

4. At “Now lettest Thou Thy servant...” censer out to Fr. Gregory
5. After censuring and blessing of bread: censer and bread, etc. into altar
6. Prepare bread by cutting into enough pieces for those attending and dipping into blessed wine and placing on tray.
7. Wheat into “Blessed Wheat” jar
8. Oil into vessel for anointing people later.
9. If Vespers – prepared bread out to Fr. Gregory immediately
10. If Vigil – set aside prepared bread until Polyeleos

“O Theotokos Virgin rejoice...” (if Vigil and NO Litya)

1. Fr. Gregory in front of Altar
2. Open doors
3. Lights up
4. Prepare to ring bells
5. After Fr. Gregory blesses and choir sings “Amen”: close doors, lights down
6. Ring bells (6 Psalms – Dvuzvon)
7. Candles to all priests (kiss right hands when giving/taking back after they finish reading)

Troparia (if Vespers and NO Litya)

1. Fr. Gregory in front of Altar
2. Open doors
3. Lights up
4. After Dismissal Ring Bells (Trezvon)
5. **The end** if Vespers only

Beginning of Matins (6 Psalms):

1. All stand quietly – no moving, minimal talking
2. Open north door for Fr. Gregory as he exits altar
3. Open south door for Fr. Gregory after he finishes ektenia
4. After Fr. Gregory enters altar prepare for Polyeleos (see below)
5. Reader will read 3 psalms
6. After 3 psalms: open north door for Fr. Gregory as he goes out for ektenia
7. Open south door after ektenia (~1 minute)

8. Prepare to ring bells
9. If Sunday – analogy to center of church to hold Gospel.

Polyeleos (“Praise ye the name of the Lord... ~ Хвалите имя ...”):

Note: on Sundays sometimes the Polyeleos is not sung, but rather immediately “Blessed art Thou, O Lord...”

1. Censer and candle to Fr. Gregory in front of altar
2. Ring bells when choir sings/royal doors open (Trezvon)
3. When Fr. Gregory goes to middle of church, one server stand behind him. Stay there as he censes whole church. When he returns take censer and into altar.
4. When Fr. Gregory exits altar during censuring above prepare fans and Primikiri for Gospel reading.
5. If Sunday – Gospel read in altar, fans on each side, Primikiri behind altar. After reading fans onto ambo with Gospel, Primikiri to base of ambo. When Gospel moves to center of church fans into altar, Primikiri leads Gospel AROUND analogy and placed between analogy and altar. Servers into altar.
6. If not Sunday – Gospel read on Ambo facing people, fans on ambo, Primikiri at base of ambo. After reading all into altar.
7. Prepare oil/brush for anointing.

“Save O God Thy people... ~ Спаси Боже...”

1. All in altar form up at high place (have oil & brush with you, bread if there was Litya)
2. When Fr. Gregory ends list of saints and choir begins to sing “Lord have mercy”, all turn and bow, out quickly but carefully to behind Fr. Gregory
3. Stand in groups of two or three
4. When it is your turn to venerate Gospel or icon do so in groups of two or three: cross twice, kiss Gospel/icon, go to Fr. Gregory to be anointed, back to standing before Gospel, wait for partner(s), cross together, bow to Fr. Gregory, bow to each other, back to place
5. When last altar servers are anointed and cross and bow to Fr. Gregory – all into altar except those holding oil and bread

6. If Sunday – after all have venerated Gospel Primikiri proceeds Gospel into altar
7. When Fr. Gregory enters altar: close doors, lights down
8. Open doors for Fr. Gregory when he goes out for ektenias

“My soul doth magnify... ~ Виличит душа моя...”:

1. After second small ektenia: out to bells.
2. Prepare censer for Fr. Gregory
3. Ring bells when Fr. Gregory says “The Theotokos and the Mother of the Light... (Blagovest slowly 9x)

Great Doxology

1. Fr. Gregory in front of altar
2. Lights up at Fr. Gregory’s signal (choir’s “Glory...”)
3. Doors open at Fr. Gregory’s signal (choir’s “Both now...”)

Dismissal

1. Fr. Gregory gives dismissal and enters altar.
2. Doors closed, lights down
3. Out to bells.
4. Get Fr. Gregory’s blessing, but don’t leave until everything is clean and John blesses

First Hour

1. Fr. Gregory exits through north door
2. Ring bells after choir sings “Lord have mercy!” 3x (Trezvon)
3. Clean altar. Prepare for tomorrow’s Liturgy. Get John’s blessing before leaving.

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Vigil Script

15 Minutes Prior to Service: Bell Rung Slowly (Blagovest)

When Service Begins (If Vigil):

1. Bells rung triumphantly (Trezvon)
2. Censer & Candle to Fr. Gregory

When Service Begins (If Vespers):

1. Bells rung triumphantly (Trezvon)

“Lord I have cried...” (after Small Ektenia: “Паки и паки... ~ Again and again...”) – Not part of Christmas or Theophany Vigil

1. Censer to Fr. Gregory
2. Light Primikiri & processional candles
3. After censuring: all form up at high place with candles for entrance
4. **At “Glory”:** Lights up
5. When Royal Doors Open (“Both now”): Censer to Fr. Gregory
6. All process (Primikiri first) out of north door.
7. Fr. Gregory: “Wisdom – Aright!”
8. When Fr. Gregory blesses servers, in through both doors to high place, cross, bow.
9. Retrieve censer from Fr. Gregory
10. After prokimenon – close doors, lights back down.

Litya (optional – large feasts and saints’ days)

1. Censer to Fr. Gregory
2. Move table with bread, etc., to middle of church in front of icon
3. Stay out with bread until Fr. Gregory finishes censuring – take censer