

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 9th 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 3rd (and sometimes 6th) 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 3rd (and sometimes 6th) 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.

