

**Notable Differences in the Sunday Divine Services from Thomas Sunday until  
Ascension**

**Vigil**

*Beginning:*

Priest: Glory to the Holy... (as usual)  
Choir: Amen. XB 3x  
Choir: Bless the Lord... (as usual)

*End of Vespers:*

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you...  
Choir: Amen.  
Choir: XB 3x  
Reader: Six Psalms (as usual)

*End of Matins:*

NO XB 3x

*Beginning of 1<sup>st</sup> Hour:*

Reader: XB 3x (in place of "O come let us worship...")  
The rest of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hour as usual.

**Vespers (if it is served alone)**

*Beginning:*

Priest: Blessed is our God... (as usual)  
Reader: Amen. XB 3x. Holy God, Holy Mighty... 3x  
...and the rest of the usual beginning.

*End:*

As usual outside of the Paschal period.

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Hours**

*Beginning:*

Priest: Blessed is our God... (as usual)  
Reader: Amen. XB 3x. Holy God, Holy Mighty... 3x  
...and the rest of the usual beginning.

**6<sup>th</sup> Hour**

*Beginning:*

Reader: XB 3x (in place of "O come let us worship...")

## **Divine Liturgy**

### *Beginning:*

Priest: Blessed be the kingdom... (as usual)

Choir: Amen. XB 3x

Priest: In peace let us pray... (as usual)

### *In place of "It is truly meet..."*

Choir: The angel cried...

### *After Communion of the people:*

Priest: Save, O God, Thy people...

Choir: XB **1x ONLY** (slowly)

### *End:*

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ God...

Choir: XB 3x

Priest: Dismissal.

Choir: The Orthodox Episcopate...