

Divine Liturgy Propers, September 1

and who cry out to you in fear: O Sa - vior, grant a hap - py year to
all peo - ple.

Prokeimenon of the New Year - *Tone 3* (Psalm 146: 5, 1):

Great is our Lord and great is his pow - er. His un - der - stand - ing
is be - yond meas - ure.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good. May praise delight our God.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 64: 1, 12a)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: To you our praise is due in Zion, O God. To you we pay our vows, you who hear our prayer.

Verse: You crown the year with goodness.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 64: 12a)

You crown the year, the year with your good - ness. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

The Beginning of the Church Year (“Indiction”). The First Ecumenical Council (325) decreed that the Church’s year should begin on September 1. The lunar month corresponding to September on the Jewish calendar was the beginning of the civil year (cf Exodus 12:2); it was at this time that our Lord Jesus went into the synagogue at Nazareth and read the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim ‘the acceptable year of the Lord.’ (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4: 16-21).

Our venerable father Simeon the Stylite and his mother. Simeon lived near Antioch in Syria. He was a monk, who lived for many years standing atop a column (in Greek, *stylus*), hence he received the nickname “Stylite.” His life and admirable conversation were remarkable. (459)

Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasena.

Troparion of the New Year - *Tone 2*

O Lord, mak - er of the u - ni - verse, who a - lone has power o - ver
times and sea - sons, bless this year with your boun - ty, pre - serve
our country in safety, and keep your peo - ple in peace, save us through the
pray'rs of the Moth - er of God.

Troparion of the Synaxis of the Theotokos - *Tone 7*

Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, ev - er - vir - gin The - o - to - - kos, har - bor

and protectress of the hu-man race. The Sav-ior of the universe re-ceived
 flesh from you, for you are the only one to be both moth-er and vir-gin,
 for - ev - er blessed, for - ev - er glo - ri - fied. In - ter - cede with Christ our God
 that he may grant peace to the whole world.

Troparion of Simeon the Stylite - Tone 1

You be-came a col-umn of endurance and rivaled the forefathers, O ho-ly one,
 be - com - ing like Job in your sufferings and like Jo-seph in your trials,
 like the bod - i - less an - gels, though you lived in the flesh.
 O Si - me - on, our ho - ly fath - er, in - ter - cede with Christ our God
 that he may save our souls.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion of Simeon Stylites - Tone 2

You looked to heaven and be-came like an an - gel. You made of your pillar
 a fier - y char - i - ot. Now that you are a-mong the an - gels,
 join them in praying to Christ that he might save our souls, O Fa - ther.

Cantor

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the New Year - Tone 2

O Cre - a - tor and Master of time and e - ter - ni - ty, God of all,
 O merciful One, bless the course of this year, and in your bound - less
 mer - cy, save all those who worship you, our one and on - ly Mas - ter,