

**St. Xenia of St. Petersburg**  
**January 24/February 6**

***IF VESPERS ONLY:***

Priest: Blessed is our God...

Reader: Usual beginning

Opening Psalm (Psalter – Psalm 103)

Great Ektenia

Blessed is the man... (VIGIL MUSIC)

Small Ektenia

At Lord I have Cried:

St. Xenia 8 (Menaion)

G: St. Xenia (Menaion)

N: Dogmatic Theotokion Tone 1

“O Gentle Light...” (VIGIL MUSIC)

Prokimenon for **Sunday** evening (VIGIL MUSIC)

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Litya: All Menaion (LHM in Vigil Music)

Aposticha:

All St. Xenia (Menaion)

“Now lettest Thou Thy servant...” through “Our Father” (Vigil Book)

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom...

Troparia :

St. Xenia 3x (Menaion)

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord!

Choir: LHM!

Priest: Blesses bread.

Choir: Amen.

Blessed be the name... (Vigil Music)

33<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (Vigil Music)

Priest: The blessing of the Lord...

Choir: Amen!

Priest: Glory to Thee...

Choir: Glory...Both now... Lord have mercy 3x. Father bless!

Priest: Dismissal.

Choir: The Orthodox Episcopate... (VIGIL MUSIC)

**Irmos of 3<sup>rd</sup> ode of canon of Meeting of Lord**

***IF VIGIL:***

Priest: Glory to the Holy...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: O come let us worship...

Choir: "Bless the Lord, O my soul..."

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**Matins:**

Reader: 6 Psalms in middle of church before icon, holding candle (VIGIL BOOK)

Great Ektenia

“God is the Lord” in Tone of St. Xenia Troparion

Troparia:

St. Xenia 2x

Glory...Both now...

Sunday Theotokion in Tone of St. Xenia Troparion

Choir: LHM 3x

Glory...

Reader: Both now...  
Read one psalm  
Glory...

Choir: Both now... (VIGIL MUSIC)  
(Alleluia 3x, Glory to Thee O God!) 3x  
LHM 3x  
Glory...

Reader: Both now...  
Read one psalm  
Glory...

Choir: Both now...  
(Alleluia 3x, Glory to Thee O God!) 3x  
LHM 3x  
Glory...

Reader: Both now...  
Read one psalm  
Glory... Both now...  
(Alleluia 3x, Glory to Thee O God!) 3x

Priest: Small Ektenia

Reader: Sessional Hymns (Menaion)

Choir: Polyeleos

Priest: Magnification of St. Xenia

Reader: Selected Psalm verse - Menaion (read INCREDIBLY SLOWLY – chant really)

Choir: Magnification (Menaion) – could also be chanted by one person as the Psalm verse above  
*Repeat Psalm verses and Magnification until Fr. Gregory has returned to the iconostasis to cense it for the second time (after he has censed the whole church), then:*

Choir: Glory...Both now.. (Alleluia 3x, Glory to Thee, O God.) 2x

Priest: Alleluia 3x, Glory to Thee, O God.

Priest: Magnification of the Saint

Priest: Small Ektenia

Reader: Sessional Hymn (Menaion) – may say “after Polyeleos”

Choir: "From my youth..." (VIGIL MUSIC)

Priest: Prokimenon (Menaion)

Choir: Prokimenon (Menaion)

Priest: Stichos

Choir: Prokimenon (Menaion)

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Priest: Let us pray to the Lord!

Choir: LHM

Priest: For holy art Thou...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Let every breath praise the Lord!

Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord!

Priest: Praise ye God...

Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord!

Priest: Let every breath...

Choir: ... praise the Lord!

Priest: And that He will vouchsafe...

Choir: LHM 3x

Priest: Wisdom, aright...

Choir: And to thy spirit!

Priest: The reading...

Choir: Glory to...

Priest: Let us attend!  
Reads Gospel

Reader: Psalm 50

Choir: Glory: “Through the prayers of St. Xenia...”  
Both now: “Through the prayers of the Theotokos...”  
“Have mercy on me, O God...”  
Stichera after the Gospel Reading (Menaion)

Priest: Save O God...

Choir: LHM 12x

Priest: Through the mercy...

*Notes on Canon: 1. Read only St. Xenia Canon (not the one to the Mother of God); 2. Katavasia = Irmos of the Meeting of the Lord (should be in Menaion at end of each ode of St. Xenia canon – if it is not it is the irmos of the canon on February 3)*

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 1**, of the CANON (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: Glory... Both now...  
Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 3**, of the CANON (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: Glory... Both now...  
Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)

Choir/Reader: Katavasia Ode 3 (Menaion)

Priest: Small Ektenia

Reader: Sessional hymns of the Feast (MENAION after Ode 3)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 4**, of the CANON (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: Glory... Both now...

Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 5**, of the CANON (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: Glory... Both now...

Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 6**, of the CANON (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!

Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)

Reader: Glory... Both now...

Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)

Choir/Reader: Katavasia Ode 6 (Menaion)

Priest: Small Ektenia

Reader: Kontakion and Ikos of the Feast (Menaion – written after Ode 6)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 7**, of the CANON (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: Glory... Both now...  
Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 8**, of the CANON (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: Glory... Both now...  
Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages. (read INCREDIBLY SLOWLY – chant really)  
Choir/Reader: Katavasia Ode 8 (Menaion)  
Priest: The Theotokos...  
Choir: My soul doth magnify... (VIGIL MUSIC)

Choir: Sing (or one person chant) Irmos **Ode 9**, of the CANON (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads first troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads second troparion of the canon (Menaion)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads third troparion (NOT THE IRMOS) of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Reads fourth troparion of the canon (MENAION)  
Reader: Glory... Both now...  
Reads last troparion (NOT THE KATAVASIA) of the canon (MENAION)  
Choir/Reader: Katavasia Ode 9 (Menaion)  
Priest: Small Ektenia



Reader: Hymns of Light (Menaion) – a.k.a. Exapostilaria

Choir: Let every breath... *IN TONE OF FIRST STICHERA* (VIGIL MUSIC)  
Praise ye God..., *IN TONE OF FIRST STICHERA* (VIGIL MUSIC)  
SKIP PSALM VERSES TO VERSE 8

Reader: Read Verse (from VIGIL BOOK)

Choir/Reader: Verse from Cross Praises (Menaion)  
(Repeat for each of the 8 verses)

Reader: Glory...  
Menaion  
Both now...  
Menaion

Priest: Glory to Thee...

Choir: Glory to God in the highest... (VIGIL MUSIC)

Choir: St. Xenia Troparion  
Glory...Both now...  
Sunday Theotokion in Tone of St. Xenia Troparion

Priest: Two ektenias, nothing in between.

Priest: Wisdom!

Choir: Father bless!

Priest: He that is is...

Choir: Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox Faith of Orthodox Christians unto the  
ages of ages.

Priest: O most holy Theotokos...

Choir: More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious  
than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word,  
the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

Priest: Glory to Thee...

Choir: Glory...Both now... Lord have mercy 3x. Father bless!

Priest: Dismissal.

Choir: The Orthodox Episcopate... (VIGIL MUSIC)

Reader: First Hour

Choir: At end of 1<sup>st</sup> Hour: "To Thee the Champion Leader..."

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ...

Choir: Glory... Both now...  
LHM 3x  
Father bless!

Priest: Dismissal.

Choir: Amen.  
LHM 3x  
**Irmos of 3<sup>rd</sup> ode of canon of Meeting of Lord**

### **Hours:**

Troparion: St. Xenia  
Kontakion: St. Xenia

### **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:**

As usual on Sundays with these exceptions:

Note: Prostrations are done at the Divine Liturgy. This is not always easy for the choir, and sometimes it means doing these a bit before or a bit after the time they are actually prescribed. However, if the choir does the prostrations the other people in the Church will get the idea and will follow along. Prostrations should be done on any weekday that is NOT a feast of the Lord at the following times:

- Priest: "Let us give thanks unto the Lord! – Благодарим Господа!" (shortly after the beginning of Милость мира).
- At the end of "Тебе поем, Тебе благословим... – We praise Thee, we bless Thee..."
- At the end of "It is truly meet..." or its replacement.
- At the beginning of "Our Father..."
- When the priest brings the chalice out for the Communion of the faithful and says "With the fear of God..."
- When the priest brings the chalice out the second time and says "Always, now and ever..." EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMMUNED.

Приидите... (in place of "Воскреси из мертвых..."): ВО СВЯТЫХ ДИВЕНЬ СІЙ...

Troparia

St. Xenia Troparion  
Glory...  
St. Xenia Kontakion  
Both now...  
O Protection of Christians...

Prokimenon, Epistle, and Alleluia as written in the Menaion.

Communion Hymn: as written in Menaion

After prayer behind Ambo

St. Xenia Troparion  
Glory... Both now...  
St. Xenia Kontakion  
Priest: (several petitions)  
Choir: Lord have mercy 3x  
Priest: Hearken unto us...  
Choir: Amen.  
Priest: To the Holy Blessed...  
Choir: O Holy Blessed Xenia pray to God for us!  
Priest: (reads prayer)  
Choir: Blessed be the name of the Lord... and the rest of Liturgy as usual.

After the Dismissal

Many years to all Xenias and members of St. Xenia Sisterhood