

# RANKS OF SERVICES

- ⊕ **Vigil for Great Feasts:** a more festive service where all of the unfixed hymns are dedicated to the feast.  
**FEASTS OF THE LORD:** Great Prokeimenon at Vespers (except on Saturday evening; Great Prokeimenon is sung on Friday); Festal antiphons and entrance verse at Liturgy; if on Sunday, Resurrectional service is suspended (i.e. only service of the feast is sung); special dismissals.  
**FEASTS OF THE THEOTOKOS AND GREAT SAINTS:** If on Sunday, Resurrectional service is combined with service of the feast;  
**MATINS:** Only festal canons are sung; Instead of *Magnificat*, special refrains (only for 12 Great Feasts);  
**LITURGY:** Instead of *It is Truly Meet*, Irmos of 9<sup>th</sup> ode of canon (only for 12 Great Feasts) (see p. 173 of *Liturgics* by Bp. Averky for more specifics).
- ⊕ **Vigil:** All-Night vigil is celebrated. Small Vespers, Great Vespers and Matins is combined to form the Vigil.  
**VESPERS:** (see “Polyeleos” service).  
**MATINS:** canon to Theotokos added before canon to saint (Canon to Theotokos is either located right in place in the *Menaion*, or is printed in the at the end of the *Octoechos* after tones eight and four, with the irmos: “Thou didst overthrow the pursuing tyrant Pharaoh...,” or the canon to the Theotokos located at the end of the Psalter with Appendix, with the irmos: “Having crossed over the sea as though it were dry land...”); blessing of breads and the anointing with oil
- ⊕ **Polyeleos:**  
**VESPERS:** “Blessed is the Man” (rather than the regular Kathisma); LIHC six or eight stichera from Menaion; Entrance; three readings; all Litya verses to saint; stichera at Aposticha from *Menaion* (not *Octoechos*).  
**MATINS:** Polyeleos is sung, a Megalynarion, and a Gospel reading; canon has 8 troparia; praises and Great Doxology is sung
- ⊕ **Doxology:**  
**VESPERS:** LIHC six stichera from the *Menaion*; a sticheron for “Glory” of the Aposticha.  
**MATINS:** canon from *Menaion* w/ 6 stichera and katavasia; a sticheron for “Glory” of the Aposticha; “Let Every Breath” and stichera at the praises are sung; Great Doxology is sung.  
**LITURGY:** Beatitudes sing w/ troparia from 3<sup>rd</sup> (and sometimes 6<sup>th</sup>) ode(s) of the canon; special prokeimenon, Apostle, Alleluia, Gospel, and Communion Verse.
- ⊕ **Six Stichera:**  
or **VESPERS:** LIHC six stichera from the *Menaion*; a sticheron for “Glory” of the Aposticha.  
\* **MATINS:** canon from *Menaion* w/ 6 stichera; a sticheron for “Glory” of the Aposticha.  
**LITURGY:** Beatitudes sing w/ troparia from 3<sup>rd</sup> (and sometimes 6<sup>th</sup>) ode(s) of the canon; special prokeimenon, Apostle, Alleluia, Gospel, and Communion Verse.
- **Simple Service:** The most ordinary, daily service to a saint,  
(or no sign) **VESPERS:** LIHC three stichera from the *Menaion*. (There may not be a troparion to the saint in the *Menaion*.)  
**MATINS:** canon in four troparia.

