

January 5	Thomas	Sunday before Theophany (Epiphany)	II Tim. 4:5-8
January 12	Ken	Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)	Eph. 4:7-13
January 19	James	29th after Pentecost	Col. 3:4-11
January 26	Jared	32nd after Pentecost	I Tim. 4:9-15
February 2	Connor	Presentation (Meeting) of Christ	Heb. 7:7-17
February 9	Isaac	Pharisee and Publican	II Tim. 3:10-15
February 16	Nate	Prodigal Son	I Cor. 6:12-20
February 23	Gabriel	Last Judgment (Meat Fare)	I Cor. 8:8-9:2
March 2	Zach	Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)	Rom. 13:11-14:4
March 9	Thomas	1st of Lent (Orthodoxy)	Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40
March 16	Ken	2nd of Lent (Gregory Palamas)	Heb. 1:10-2:3
March 23	James	3rd of Lent (Holy Cross)	Heb. 4:14-5:6
March 30	Jared	4th of Lent (John Climacus)	Heb. 6:13-20
April 6	Connor	5th of Lent (Mary of Egypt)	Heb. 9:11-14
April 13	Isaac	Palm Sunday	Phil. 4:4-9
April 20	Nate	GREAT & HOLY PASCHA	Acts 1:1-8
April 27	Gabriel	2nd of Pascha (Thomas)	Acts 5:12-20
May 4	Zach	3rd of Pascha (Myrrh-bearers)	Acts 6:1-7
May 11	Thomas	4th of Pascha (Paralytic)	Acts 9:32-42
May 18	Ken	5th of Pascha (Samaritan Woman)	Acts 11:19-30
May 25	James	Third Finding of the Baptist's head	II Cor. 4:6-15
June 1	Jared	*Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council	Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
June 8	Connor	*Holy Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11
June 15	Isaac	1st after Pentecost; (All Saints)	Heb. 11:33-12:2
June 22	Nate	2nd after Pentecost	Rom. 2:10-16
June 29	Gabriel	Apostles Peter and Paul	II Cor. 11:21-12:9

July 6	Zach	4th after Pentecost	Rom. 6:18-23
July 13	Thomas	Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council	Titus 3:8-15
July 20	Ken	Prophet Elijah (Elias)	James 5:10-20
July 27	James	Great-martyr Panteleimon	II Tim. 2:1-10
August 3	Jared	8th after Pentecost	I Cor. 1:10-17
August 10	Connor	9th after Pentecost	I Cor. 3:9-17
August 17	Isaac	10th after Pentecost	I Cor. 4:9-16
August 24	Nate	11th after Pentecost	I Cor. 9:2-12
August 31	Gabriel	Sash of the Theotokos	Heb. 9:1-7
September 7	Zach	Sunday before Elevation of the Cross	Gal. 6:11-18
September 14	Thomas	Elevation of the Holy Cross	I Cor. 1:18-24
September 21	Ken	Sunday after Elevation of the Cross	Gal. 2:16-20
September 28	James	16th after Pentecost	II Cor. 6:1-10
October 5	Jared	17th after Pentecost	II Cor. 6:16-7:1
October 12	Connor	Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council	Titus 3:8-15
October 19	Isaac	19th after Pentecost	II Cor. 11:31-12:9
October 26	Nate	Great-martyr Demetrios	II Tim. 2:1-10
November 2	Gabriel	21st after Pentecost	Gal. 2:16-20
November 9	Zach	Nektarios of Aegina	Eph. 5:8-19
November 16	Thomas	Apostle Matthew the Evangelist	I Cor. 4:9-16
November 23	Ken	24th after Pentecost	Eph. 2:14-22
November 30	James	Apostle Andrew the First-called	I Cor. 4:9-16
December 7	Jared	26th after Pentecost	Eph. 5:8-19
December 14	Connor	Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ	Col. 3:4-11
December 21	Isaac	Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)	Heb. 11:9-10, 32-40
December 28	Nate	Sunday after the Nativity	Gal. 1:11-19

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.