



# KRISTA WEST VESTMENTS

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## Color According to Liturgical Date

B: Bright    D: Dark    T: Travel/lightweight, embroidered    F: Festal  
 BL: Blue    G: Gold    GR: Green    R: Red  
 W: White    P: Purple    BG: Burgundy    BK: Black

*Please see the section "Which color vestments should I have?" for further explanation of these colors/categories.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>B/D only</u>	<u>B/D/T/F</u>	<u>Specific Color*</u>
Sept 1	B	B	G**
Sept 2-7	B	B	***
Sept 8-12	B	T (if blue)****	BL, G
Nativity of Theotokos through Leavetaking (TL)			
Sept 13	B	B	G
Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection			
Sept 14-21	D	D	BG, R
Elevation of the Cross TL			
Sept 22-Nov 14	B	B	***
Nov 15-20	D	D	BG, R
Nativity Fast			
Nov 21-25	B	T (if blue)	BL, G
Presentation of Theotokos TL			
Nov 26-Dec 24,	D	D	BG, R
Nativity Fast			
Dec 25-Jan 5,	B	F	G, R, W
Nativity of the Lord			
Jan 6-14	B	F	G, B, W
Theophany TL			
Jan 15-Feb 1	B	B	***
Feb 2-9,	B	F	BL, G
Meeting of the Lord in the Temple TL			
Feb 10 thru Cheesefare Sunday	B	B	***
Mar 25, Annunciation	B	T (if blue)	BL, G
Great Fast and the Great and Holy Week			
Forgiveness Vespers	B	B	G
Changed during Prokeimenon to	D	D	P, BG, BK
Weekdays of the Great Fast	D	D	P, BG, BK
Little Compline with Akathist Hymn	B	T (if blue)	BL, G
Saturdays and Sundays	B	B	G, Bright P
Some use	D	D	P
Sunday of the Cross and the week following	D	D	R, BG
Some use	D	D	P
Saturday of the Akathist Hymn	B	T (if blue)	BL, G
Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday	B	F	G, GR, R
Palm Sunday pm through Wednesday pm	D	D	BK, P, BG
Great Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	D	D	R, BG
Great Thursday pm through Friday pm	D	D	BK, P, BG
Great Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	D	D	BK, P, BG

Changed during "Arise, O God" to	B	B or T	W, G
Great & Holy Pascha Resurrection Service	B	F	W, G, R
Paschaltide (Agape Vespers through 40 days of Pascha)	B	F	W, G, R
Pentecost through Jun 28	B	T (if green)	GR, G, W
Jun 29-30 (Ss Peter and Paul)	D	D	BG, R
Jul 1-31	B	T	GR, G
Aug 1-15, Dormition Fast	D	T (if blue)	BL, BG
Aug 6, Transfiguration of the Lord	B	F	Gold, White
Aug 7-12, Dormition Fast	D	T (if blue)	BL, BG
Aug 13, Leavetaking of Transfiguration	B	T (if blue)	G, W
Aug 14, Dormition Fast	D	D	BL, BG
Aug 15-23, Dormition TL	B	T	BL, G
Aug 24-28	B	T	***
Aug 29, Beheading of the Forerunner	D	D	BG, R
Aug 30-31	B	T	***

In addition to categorizing color by specific liturgical date, color usage may also be organized by either the general category of feast or season as follows:

### Color According to Category of Commemoration

Feasts of the Lord	B	B/F
Feasts of the Theotokos	B	B/T (if blue)
Commemorations of the Cross	D	D
Commemorations of the Forerunner, Apostles & Martyrs	D	D
Commemorations of other Saints & Events	B	B/F

### Color According to Season

Pascha through the Saturday before Pentecost	B	F
Pentecost through Jul 31	B	T
Aug 1-23	Dark and Bright (see above)	
Aug 24 through Nov 14	B	T
Nov 15 through Dec 24	D	D
Dec 25 through Jan 14	B	F
Jan 15 through Cheesefare Sunday	B	B
The Great Fast	D	D
Great and Holy Week	D	D

\*\*A note about gold: It is a common misperception that when rubrics state "gold," the brocade used must be entirely gold, without admixture of any other color. This, however, is not the case in practice within the Orthodox Christian Church. "Gold" can mean any of the following color combinations: gold with white, white with gold, gold with red, gold with white and red, gold with white and other accent color (such as when a white/gold/blue brocade is used on general Sundays in a church dedicated to the Theotokos or when a white/gold/green brocade is used on general Sundays in a church dedicated to the Holy Spirit) or any multi-colored or floral brocade. For further information please see Chapter Five of "The Garments of Salvation: Orthodox Christian Liturgical Vesture" SVS Press).

\*\*\*Specific colors within the "bright" category may include, but are not limited to: pure white; white with gold accents; gold with white accents; gold on gold; white with gold and red accents; gold with red accents; ivory with gold and burgundy embroidery; ivory with blue, green, and gold embroidery; white with gold and silver embroidery; multi-colored brocades with gold, silver, blue, green, coral, gold, and burgundy; white with silver accents; ivory or white with gold, green, and burgundy embroidery; blue with silver; blue with gold; white with blue; green with silver or gold; and white with green.

\*\*\*\*Lightweight, embroidered vestments are often gold embroidery mixed with another color (blue, green, red, burgundy, or silver) on an ivory/white background fabric. If your lightweight, embroidered set has blue in it, feel free to wear it on feasts associated with the Theotokos.