

2019-2020 LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS AND FEAST DAYS – YEAR A

DATE	CALENDAR	SCRIPTURES	GOSPEL THEME
Dec. 1	1 st Sunday of Advent	Psalms 123; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44	Watch and Pray
Dec. 8	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Psalms 72:1-19; Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12	John the Forerunner
Dec. 15	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Psalms 146; Isaiah 35; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-11	John the Forerunner
Dec. 22	4 th Sunday of Advent	Psalms 24; Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24	The Blessed Virgin God-bearer Mary
Dec. 24/25 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Christmas Eve/Day Services <i>If only one service is done, any combination of the scriptures from the various services may need to be used in order to best capture the necessary themes.</i>	Vigil: Psalms 89:3-4, 15-16, 20-28; Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-25; Matthew 1:1-25 Evening Communion service: Psalms 96; 1-3, 11-13; Is. 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20 Christmas Morning: Psalms 98:1-6; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18	Christ is Born!
Dec. 29	Sunday after Christmas	Psalms 8; Gen. 17:1-14; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:(15-20) 21, (22-40)	Circumcision, Naming (& Presentation)
<i>Since there's only one Sunday before Epiphany, you might want to mention any/all of the following events as well, which chronologically fall before the Baptism: The Meeting in the temple*, the wise men, flight to Egypt, slaughter of the innocents, teaching in the temple (Matthew 2, Luke 2:22-52). *(Of course, there is a separate Eastern feast day for the Meeting in the Temple celebrated on Feb. 2, the 40th day after Christmas.)</i>			
January 5	Epiphany/Theophany Celebrated (Actual Feast Day is Jan. 6)	Psalms 29; Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17	Baptism of Christ
January 12	Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 145; Genesis 3:13-15 Romans 5:12-21; Luke 3:23-38	The Real Humanity of the New Adam
January 19	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 40; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42	Following the Lamb of God
January 26	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 27:1-6; Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 4:12-25	Jesus Begins Public Ministry/Disciples
February 2	<i>(If Meeting of Our Lord not observed here) 4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Psalms 146; Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12	Beatitudes
Also:	Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple	Psalms 85:8-13; Ex. 12:51-13:16; Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40	Fulfillment of the Old Covenant in Christ
February 9	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 112; Habakkuk 3:1-6, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16	The Church as Salt and Light
February 16	6 th Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 119:1-15; Genesis 4:1-7; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37	The Surpassing Righteousness, part 1
February 23	Sunday before Lent	Psalms 103; Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48	The Surpassing Righteousness, part 2
	Forgiveness Service	Vespers: Psalms 32; Genesis 50:15-21 or Isaiah 58; Romans 14:1-13 or James 3:13-4:12; Matthew 6:14-21	Forgiveness, Fasting, Treasure in Heaven
February 26 (Wed.)	Ash Wednesday and/or Presanctified Gifts	Psalms 90; Genesis 3 or Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 or James 4:13-5:16a; Luke 12:13-32	A Reminder of Our Mortality; Call to Repentance and Trust in God
**If an Ash Wednesday Service is not done, the above Scriptures can still be used. An alternate theme might be to explain the meaning of the Prayer of St. Ephraim used throughout the Lenten season.			

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March 1	1 st Sunday of Lent	Psalms 51; Gen. 2:7-9, 16-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11	Testing in wilderness
March 4 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	Desire
March 8	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Psalms 33; Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration
March 11 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ The Publican & Pharisee	Luke 18:10-14	Humility
March 15	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Psalms 95; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42	Woman at the Well
March 18 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32	Return
March 22	<i>(If Annunciation isn't observed here)</i> 4 th Sunday of Lent	Psalms 23; 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	Man Born Blind
March 25 (Wed)	The Annunciation of the Mother of God	Luke 4:6-13; Isaiah 7:10-14; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38	Gabriel announces Mary as God-bearer
March 25 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ The Last Judgement	Matthew 25:31-46	Love
March 29	5 th Sunday of Lent	Ps. 130; Ezek. 37:1-14 (or 2 Kings 4:32-37); Rom. 8:5-11; Jn. 11:1-45	Lazarus
<u>April 1</u>	Presanctified Gifts/ The Paralytic	Mark 2:1-12	Healing and Forgiveness in Christ
April 5	Palm Sunday	Psalms 24; Zechariah 9:9-17; Phil. 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11	Triumphal Entry
<i>**Note: For the beginning of Holy Week, Orthodox Bridegroom Services are typical. Material is available.</i>			
April 8	Holy Wednesday Unction Service	Psalms 143; Job 2:1-10; Rom. 12:1-3 or 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Matthew 26:6-16	Anointing at Bethany and Plotting of Judas
<i>Note: A Special Healing Service has been created to use sometime during Lent during a Sunday Liturgy, rather than on Holy Wednesday, if desired.</i>			
April 9	Holy Thursday	<u>Eucharist</u> : Psalms 23 or 116:12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:2-29 <u>Ft. Washing</u> : John 13:1-17 or 13:1-15 <u>Betrayal</u> : Jn. 18:1-27	Mystical Supper, Foot washing, Betrayal
April 10	Holy Friday	<u>Crucifixion</u> : Psalms 22 or 31:1-5, 11-16; Isaiah 52:13-54:1, Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 or 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2; Matthew 27:27-54 <u>Burial</u> : Matthew 27:57-66	Crucifixion and Burial
April 11	Holy Saturday	Psalms 88; Job. 19:23-27a, Daniel 3:13-25, Jonah 1:17-2:10; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Matthew 12:38-42 and/or 27:50-54	Sabbath Rest & Vigil Bright Sadness at its Climax
April 12	Easter	<u>Vigil Readings</u>: Ps. 33; Ps. 16; Genesis 1-3; Genesis 22:1-18; Ps. 105/106; Exodus 14; Ezekiel 36: 16-28; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matt. 28:1-15 <u>Eucharist</u>: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; (John 20:1-18) John 1:1-18	He is Risen!
April 19	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Psalms 118:1-14; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31	Sunday of St. Thomas
April 26	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Psalms 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35	Post-resurrection Appearance

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May 3	4 th Sunday of Easter	Psalms 23; Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10	Good Shepherd
May 10	5 th Sunday of Easter	Psalms 33; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12	The Way, the Truth, the Life
May 17	6 th Sunday of Easter	Psalms 66; Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:13-18; John 14:15-26	Promise of the Spirit
May 21 (Thursday)	Ascension of Our Lord	Psalms 47; Acts 1:1-12; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:44-53	Christ Raises Humanity to Glory
May 24	<i>(If Ascension isn't observed here) Seventh Sunday of Easter Season</i>	Psalms 27; Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11	Christ Prays for Unity
May 31	Pentecost	<u>Vigil Readings:</u> Ps. 104; Gen. 11:1-9 or Ex. 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezek. 37:1-4 or Joel 3:1-5; Rom. 8:22-27; Jn. 7:37-39 <u>Eucharist:</u> Ps. 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:1-13; Jn. 20:19-23	The Descent of the Spirit
June 7	Trinity Sunday	Psalms 148; Exodus 34:1-6, 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:1-18	Ministry of Trinity in our Salvation
June 14	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 100; Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8	Compassion for the lost/sending of the 12
June 21	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 69; Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:24-33	Maligned & Precious Witnesses of Christ
June 28	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ps. 89:1-4, 14-18; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:34-42	The Death that Brings Life
July 5	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 145; Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9-13; Matthew 11:16-30	Rest for Babes who Believe and Repent
July 12	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 65; Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 13:1-23	Parable of the Sower
July 19	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 86; Jer. 28:1-4, 15; 29:1, 4-9 Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43	Parables of the Kingdom, part 1
July 26	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 119:57-77; 1 Kings 3:5-14; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52	Parables of the Kingdom, part 2
August 2	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matt 14:13-21	Feeding of the 5,000
August 6 (Thursday)	Transfiguration	Ps. 104; Dan. 7:9-14; 2 Pet. 1:16-19; Lk. 9:28-36	Christ's Eternal Glory/Our Hope
August 9	<i>(If Transfiguration isn't observed here) 10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalms 85; 1 Kings 19:9-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33	Water-Walking and Faith
August 15 (Saturday)	The Falling Asleep of the Mother of God	Ps. 132; Gen. 28:10-17; Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28	The Blessed Mary Enters Heaven
August 16	<i>(If Dormition isn't observed here) 11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalms 67; Isaiah 56:1-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28	Humble Faith of the Canaanite Woman
August 23	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 138; Isaiah 22:15-25; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20	The Rock and the Church
August 30	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 63:1-8; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27	Discipleship, the Way of the Cross
Sept. 6	<i>(If Nativity isn't observed here) 14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalms 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20	Correction, Unity, and Christ's Presence
Sept. 8 (Tuesday)	Nativity of the Mother of God	Ps. 45; Micah 5:1-4; Rom. 12:1-13; Mat. 1:1-23	Birth of the Birth- giver

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Sept. 13	<i>(If Holy Cross isn't observed here)</i> 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 103; Nehemiah 9:6-26; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35	The Unmerciful Servant
Sept. 14 (Monday)	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Ps. 116; Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-35 or Jn. 3:14-21 or Jn. 12:31-36a	Glory and Victory in the Cross of Christ
Sept. 20	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 145; Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:19-27; Matthew 20:1-16	The 11 th Hour Scandal
Sept. 27	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 25:1-21; Ezekiel 18:25-32; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:23-32	Doing God's Will
October 4	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 80:8-19; Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 21:33-45	Parable of the Vineyard
October 11	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 23; Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:10-20; Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the Wedding Feast
October 18	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 96; Isaiah 45:1-6; 1 Thess. 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-22	Caesar and God
October 25	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 18:1-3, 46-50; Ex. 22:20-27 1 Thess. 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:23-46	The Greatest Commandments
November 1	<i>(If All Saints isn't observed here)</i> 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 131; Malachi 1:14-2:10; 1 Thess. 2:1-13; Matthew 23:1-12	Honor, Humility, and Equality
Or:	All Saints Day	Psalms 16; Exodus 3:1-6; Revelation 7:1-14; Matthew 5:1-12	Sainthood
Nov. 8	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 63; Proverbs 2:1-11; 1 Thess. 5:1-5; Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of Ten Virgins
Nov. 15	24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 128:1-4; Proverbs 31:10-31; 1 Thess. 5:6-11; Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the Talents
Nov. 21 (Saturday)	Presentation of Theotokos in the Temple	Ps. 84; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28	Mary prepared to be the Temple of God
Nov. 22	<i>(If Presentation isn't observed here)</i> Christ the King, 25 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 23; Ezekiel 34:11-24 1 Cor. 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46	Criteria of the Last Judgment
Nov. 25/26 (Wed/Thurs)	Thanksgiving Eve or Day	Psalms 65; Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19	The Supreme Virtue of Gratitude