

January 1	Isaac/Micah	Basil the Great; Circumcision of Christ	Col. 2:8-12
January 8	Nate	Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)	Eph. 4:7-13
January 15	Thomas	29th after Pentecost	Col. 3:4-11
January 22	Christos	32nd after Pentecost	I Tim. 4:9-15
January 29	Ken	17th after Pentecost	II Cor. 6:16-7:1
February 5	James	33rd after Pentecost	II Tim. 3:10-15
February 12	Isaac/Micah	34th after Pentecost	I Cor. 6:12-20
February 19	Nate	Last Judgment (Meat Fare)	I Cor. 8:8-9:2
February 26	Thomas	Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)	Rom. 13:11-14:4
March 5	Ken	1st of Lent (Orthodoxy)	Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40
March 12	James	2nd of Lent (Gregory Palamas)	Heb. 1:10-2:3
March 19	Isaac/Micah	3rd of Lent (Holy Cross)	Heb. 4:14-5:6
March 26	Nate	4th of Lent (John Climacus)	Heb. 6:13-20
April 2	Thomas	5th of Lent (Mary of Egypt)	Heb. 9:11-14
April 9	Ken	*Palm Sunday	Phil. 4:4-9
April 16	James	GREAT & HOLY PASCHA	Acts 1:1-8
April 23	Isaac/Micah	*2nd of Pascha (Thomas) / Great Martyr George	Acts 12:1-11
April 30	Nate	3rd of Pascha (Myrrh-bearers)	Acts 6:1-7
May 7	Thomas	4th of Pascha (Paralytic)	Acts 9:32-42
May 14	Ken	5th of Pascha (Samaritan Woman)	Acts 11:19-30
May 21	James	6th of Pascha (Blind Man) / Constantine & Helen	Acts 26:1, 12-20
May 28	Isaac/Micah	*Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council	Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
June 4	Nate	*Holy Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11
June 11	Thomas	*1st after Pentecost; (All Saints)	Heb. 11:33-12:2
June 18	Ken	2nd after Pentecost	Rom. 2:10-16
June 25	James	3rd after Pentecost	Rom. 5:1-10

July 2	Isaac/Micah	4th after Pentecost / Robe of Theotokos	Heb. 9:1-7
July 9	Nate	5th after Pentecost	Rom. 10:1-10
July 16	Thomas	Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council	Titus 3:8-15
July 23	Ken	7th after Pentecost	Rom. 15:1-7
July 30	James	8th after Pentecost	I Cor. 1:10-17
August 6	Isaac/Micah	Transfiguration of Christ	II Peter 1:10-19
August 13	Nate	10th after Pentecost	I Cor. 4:9-16
August 20	Thomas	11th after Pentecost	I Cor. 9:2-12
August 27	Ken	12th after Pentecost	I Cor. 15:1-11
September 3	James	13th after Pentecost	I Cor. 16:13-24
September 10	Isaac/Micah	Sunday before Elevation of the Cross	Gal. 6:11-18
September 17	Nate	Sunday after Elevation of the Cross	Gal. 2:16-20
September 24	Thomas	Proto-Martyr Thekla	II Tim. 3:10-15
October 1	Ken	17th after Pentecost	II Cor. 6:16-7:1
October 8	James	18th after Pentecost	II Cor. 9:6-11
October 15	Isaac/Micah	Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council	Titus 3:8-15
October 22	Nate	20th after Pentecost	Gal. 1:11-19
October 29	Thomas	21st after Pentecost	Gal. 2:16-20
November 5	Ken	22nd after Pentecost	Gal. 6:11-18
November 12	James	John the Merciful	II Cor. 9:6-11
November 19	Isaac/Micah	24th after Pentecost	Eph. 2:14-22
November 26	Nate	25th after Pentecost	Eph. 4:1-7
December 3	Thomas	26th after Pentecost	Eph. 5:8-19
December 10	Ken	27th after Pentecost	Eph. 6:10-17
December 17	James	Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ	Col. 3:4-11
December 24	Isaac/Micah	Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)	Heb. 11:9-10, 32-40
December 31	Nate	Sunday before Theophany (Epiphany)	II Tim. 4:5-8
January 7	Thomas	Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)	Eph. 4:7-13

Instructions for Readers

1. Enter the altar at the beginning of the Trisagion Hymn (Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Imortal One)
2. Retrieve the epistle book.
3. Approach the priest, hold out the epistle book, and quietly say “Father bless!”. Wait for him to have the opportunity to give the blessing and then venerate his hand as he is blessing.
4. Verify that the reading is marked correctly and that you are prepared.
5. On the final verse of the Trisagion, after “Glory be to the Father...”, exit the altar and proceed to the front of the sanctuary at the edge of the Solea in front of and facing the icon of Christ.
6. Recite the introductory dialog with the priest (or deacon). This part is preferably done by intoning (intonation on a single pitch) to match the priest. Please work at this! If one is completely uncomfortable, it may be read.

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: (The appointed verse, both sentences)

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from ...

Priest: Let us attend!

Then read the epistle section. Reading is to be done simply and clearly, not too quickly, with clear annunciation. Do not add emphasis or dramatization: just simply and clearly read it. The words will speak themselves through your simple reading by God's grace.

The epistle may be chanted. I encourage everyone to work toward this: it adds a lot of beauty to the service! However, please speak and work with the priest before beginning to do so. There is a specific way that the epistle and gospel readings are chanted.

If the epistle is read, please intone the final sentence. This provides a clear indication to the congregation and to the priest and choir that the reading is coming to an end.

Priest: Peace be to thee that readeth.

Choir: Alleluia (3x)

Reader: (Intone the first sentence of the alleluia refrain from the epistle book)

Choir: Alleluia (3x)

Reader: (Intone the second sentence of the alleluia refrain from the epistle book)

Choir: Alleluia (3x)

The reader re-enters the altar and replaces the epistle book. Wait in the altar during the chanting of the gospel, then return to your seat.

NOTE: When the bishop is present, the reader will go to him to receive the blessing (instead of the serving priest). If the bishop is serving, he will be at the altar. If the bishop is not serving, he may be in the altar or at his throne in the sanctuary. Wherever, the reader will go to him for the blessing whenever he is present at a service.