

SAINT EDWARD'S SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2025

Tue 1 / 14 Oct	nf	✠ μ	Protection of the All-Holy Theotokos; Ven. Romanos the Melodist; Exod. 40:1-6, 9, 10, 16, 34-35; Exod. 3:1-8; Ezek. 43:27-44:4 Heb. 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
Wed 2 / 15 Oct	f2	✠	Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin-martyr Justina; Great Martyr Theodore Gabra; Right-believing Anna Kashinskaya; Phil. 1:12-20; 1 Tim. 1:12-27; Luke 6:46-7:1; John 15:17-16:2
Thu 3 / 16 Oct	nf		Hm. Dionysius Areopagite; Ven. Hesychius of Mount Horeb; Martyr Theoctistus; New Hieromartyr Agathangelus Metropolitan of Yaroslavl; Phil. 1:20-27; Luke 7:17-30
Fri 4/17 Oct	f3		Holy Hierarch Hierotheus of Athens; Ven. Ammon of Egypt; Venerable Mother Aurea of Paris; Phil. 1:27-2:4; Luke 7:31-25; <i>Repose of the Ever-Memorable Archbishop Nikodem of Richmond in 1976 - memorial service.</i>
Sat 5/18 Oct	nf		Holy Martyr Charitina of Amisus; Venerable Mother Methodia of Cimolos; 1 Cor. 15:58-16:3; Luke 5:27-32
Sun 6/19 Oct	nf	✠	Third of Luke; Holy Apostle Thomas the Twin; Virgin Martyr Eroteis; Venerable New Martyr Macarius of Chios; Tone 2; MG-8 John 20:11-18; 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9; Luke 7:11-16
Mon 7/20 Oct	nf		Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus; Venerable Sergius the Obedient of the Kiev Caves; Hm. Polychronius of Nicaea; Virgin Martyr Justina of Padua; Phil. 2:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
Tue 8 / 21 Oct	nf	✠ μ	Venerable Pelagia of Antioch; Saint Thaïs of Egypt, the former harlot; Phil. 2:16-23; Luke 8:1-3
Wed 9/22 Oct	f2		Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus; Ven. Mother Publia the Confessor of Antioch; Right. Patriarch Abraham and his nephew Lot; Phil. 2:24-30; 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Luke 8:22-25; Matt 9:36-10:8

VIGIL FOR THE FOURTEEN ELDERS OF OPTINA at 7 p.m.

Thu 10/23 Oct	nf	✠	Fourteen Venerable and God-bearing Elders of Optina; Saint Paulinus of York and Rochester; MG - Luke 6:17-23; Gal. 5:22-6:2; Matt. 11:27-30; Divine Liturgy at 9.30 a.m.
Fri 11/24 Oct	f3		Holy Apostle Philip one of the Seven Deacons; Ven. Father Theophanes the Confessor; Venerable Mother Ethelburga of Barking; Phil. 3:8-19; Luke 9:12-18
Sat 12/25 Oct	nf		Ven. Symeon the New Theologian; Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, Andronicus; Holy Hierarch Fiac, Bishop of Leinster; Ven. Cosmas the Hymnographer 2 Cor. 1:8-11; Luke 6:1-10
Sun 13/26 Oct	nf	✠	Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus and Agathonica; Ven. Father Nicetas of Paphlagonia, the Patrician and Confessor; Tone 3; MG-9 John 20:19-31; Titus 3:8-15; Matt. 7:12-21
Mon 14/27 Oct	nf		Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus; Holy New Hieromartyr Benjamin, Archimandrite of Solovki; Phil. 4:10-23; Luke 9:18-22
Tue 15/28 Oct	nf	μ	Holy Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch; Venerable Euthymius the New of Ancyra, Founder of the Monastery of the Doves; Ven. Mother Thecla of Wimborne; Col. 1:1-3,6-11; Luke 9:23-27
Wed 16/29 Oct	f3	✠	Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion; Venerable Father Malus; Ven. Father Longinus, Gate-keeper of the Kiev Caves; Col. 1:18-23; Luke 9:44-49
Thu 17/30 Oct	nf		Holy Prophet Hoseas; Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Leontius, Anthimus and Eutropius of Arabia; Col. 1:24-29; Luke 9:49-56

Fri 18 / 31 Oct f2	✙		Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke; the Forty Children perfected by the sword; newly-appeared Martyrs Gabriel and Kyrmidol of Egypt; Col. 4:5-11, 14-18; Luke 10:16-21; <i>Prayers against demonic influences after Vespers.</i>
Sat 19 O/1 Nov	nf		Holy Prophet Joel; Martyr Varus; Saint John the Wonder-worker of Rila; Ven. Mother Frideswide of Oxford; Righteous John of Kronstadt; 2 Cor. 3:12-18; Luke 7:1-10
Sun 20 O/2 Nov	nf	✙	Great Martyr Artemius; Martyrs Ebores and Enoës of Persia; Ven. Gerasimus of Cephalonia; Ven. Matron of Chios; St. Acca, Bishop of Hexham; Tone 4; MG-10 John 21:1-14; Gal 2:16-20; Luke 8:26-39
Mon 21 O/3 Nov	nf		Ven. Hilarion the Great; Martyrs Theodota and the Priest Severus; Righteous Father Baruch; New Martyr John of Monemvasia; Col. 2:13-20; Luke 10:22-24
Tue 22 O/4 Nov	nf	✙ μ	Saint Abercius the Wonderworker of Hierapolis; Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus; Virgin Martyrs Nunilo and Alodia of Spain; New. Hm. Seraphim of Uglich; Col. 2:20-3:3; Luke 11:1-10
Wed 23 O/5 Nov	f2	✙	Apostle James the Brother of God; Ven. Macarius the Roman; Right. James of Borovich (recovery of relics); Col. 3:17-4:1; Gal. 1:11-19; Luke 11:9-13; Matt. 13:54-58; <i>Liturgy of Saint James</i>
Thu 24 O/6 Nov	nf		Holy Great Martyr Arethas; Martyr Nerdon; Ven. John the Recluse of the Kiev Caves; Col. 4:2-9; Luke 11:14-23
Fri 25 O/7 Nov	f3		Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the notaries; Holy Hierarch Macarius of Paphos; Martyrs Crispin and Crispian of Rome; Saint Fronto, Bishop of Perigeux; Col. 4:10-18; Luke 11:23-26

VIGIL FOR THE GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS AT 7 p.m.

Sat 26 O/8 Nov	nf	✙	Holy Great Martyr Demetrius; Commemoration of the Great Earthquake; Esaias 63:15-19; 64:1-5,8,9; Jeremias 2:1-12; Wisdom 3:1-9; MG Luke: 21:12-29; 2 Tim. 2: 1-10; John 15:17-16:2; Matt. 8:23-27; Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.
Sun 27 O/9 Nov	nf	✙	Holy Martyr Nestor; Martyrs Capitolina and Erotheis; Saint Procla wife of Pontius Pilate; Ven. Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves; Tone Pl.1; MG-11; Luke 21:14-25; Gal. 6:11-18; Luke 8:41-56
Mon 28 O/10 Nov	nf		Martyrs Terence and Neonilla; Ven. Stephen the Sabbaite; New Martyrs Angelis, Manuel, George and Nicholas of Lampe; Arsenius the First, Archbishop of Serbia; Thess. 1:1-5; Luke 11:29-33
Tue 29 O/11 Nov	nf	✙ μ	Venerable Martyr Anastasia the Roman; Ven. Abramius and Mary; Martyr Sabbas Commander; Holy Martyr Melitene; Ven. Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou; 1 Thess. 1:6-10; Luke 11:34-41
Wed 30 O/12 Nov	f3		Hm. Zenobius and his sister Zenobia; anonymous executioner who came to believe in Christ; Ven. Joseph, Patriarch of Constantinople; Saint Iotam Zedginidze of Georgia; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Luke 11:42-46
Thur 31 O/13 Nov	nf	✙	Holy Apostles Stachys, Apelles, Narcissus, Aristobulus, Urban and Amplias; Ven. Spiridon and Nikodem the Prosphora Bakers; 1 Thess. 2:9-14; Luke 11:47-12:1; <i>Nameday of Bishop Nikodem of Richmond – Memorial Service</i>
Fri 1/14 Nov	f2	✙	Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian; Ven. David of Euboia; Martyrs Cyriaina and Juliana of Cilicia; Hieromartyrs John and James the Zealot of Persia; 1 Thess. 2:14-20; 1 Cor. 12:27-13:8; Luke 12:2-12; Matthew 10:1, 5-8
Sat 2/15 Nov	nf		Holy Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphonius, Elpidophorus and Anempodistus of Persia; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Luke 9:1-6
Sun 3/16 Nov	nf	✙	Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, Joseph and Aëthas; Consecration of the Church of Saint George in Lydda; Tone Pl.2; MG-1 Mark 16:9-20; Eph. 2:4-10; Luke 16:19-31

Mon 4/17 Nov	nf		Ven. Ioannicius the Great; Hm. Nicander and Hermias; Commemoration of the Lamentations of Jeremias; Martyrs Vitalis and Agricola of Bologna; 1 Thess. 2:20-3:8; Luke 12:13-15, 22-31
Tue 5/18 Nov	nf	μ	Martyrs Galaction and Episteme; Martyr Agathangelus; Ven. Gregory the Confessor of Alexandria; Hierarch Jonas the Wonder-worker of Novgorod; 1 Thess. 3:8-13; Luke 12: 42-48
Wed 6/19 Nov	f3		Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople; Saint Paul of Corinth, the Fool for Christ; New Martyr Gregory the Cross-bearer; 1 Thess. 4:1-12 Luke 12:48-59
Thu 7/20 Nov	nf		Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene; Ven. Lazarus of Mt. Galesion; Saint Willibrord of Northumbria, Enlightener of Friesland; New Hms. Cyril of Kazan and Joseph of Petrograd; 1 Thess. 4:18-5:10; Luke 13:1-9
VIGIL FOR THE BODILESS HOSTS AT 7 p.m.			
Fri 8/21 Nov	f1	✙	Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and the other Bodiless Hosts; Saint Philaret of New York, the new Confessor (<i>service chanted next Sunday</i>) Joshua 5:13-15; Judg. 6:2,7,11-24; Dan. 10:1-21; MG Matt. 18:10-20; Heb. 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21; Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.
Sat 9/22 Nov	nf	✙	Saint Nectarius of Pentapolis the Wonderworker; Holy Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius; Ven. Mother Matrona; Ven. Fathers Euthymius and Neophytus Founders of Docheiariou; Hierarch Benignus of Armagh; <i>Vespers Readings</i> ; 2 Cor 11:1-6; Eph. 5:8-19; Luke 9:37-43; Matt. 4:25-5:12
Sun 10/23 Nov	nf	✙	Holy Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertius, Erastus and Quartus; Saint Philaret the New Confessor (<i>service translated from 8th November</i>); New Hm. Rodion of the Spasov Hermitage; Grave Tone; MG-2 Mark 16:1-8; Eph. 2:14-22; Luke 10:25-37
Mon 11/24 Nov	nf		Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent; Holy Martyr Stephanie; Ven. Theodore the Studite; Blessed Maximus of Moscow the Fool for Christ; Ven. Martyrius of Zelenets; 2 Thess. 1:1-10; Luke 14:12-25
Tue 12/25 Nov	nf	μ	Saint John the Almsgiver; Saint Martin of Tours; Venerable Father Nilus of Sinai; Saint Leo Styppes, Patriarch of Constantinople; Saint Machat, first bishop of Aberdeen; 2 Thess. 1:10-2:2; Luke 14:25-34
Wed 13/26 Nov	f2	✙	Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; Ven. Martyr Damascene of Constantinople; <i>Vespers Readings</i> ; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Heb. 7:26-8:2; Luke 15:1-10; John 10:9-16;
Thu 14/27 Nov	nf		Holy Apostle Philip; Saint Gregory Palamas the Wonder-worker; New Child Martyr Panteleimon; 2 Thess. 2:13-3:5; Luke 16:1-9;
Fri 15/28 Nov	f3		START OF THE NATIVITY FAST; Holy Martyrs Gurias, Shamuna, and Habib the Deacon; Venerable Philip of Rabang; 2 Thess. 3:6-18; Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4
Sat 16/29 Nov	f2	✙	Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew; Gal. 1:3-10; 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Luke 9:57-62; Matt 9:9-13 (<i>Note: fish is not permitted on the first weekend of the Nativity Fast in the Greek usage</i>)
Sun 17/30 Nov	f2	✙	Saint Gregory the Wonderworker of Neocaesarea; Venerable Hilda, Abbess of Whitby; Saint Gregory of Tours; MG-3 Mark 16:9-20; Eph. 4:1-7; Luke 12:16-22
Mon 18 N/1 Dec	f2		Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanus; New Martyr Anastasius of Epirus; 1 Tim. 1:1-7; Luke 17:20-25
Tues 19 N/2 Dec	f2	μ	Holy Prophet Abdias; Holy Martyr Barlaam; the holy women perfected by the sword; 1 Tim. 1 8-14; Luke 17:26-37; 18:8
Wed 20 N/3 Dec	f3		<i>Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos;</i> Ven. Gregory of Decapolis; 1 Tim. 1: 18-20, 2:8-15; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Key to Symbols above

No Symbol – usual weekday schedule: Matins at 7 a.m. , & Vespers at 6 p.m.

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μ – Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God after Vespers

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Mondays to Saturdays: the Divine Liturgy also follows Matins at 8.30 a.m.; Vespers at 6 p.m.

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Sundays: Matins is at 8.00 a.m. and the Divine Liturgy begins at 9.45 a.m: Vespers at 2 p.m

Fasting Guidelines

f3 - Strict vegan diet, no animal products, no oil or alcohol;

(other than fish itself, sea foods are permitted on f3 days);

f2 - as f3, but wine (alcohol) & oil also permitted;

f1 - as f2, but fish also permitted;

nf - all food products permitted.

N.B. When Mondays are designated nf, for the monastics the usual regime is f1, 2 or 3; ***please check***

The Prayers of the Faithful are asked for:-

Newly Departed: Presbyteria Nina, Maria, George, Panagiota - O; Bob, Anna, Huna- non O;

The Sick: Archimandrite Alexis, Abbess Taxiarchia, Presbyteria Helena, Presbyteria Olga, Philippa, Xenia, Marina, Katerina, Osyth, Chrysanthy - O; Catherine, Macaria, Graham, Nick, Oura, Dan - non O;

Expectant Mothers: Elena, Ann, Anna, Katerina - O; Catechumen Emily Bethany - non O;

Special Needs: Natalia, Catalin and family, Alexander, John, Valentina and family - O; Tina - non O;

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