

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

By thy Nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

Prokeimenon

TONE 1: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee
vs. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Another (St. Mary) TONE 7: God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 9:11 – 14

Brethren: But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Alleluia

v: God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me!

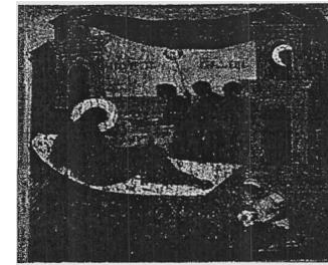
v: He magnifies the salvation of His King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

v: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my prayer.

Mark 10:32-45

Gospel

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.



Schedule

Sunday, April 2, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.
Constantine & Helen Greek
Orthodox Church, Swansea, IL

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

8:30 A.M. Pierogies

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:00 Holy Unction

Friday, April 7, 2023

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers *with blessing
of Palms and Willows*

Sunday, April 9, 2023

8:15 A.M. Church School

8:45 A.M. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 10, 2023

Great & Holy Monday

9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy *at*

Nativity of the Virgin Mary,

Madison, IL

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Great & Holy Tuesday

9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy *at*

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 2, 2023

*5th Sunday of Great Lent; St. Mary of Egypt;
Venerable Titus the Wonderworker*

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"When you are praying either inwardly only, or both inwardly and outwardly, be firmly convinced that the Lord is there, by you and within you, and hears every word, even if only said to yourself, even when you only pray mentally; speak from your whole heart, sincerely, judge yourself likewise sincerely, without in the least justifying yourself; have faith that the Lord will have mercy upon you - and you will not remain unforgiven. This is true. It is taken from experience. You are angry with your neighbor, you despise him, do not like to speak peaceably and lovingly to him, because there is something harsh, abrupt, careless, unpleasant to you in his character, in his speech, in his manners - because he is more conscious of his dignity than perhaps is necessary; or because he may be somewhat proud and disrespectful; but you yourself, your neighbor's physician and teacher, are more guilty than him. "Physician, heal thyself (St. Luke 4:23)." Teacher, teach yourself. Your own malice is the bitterest of all evils. Is it then possible to correct malice by means of evil? Having a beam in your own eye, can you pull out the mote from the eye of another? Evil and faults are corrected by good, by love, kindness, meekness, humility, and patience. Acknowledge yourself as the greatest of sinners, of those who appear to you to be sinners, or are sinners in reality; consider yourself worse and lower than all; wrest out every pride and malice against your neighbor, all impatience and fury, and only then try to cure others. Until then cover the sins of others with your indulgent love. What would it be if everyone were to notice all their neighbor's iniquities? Eternal"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Kaelyn	Cody	Maria
Archpriest Christopher	Tiffany	Elaine
George	Subdeacon Andrew	Victor
Dave	Theresa	Wilma
David	Lori Anne	Michael
Tom	Shawn	April
Nancy	Gabriella	Joseph
Susan	Catechumen Rebecca	Michael
Cathy	Marie	Barb
Shawn	Michael	Barbara
Yulia	Reader Michael	Mark
Patrick	Michelle	Angela
Michaela	Mikaela	Elijah
Barbara	Zachary	Sophia
Charlotte (Anne)	Dymphna & CTBB	Matushka Tanya
Janet	Justin	Mary
Don	Hope	Archpriest Moses
Mark	Nicholas	Archpriest John
Christine	Theodora	Matushka Margaret
Ian	Presbytera Irené	Matthew
Alexander	John	Priest Joseph
Nicolette	Cyndi	Archpriest Michael
Terry	Diana	Matushka Virginia
Carole	Amy	Paul
Neil	Michael	Mary
Pamela	Joseph	Nicholas
Raymond	Andrew	Andrew
Abba Thomas	Magdalene	Anthony
Sarah	Barbara	Christopher
Infant Miles	Rebecca	Jackie
	Nancy	

Those in the life to come

Dale
Rebecca
Clarita
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir
Archbishop PAUL

"animosity and discord; for who is without sin? And, therefore, we are commanded to forgive all those who trespass against us; for if the Lord will be extreme to mark our iniquities, who of us may abide before His justice (Psalm 130:3)? "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you (St. Matthew 6:14)." We stand before the altar of love in the presence of Incarnate Love Himself, but we have no love to each other. How strange it is! And we do not even care about this. But love will not come of itself without our zeal, efforts and activity. Lover of men, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, I thank Thee from all my heart, for having heard my prayer to love my neighbor and despise earthly things, and for having poured into my heart peaceful, reasonable and sweet love. Strengthen these in me, O God, through the prayers of Our Most Pure Lady, Thy Mother, and may I be Thy child, O Lord, and Her truest child. 26 July, 1864. 11 o'clock, evening." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

Thy Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

St. Mary of Egypt

TONE 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O mother, for thou didst take up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing, thou hast taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, holy mother Mary, Rejoices with the angels!

Kontakia

TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

St. Mary of Egypt

TONE 3

Having been a sinful woman, thou didst become through repentance a Bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, most glorious Mary, thou art a Bride of the Kingdom!