

Concerning the church services

Cycles of church services

Into the structure of the common Divine services are included a triple set of prayers, singing and readings: one set of prayers, singing and readings are devoted by the Church to the events belonging to the known hours of the day, another is by the day of the week and the third is by the day of the year. From here the church services, usually, are subdivided: 1) by the day of the week (otherwise called daily), 2) weekly and 3) yearly. The order of each kind of these services makes a so-called cycle. The cycle of weekday services is made within the week and with the approach of each of the following days it again goes in the same order.

The cycle of weekday services is made during a week and with the approach of each following week it again repeats; the cycle of annual services lasts throughout the year and in each of the following years again follows the same order. The essential difference of all these services may be expressed briefly in this way: the daily services are unchanging and constitute the basis of the common divine service; the weekly services are changed in its prayers, church chanting and readings with each day of the week, and yearly, with each day of the year, in compliance with those commemorations, which the Church will assign to each day of the week and year. The daily, weekly and yearly services are not made separately from each others, but all are together, and namely: the weekly and yearly services are united to the weekday service cycle; therefore in the same service there are prayers, readings and singing relating to the sacred commemorations either 1) with the known hour of the day, or 2) with the days of the week, or finally 3) with the days of the year.

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Handbook for Church Servers**, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), p. 0690b.
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