church of St. John the Theologian in suburban Athens. By 9 o'clock that evening, more than 2,000 of the true-Orthodox faithful had gathered in and around the church for the service, since very few true-Orthodox churches had been accidentally left open by the civil authorities. Such a large gathering of people could not, however, go unnoticed by the authorities. Around eleven P.M. the authorities dispatched a battalion of police to the church "to prevent any disorders which might arise from such a large gathering." The gathering was too large for the police to take any direct action or to arrest the priest at that time and so they joined the crowd of worshippers in the already over-flowing courtyard of the church.

Then, regardless of the true motives for their presence, against their own will, but according to the Will which exceeds all human power, they became participants in the miraculous experience of the crowd of believers.

At 11:30 P.M., there began to appear in the heavens above the church, in the direction of North-East, a bright, radiant Cross of light. The light not only illuminated the church and the faithful but, in its rays, the stars of the clear, cloudless sky became dim and the church-yard was filled with an almost tangible light. The form of the Cross itself was an especially dense light and it could be clearly seen as a Byzantine cross with an angular cross bar toward the bottom. This heavenly miracle lasted for half an hour, until midnight, and then the Cross began slowly to raise up vertically, as the cross in the hands of the priest does in the ceremony of the Elevation of the Cross in church. Having come straight up, the Cross began gradually to fade away.

The human language is not adequate to convey what took place during the apparition. The entire crowd fell prostrate upon the ground with tears and began to sing prayers, praising the Lord with one heart and one mouth. The police were among those who wept, suddenly discovering, in the depths of their hearts, a childlike faith. The crowd of believers and the battalion of police were transformed into one, unified flock of faithful. All were seized with a holy ecstasy.

Many of the unbelievers, sophists and renovationists, realizing their sin and guilt, but unwilling to repent, tried by every means to explain away or deny this miracle. The fact that the form of the cross had been so sharply and clearly that of the Byzantine (sometimes called the Russian Cross) Cross, with three cross-bars, the bottom one at an angle, completely negated any arguments of accidental physical phenomenon.

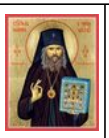
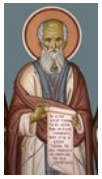
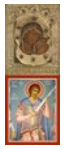
The fact that such an apparition of the Cross had also occurred during the height of the first great heresy must strike the Orthodox with an especial sense of the magnitude of the importance of the calendar question and of all that is connected with it. No sensible person can discuss this issue lightly, with secular reasoning or with worldly arguments. Renovationists, like the Arians in 351, are left without extenuation or mitigation.

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				Jun 18/ 1 *M. Leontios & Co. of Syria* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 19/ 2  *Ap. Jude* *St. Paisios the Great St. John Maximovitch* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 20/ 3  *HM Methodios, Bp. of Patara EqAp Naum, Enlightener of the Slavs Apostles Fast* ***Apostles Fast***
Jun 21/ 4 *M. Julian of Tarsus* Independence Day ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 22/ 5 *M. Alban of Britain* *HM Evsevios the Confessor* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 23/ 6  *Meeting of the Icon "Lady of Vladimir"* *VM Agrippina* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 24/ 7 *Nativity St. John Baptist*  ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 25/ 8  *VM Fevronia of Nisibis* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 26/ 9  *Appearance Tikhvin Icon* *St. David of Thessalonica* ***Apostles Fast***	Jun 27/ 10 *St. Samson the Hospitable* ***Apostles Fast***
Jun 28/ 11 *Finding Relics of Ss. Cyrus & John* *Ss. Sergios & Herman of Valaam Apostles Fast*	Jun 29/ 12 ***Ap. Peter & Paul*** 	Jun 30/ 13  ***The Twelve*** ***Holy Apostles***	Jul 1/ 14  ***New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke*** *Ss. Kosmas and Damian of Rome*	Jul 2/ 15  *Dep. of the Precious Tunic of the Theotokos*	Jul 3/ 16 *M. Hyacinth*	Jul 4/ 17  *Royal Martyrs Tsar Nicholas & Family St. Andrew of Crete*
Jul 5/ 18  *St. Athanasios Mt. Athos & 6 Disciples St. Sergius of Radonezh Relics*	Jul 6/ 19  *St. Sisoes the Great* *VM Lucy & Co. of Rome*	Jul 7/ 20  *GM Kyriake St. Thomas of Mt. Maleon*	Jul 8/ 21  *Kazan Icon Theotokos* *GM Procopius*	Jul 9/ 22 *HM Pancratius of Sicily*	Jul 10/ 23  *Dep. Precious Robe of Christ St. Anthony of Kiev Caves*	Jul 11/ 24  *GM Ephemia Miracle St. Olga, Equal to the Apostles*
Jul 12/ 25  *3 Hands Icon of the Theotokos* *MM Proklos & Hilarion*	Jul 13/ 26  *Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel*	Jul 14/ 27 *Ap. Aquila & St. Priscilla*	Jul 15/ 28  ***Sunday Holy Fathers First Six Ecumenical Councils*** *St. Vladimir, Eq. Apostles*	Jul 16/ 29  *HM Athenogenes & Co.* *MM Paul, Thea & Valentina*	Jul 17/ 30 *GM Marina of Antioch*	Jul 18/ 31 *M. Emilian of Silistria* *St. Pambo of Egypt* *St. John the Long-Suffering of Kiev Caves*



THE MYSTICAL ICON OF THE HOLY ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Mystical Icon of the Holy Church is taken from prototypes from the 17th Century. In the middle, of course, the Church is symbolized as a ship with Christ at the helm holding the holy Rudder.

The Rudder in the Orthodox Church is the book which contains the Holy Canons which directs the Church in the proper mode of conduct and confession of Faith. Inside the Ark is the Virgin Mary, and in front of her are the four Evangelists, John, Matthew, Mark and Luke. At the bow of the ship are Peter and Paul, holding the anchor, which is shaped in a three pronged end, signifying belief in the Trinity. Behind them are the Holy Fathers of the Church, Saint John Chrysostom, St. Gregory the Theologian, St. Basil the Great, St. Athanasios of Alexandria, and St. Gregory Palamas, with multitudes of holy Fathers, and Mothers, and Martyrs, etc., etc., as signified by the halos. This all symbolizes the bosom of the Church, both triumphant and militant.

On the bottom of the icon are the enemies of Christ and His Church; that is, all who have fought against Her and persecuted Her, for if one fights against the Church, he is fighting against Christ.

From left to right, Antichrist is depicted as a king on his horse and behind him is an old man with a crown on his head, signifying Israel with the star of David on his crown, holding a bag of gold. He has his arm around the harlot of the Apocalypse, with her cup in her hand.

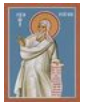
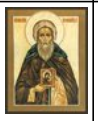
Below the Antichrist are those who will fight for him. Antichrist is going to come from Jewish lineage, and will reign in Jerusalem and will want all to submit to him. Those who do not will be persecuted. This is the symbolism of those who are under the caption called Antichrist and his Minions. Next to him to the right is a dreadful looking beast, which is called New Age. New Age is a revival of paganism presented with new packaging. It encompasses the occult, which has absolutely no reverence for Christ.

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Jul 19/ 1 *St. Macrina* *St. Seraphim of Sarov* 	Jul 20/ 2 *Pr. Elias the Thesbite* *NM Lydia, Cyril & Alexei* 	Jul 21/ 3 *St. Symeon, Fool for Christ* 	Jul 22/ 4 *St. Mary Magdalene VM* *Markella of Chios* 	Jul 23/ 5 *Icons of Pochaev, Joy of All Who Sorrow with Coins* *Pr. Ezekiel* 	Jul 24/ 6 *GM Christina of Tyre* *MM Boris & Gleb*	Jul 25/ 7 *St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos* 
Jul 26/ 8 *HM Hermolaos & Co.* *M. Paraskeve* 	Jul 27/ 9 *GM Panteleimon* *Synaxis Enlighteners of the Slavs* 	Jul 28/ 10 *St. Irene Chrysovalandou* 	Jul 29/ 11 *M. Kallinikos of Gangra* *VM Seraphima of Antioch*	Jul 30/ 12 *Ap. Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epaenetos & Andronikos*	Jul 31/ 13 *Rt. Joseph of Arimathea* *Rt. Evdokimos of Cappadocia*	Aug 1/ 14 *Procession Precious Cross 7 Maccabee Children* ***Dormition Fast*** 
Aug 2/ 15 *Trans. Relics St. Stephen the Protomartyr* ***Dormition Fast*** 	Aug 3/ 16 *Ss. Isaakios, Dalmatos & Faustos* ***Dormition Fast***	Aug 4/ 17 *Seven Holy Sleepers of Ephesus* ***Dormition Fast*** 	Aug 5/ 18 *Prefestival Transfiguration* *M. Efsignios of Antioch* ***Dormition Fast***	Aug 6/ 19 ***Transfiguration*** 	Aug 7/ 20 *HM Dometios of Persia & 2 Disciples* ***Dormition Fast***	Aug 8/ 21 *St. Emilian the Confessor, Bp. Kyzikos* ***Dormition Fast***
Aug 9/ 22 *Ap. Matthias* ***Dormition Fast***	Aug 10/ 23 *M. Laurence of Rome* ***Dormition Fast*** 	Aug 11/ 24 *M. Hierodeacon Efplos of Catania St. Niphon, Pat. Constantinople Dormition* ***Fast***	Aug 12/ 25 *MM Photios & Aniketos of Nicomedia* ***Dormition Fast***	Aug 13/ 26 *Apod. Trans. St. Maximos Confessor St.Dorotheos of Gaza* ***Dormition Fast*** 	Aug 14/ 27 *Prefestival Dormition Pr. Micah* ***Dormition Fast*** 	Aug 15/ 28 ***Dormition*** 
Aug 16/ 29 *Trans. Holy Napkin to Constantinople St. Gerasimos of Cephalonia* 	Aug 17/ 30 *HM Myron of Kyzikos St. Alypios the Iconographer* 	Aug 18/ 31 *MM Floros & Lauros St. John of Rila* 				

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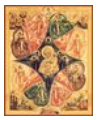
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			Aug 19/ 1 *Don Icon of Theotokos GM Andrew & 2,593 Martyred with him* 	**Aug 20/ 2** *Pr. Samuel*  Labor Day	**Aug 21/ 3** *Ap. Thaddaeos of the 70 M. Vassa and Sons*	**Aug 22/ 4** *Icon Theotokos of Prusa M. Agathonikos & Co. VM Evlalia of Barcelona*
Aug 23/ 5 *Apodosis of Dormition M. Louppos of Thessalonica HM Irenaeos, Bp of Lyons*	**Aug 24/ 6** *St. Cosmas of Aetolia* 	**Aug 25/ 7** *Trans. Relics Ap. Bartholomew to Lipari Ap. Titus of the 70*	**Aug 26/ 8** *Icon Theotokos of Vladimir MM Adrian & Natalia Ss. Barlaam & Ioasaph* 	**Aug 27/ 9** *GM Phanourios St. Poemen the Great* 	**Aug 28/ 10** *St. Moses the Black* 	**Aug 29/ 11** *Beheading of St. John the Forerunner* 
Aug 30/ 12 *Ss. Alexander, John, & Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople Syn. Enlighteners of Serbia*	**Aug 31/ 13** *Dep. Precious Belt of Theotokos HM Cyprian of Carthage St. Aidan of Lindisfarne*	**Sep 1/ 14** *Eccl. New Year St. Symeon the Stylite Rt. Jesus of Navi* 	**Sep 2/ 15** *M. Mamas St. John the Faster* 	**Sep 3/ 16** *HM Anthimos, Bp. of Nicomedia & Co. St. Edward, King of England*	**Sep 4/ 17** *Pr. Moses & Pr. Aaron Icon Burning Bush HM Babylas & Co.* 	**Sep 5/ 18** *Pr. Zacharias & Rt. Elizabeth, Parents of the Forerunner* 
Sep 6/ 19 *Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chonae* 	**Sep 7/ 20** *M. Sozon the Shepherd St. Kassiane the Hymnographer* 	**Sep 8/ 21** ***Nativity Theotokos*** 	**Sep 9/ 22** *Ss. Joachim & Anna* 	**Sep 10/ 23** *MM Menodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora St. Pulcheria the Empress* 	**Sep 11/ 24** *St. Theodora of Alexandria St. Euphrosynos the Cook* 	**Sep 12/ 25** *Apodosis Nativity Theotokos HM Autonomos, Bp. of Italy*
Sep 13/ 26 *HM Cornelius the Centurion Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection*	**Sep 14/ 27** ***Exaltation Cross*** 	**Sep 15/ 28** *GM Nicetas the Goth M Porphyrios the Actor* 	**Sep 16/ 29** *GM Ephemia M Ludmilla, Princess of the Czechs* 	**Sep 17/ 30** *M. Sophia & Three Daughters: Faith, Hope & Love* 		

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Great Lent — March 15 – May 1, 2027

Apostles Fast — June 28 – July 11, 2027

Dormition Fast — August 14 – August 28, 2027

Nativity Fast — November 28, 2026 – January 6, 2027

Nativity Fast — November 28, 2027 – January 6, 2028 (the next fast)

FAST DAYS

Every Wednesday and Friday, except fast-free weeks

January 18 (Eve of Theophany) • September 11 (Beheading of St John the Forerunner)

FAST-FREE WEEKS

Sviatki — January 7 – 17, 2027

Publican & Pharisee — February 21 – 27, 2027

Maslenitsa (Cheesefare Week) — March 7 – 13, 2027

Bright Week — May 2 – 8, 2027

Trinity Week — June 20 – 26, 2027

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