

## Canons of Compline and Transfers of Menaion Services for Great Lent 2016

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According to the *Typicon*, “beginning on Monday of the second Week of the Fast, we chant at Compline the Canons of the Menaion for the Saints that will come to be celebrated in the period from Lazarus Saturday to Thomas Sunday, together with the Canons for the Theotokos”. In light of this instruction, and keeping in mind the other indications of the *Typicon* concerning the transfer of Menaion commemorations to Compline during the Lenten period, the following schedule of Canons at Compline is possible in 2016. Note that the services for Bright Friday and Thomas Sunday do not need to be transferred in 2016.

### First Week of Lent

Monday, March 1 (14)

At Great Compline: Great Canon

*Martyr Eudocia*

Tuesday, March 2 (15)

At Great Compline: Great Canon

*Hieromartyr Theodotus*

Wednesday, March 3 (16)

At Great Compline: Great Canon

*Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus and Basiliscus*

Thursday, March 4 (17)

At Great Compline: Great Canon

*St Gerasimus of the Jordan*

Friday, March 5 (18)

At Great Compline: Canon for the Departed from the *Octoechos* in Tone 8  
Canon and Stichera for the 42 Martyrs of Ammoria (from March 6)

*Martyr Conon of Isauria*

Saturday, March 6 (19)

**+ Reigning Icon of the Mother of God** (from March 2)

Compline is not served because All-night Vigil is served Saturday night

**St Theodore the Recruit** (Triodion Commemoration)

### Second Week of Lent

Sunday, March 7 (20)

At Little Compline: Canon for the Holy Prophets from the *Triodion*  
Canon and Stichera for the Hieromartyrs of Cherson (from March 7)

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Monday, March 8 (21)

At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1

Canon and Stichera for Martyrs Terence and comp. (from April 10, Lazarus Saturday)

*St. Theophylact of Nicomedia*

Tuesday, March 9 (22)

At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1

Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Antipas (from April 11, Palm Sunday)

**+ Forty Martyrs of Sebaste**

Wednesday, March 10 (23)

At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1

Canon and Stichera for St. Basil the Confessor (from April 12, Great Monday)

*Martyr Quadratus and comp.*

Thursday, March 11 (24) *St. Sophronius of Jerusalem*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1  
Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Artemon (from April 13, Great Tuesday)

Friday, March 12 (25) *Venerable Theophanes of Sigriane*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Departed in Tone 1  
Canon and Stichera for St. Benedict of Nursia (from March 14)

Saturday, March 13 (26) **Comm. of the Departed** *St. Nicephorus of Constantinople*  
Compline is not served

### **Third Week of Lent**

Sunday, March 14 (27) **St Gregory Palamas** (Triodion Commemoration)  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. Martin of Rome (from April 14, Great Wednesday)

Monday, March 15 (28) *Martyr Agapius and comp.*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 2  
Canon and Stichera for Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus (from April 15, Great Thursday)

Tuesday, March 16 (29) *Martyr Sabinus / Martyr Papas*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 2  
Canon and Stichera for Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chione (from April 16, Great Friday)

Wednesday, March 17 (30) *St. Alexis the man of God*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 2  
Canon and Stichera for St. Symeon of Persia (from April 17, Great Saturday)

Thursday, March 18 (31) *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 2  
Canon and Stichera for St. Acacius of Melitene (from April 17, Great Saturday)

Friday, March 19 (April 1) *Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Departed in Tone 2  
Canon and Stichera for St. James of Catania (from March 21)

Saturday, March 20 (April 2) **Comm. of the Departed** *Fathers at Laura of St. Sabbas*  
Compline is not served

### **Fourth Week of Lent**

Sunday, March 21 (April 3) **Veneration of the Cross**  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. John of Decapolis (from April 18, Pascha)

Monday, March 22 (April 4) *Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 3  
Canon and stichera for St. John of the Ancient Caves (from April 19, Bright Monday)

Tuesday, March 23 (April 5) *Martyr Nikon of Sicily*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 3  
Canon and Stichera for St. Theodore Trichinas (from April 20, Bright Tuesday)

Wednesday, March 24 (April 6) **Wednesday of Mid-Lent / Forefeast of the Annunciation**  
Great Compline is served as part of the All-night Vigil

Thursday, March 25 (April 7) **⊕ Annunciation of the Theotokos**  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for Archangel Gabriel (from March 26)

Friday, March 26 (April 8) **Friday of Mid-Lent Apodosis of Annunciation**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Departed in Tone 3  
Canon and Stichera for St. Hilarion the New (from March 28)

Saturday, March 27 (April 9) **Commem. of the Departed Martyr Matrona**  
Compline is not served

#### **Fifth Week of Lent**

Sunday, March 28 (April 10) **St. John Climacus** (Triodion Commemoration)  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. Stephen the Wonderworker (from March 28)

Monday, March 29 (April 11) *St. Mark of Arethusa*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 4  
Canon and Stichera for St. Mary of Egypt (from April 1)

Tuesday, March 30 (April 12) *St. John Climacus*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 4  
Canon and Stichera for St. Nicetas the Confessor (from April 3)

Wednesday, March 31 (April 13) *St. Hypatius of Gangra*  
At Little Compline: No Canon

Thursday, April 1 (14) **Thursday of the Great Canon**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 4  
Canon and Stichera for St. Joseph the Hymnographer (from April 4)

Friday, April 2 (15) *St. Titus the Wonderworker*  
At Little Compline: No Canon  
In the Charnel house: Canon for the Departed in Tone 4

Saturday, April 3 (16) **Saturday of the Acathest Hymn**  
Compline is not chanted

#### **Sixth Week of Lent**

Sunday, April 4 (17) **St Mary of Egypt** (Triodion Comm.)  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. George of Mt. Maleon (from April 4)

Monday, April 5 (18)                      *Martyr Agathopulus and comp.*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5  
Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Januarius (from April 21, Bright Wednesday)

Tuesday, April 6 (19)                      *St. Eutychius of Constantinople*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5  
Canon and Stichera for Martyr Theodore and comp. (from April 21, Bright Wednesday)

Wednesday, April 7 (20)                      *St. George of Mitylene*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5  
Canon and Stichera for St. Theodore the Sykeote (from April 22, Bright Thursday)

Thursday, April 8 (21)                      *Apostle Herodion and comp.*  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5  
Canon and Stichera for Martyr Sabbas of Rome (from April 24, Bright Saturday)

Friday, April 9 (22)                      *Martyr Eupsychius*  
At Great Compline: Canon for Palm Saturday from the *Triodion*

Saturday, March 30 (April 13)              **Lazarus Saturday**  
Compline is not chanted

### **The order of singing the Menaion services at Compline<sup>1</sup>**

Following the reading of the daily doxology, *Glory to God in the highest* (at Great Compline), or the Creed (at Little Compline), chant the Canon for the Theotokos from the Octoechos (without hirmoi) with the refrain “O Most-Holy Theotokos, save us,” and the cCanon for the saint from the Menaion (also without hirmoi) with the appropriate refrain. Note that the Biblical Odes are not chanted at Compline.

If the Menaion has a Kontakion: after Ode 3: Sessional Hymn from the Menaion; G/N: Sessional Hymn for the Theotokos (printed after the 6<sup>th</sup> Ode in the Octoechos). After Ode 6: Kontakion and Cocos from the Menaion.

If the Menaion lacks a Kontakion: after Ode 3: Sessional Hymn from the Menaion; G/N: Theotokion or Staurotheotokion from the Menaion. After Ode 6: Sessional Hymn for the Theotokos.

After Ode 9: Stichera from the Menaion written at *Lord, I have cried* of Vespers, with the same refrains as for the Canon; G: Menaion; N: Theotokion or Staurotheotokion from the Menaion. If the Menaion lacks a doxasticon, chant the first two stichera with the refrain of the canon; G: third sticheron; N: Theotokion or Staurotheotokion. If the Menaion lacks a Theotokion at *Lord, I have cried*, use the appropriate Theotokion from “the lesser ones” in the Tone of the last sticheron (these are found in the Supplement to the Menaion or the Appendix to the Octoechos, “Theotokia for the entire week”).

The *Typicon* does not specify how one ought to conclude the service. Customarily after the chanting of the stichera, *It is truly meet* is chanted, and then Compline proceeds as usual.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the information provided in the *Богослужебные указания* published by the Moscow Patriarchate, in turn based largely on the interpretation of Сырников, *Ключь къ Церковному Уставу*, Moscow, 1910, p. 67f.