Canons of Compline and Transfers of Menaion Services for Great Lent 2018

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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 2018.

**First Week of Lent**

- **Monday, February 6/19**
  At Great Compline: Great Canon
  
  *St. Bucolus of Smyrna*

- **Tuesday, February 7/20**
  At Great Compline: Great Canon
  
  *St. Parthenius of Lampscaus and St. Luke of Hellas*

- **Wednesday, February 8/21**
  At Great Compline: Great Canon
  
  *Great Martyr Theodore and Prophet Zechariah*

- **Thursday, February 9/22**
  At Great Compline: Great Canon
  
  *Martyr Nicephorus*

- **Friday, February 10/23**
  At Great Compline: Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Blaise (from February 11)
  
  Icon and Stichera for the Departed from the Octoechos in Tone 4

- **Saturday, February 11/24**
  Compline is not served because All-night Vigil is served Saturday night

**Second Week of Lent**

- **Sunday, February 12/25**
  At Little Compline: Canon for the Holy Prophets from the Triodion
  
  *Canon and Stichera for St. Meletius of Antioch (from February 12)*

- **Monday, February 13/26**
  At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5
  
  *Canon and Stichera for Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (from March 19, Palm Sunday)*

- **Tuesday, February 14/27**
  At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5
  
  *St. Auxentius of Bithynia*

- **Wednesday, February 15/28**
  At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5
  
  *Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy*

- **Saturday, February 11/24**
  Compline is not served because All-night Vigil is served Saturday night
Thursday, February 16/March 1
Martyr Pamphilus the Presbyter and companions
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 5
Canon and Stichera for St. James the Confessor (from March 21, Great Tuesday)

Friday, February 17/March 2
Hieromartyr Hermogenes, Patriarch of Moscow
At Great Compline: Canon and Stichera for Apostles Archippus and Philemon (from February 19)
Canon for the Departed in Tone 5

Saturday, February 18/March 3
Compline is not served
Comm. of the Departed  St. Leo the Great of Rome

Third Week of Lent

Sunday, February 19/March 4
St Gregory Palamas (Triodion Commemoration)
At Little Compline: no canon

Monday, February 20/March 5
St. Leo of Catania
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 6
Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (from March 22, Great Wednesday)

Tuesday, February 21/March 6
St. Timothy of Symbola / St. Eustathius of Antioch
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 6
Canon and Stichera for Martyr Nicon in Sicily (from March 23, Great Thursday)

Wednesday, February 22/March 7
Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius
At Great Compline: Canon for the Forefeast of the Annunciation (from March 24, Great Friday)

Thursday, February 23/March 8
Hieromartyr Polycarp of Smyrna
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 6
Canon and Stichera for Archangel Gabriel (from March 26, Pascha)

Friday, February 24/March 9
Finding of the Head of St. John the Forerunner
At Great Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. Porphyrius of Gaza (from February 26)
Canon for the Departed in Tone 6

Saturday, February 25/March 10
Compline is not served
Comm. of the Departed  St. Tarasius of Constantinople

Fourth Week of Lent

Sunday, February 26/March 11
Veneration of the Cross
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (from March 27, Bright Monday)

Monday, February 27/March 12
St. Procopius of Decapolis
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 7
Canon and Stichera for St. John Cassian (from February 29)

Tuesday, February 28/March 13
St. Basil the Confessor
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 7
Canon and Stichera for Martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis (from March 1)

Wednesday, March 1/14  
**Wednesday of Mid-Lent**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 7  
Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Theodotus (from March 2)

Thursday, March 2/15  
**Reigning Icon of the Mother of God**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 7  
Canon and stichera for Martyr Eutropius and companions (from March 3)

Friday, March 3/16  
**Friday of Mid-Lent**  
At Great Compline: Canon and Stichera for Martyr Conon of Isauria (from March 5)  
Canon for the Departed in Tone 6

Saturday, March 4/17  
**Commem. of the Departed** St. Gerasimus of the Jordan  
Compline is not served  

**Fifth Week of Lent**

Sunday, March 5/18  
**St. John Climacus** (Triodion Commemoration)  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. Hilarion the New (from March 28, Bright Tuesday)

Monday, March 6/19  
**42 Martyrs of Ammoria**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 8  
Canon and Stichera for St. Stephen the Wonderworker (from March 28, Bright Tuesday)

Tuesday, March 7/20  
**Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 8  
Canon and Stichera for Hieromartyr Mark of Arethusa (from March 29, Bright Wednesday)

Wednesday, March 8/21  
**St. Theophylactus of Nicomedia**  
At Little Compline: No Canon

Thursday, March 9/22  
**Thursday of the Great Canon**  
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 8  
Canon and Stichera for St. Sophronius of Jerusalem (from March 11)

Friday, March 10/23  
**Martyr Quadratus and companions**  
At Little Compline: No Canon  
In the Charnel house: Canon for the Departed in Tone 8

Saturday, March 11/24  
**Saturday of the Acathist Hymn**  
Compline is not chanted

**Sixth Week of Lent**

Sunday, March 12/25  
**St. Mary of Egypt** (Triodion Comm.)  
At Little Compline: Canon and Stichera for St. Theophanes the Sigriane (from March 12)
Monday, March 13/26  St. Nicephorus of Constantinople
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1
Canon and Stichera for St. Sophronius of Irkutsk (from March 30, Bright Thursday)

Tuesday, March 14/27  St. Benedict of Nursia
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1
Canon and Stichera for St. Hypatius of Gangra (from March 31, Bright Friday)

Wednesday, March 15/28  Martyr Agapius and companions
At Great Compline: Canon for the Theotokos in Tone 1
Canon and Stichera for St. Titus the Wonderworker (from April 2, Thomas Sunday)

Thursday, March 16/29  Martyr Sabinus and Martyr Papas
At Great Compline: Canon for the Afterfeast of the Annunciation (from March 26)

Friday, March 17/30  St. Alexis the Man of God
At Little Compline: Canon for Palm Saturday from the Triodion

Saturday, March 18/31  Lazarus Saturday
Compline is not chanted

The order of singing the Menaion services at Compline¹

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 Canon 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 6th Ode in the Octoechos). After Ode 6: Kontakion and Æcos 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.

¹ Based on the information provided in the Богослужебные указания published by the Moscow Patriarchate, in turn based largely on the interpretation of Symikov, Ключ к Церковному Уставу, Moscow, 1910, p. 67f.