

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 8: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

vs. In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel.

Another (St. John) TONE 7: Let the Saints be exalted in glory let them sing for joy on their couches.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 6:13 – 20

Brethren: For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia

v: *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

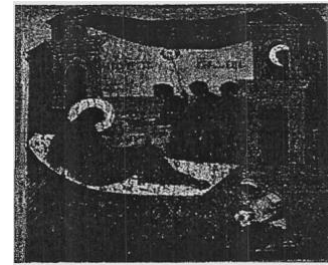
v: *For Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

v: *They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

Mark 9:17-31

Gospel

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”



Schedule

Sunday, April 3, 2022

St. John of the Ladder

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Holy

Trinity Serbian, St. Louis, MO

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 9, 2022

9:00 A.M. Parish Clean-up

3:00 P.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 10, 2022

St. Mary of Egypt

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at All Saints

of North America Antiochian

Orthodox Church, Maryland

Heights, MO

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00 P.M. Holy Unction

Friday, April 15, 2022

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers *blessing of*

palms and willows

Sunday, April 17, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Monday-Wednesday, April

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 3, 2022

4th Sunday of Great Lent; St. John Climacus

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“With what are our hearts occupied? God, “Who trieth the very hearts and reins (Psalm 7:18),” sees what each one of us has in his heart, to what it is attached during the greater part of life, and if the Lord had given us the capability of seeing all the depths of the human heart, then our eyes would have turned away with horror from the mass of impurities within: adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, pride, and others. What abomination we should have beheld: the abomination of ingratitude to God, of forgetfulness of God, of unbelief, of little faith, of manifold attachments to earthly things, often the most absurd ones, of carelessness for heavenly things, of our own lot after death, of inattention and neglect of the Church, of her services, rites, and institutions, of contempt for the clergy, the representatives of religion and the Church, and every other abomination! It is impossible to represent and to think of the cross without love. Where the cross is, there is love; in the church you see crosses everywhere and upon everything. In order that everything should remind you that you are in the temple of the God of love, in the temple of love itself, crucified for us. People say that if you feel no inclination to pray, it is better not to pray; but this is crafty, carnal sophistry. If you only pray when you are inclined to, you will completely cease praying; this is what the flesh”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Michael	Archbishop PAUL	Elijah
Emily	Andrew (<i>Craig Rydgig</i>)	Sophia
Jacob	Chuck (<i>Causey</i>)	Matushka Tanya
Charlotte	Amy	Mary
Karen	Janet	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Theresa	Diana	Archpriest Moses (BP)
David	Catechumen Peter	Archpriest John (BP)
Adina	Natalia	Matushka Margaret (BP)
Randy	Amy	Matthew (BP)
Mary	Michael	Priest Josef (BP)
Clarita	Joseph	Archpriest Michael (BP)
Linda	Andrew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Walter	Magdalene	Deacon Paul (BP)
Joan	Timothy	Deacon Peter (BP)
Scott	Deborah	Deacon Michael (BP)
Melissa	Subdeacon Charles	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Helen	Deborah	Mary (BP)
Karen	Michael	Zoe (BP)
Pamela	Victor	Noah (BP)
Brock	Wilma	Marie (BP)
Jackson	Michael	Paul
Thomas	April	Mary
Jane	Joseph	Nicholas
Justin	Michael	Andrew
Joseph	Barb	Anthony
Joyce	Barbara	Christopher
Candace	Mark	Jackie
Maria	Angela	

Those in the life to come

Delores	<u>Valery</u>
Charlotte (<i>close friend of Ruth Tedesco</i>)	Archpriest Thomas
Thomas	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Margarette	Archpriest Vladimir
Merle	Galina

"desires. "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence (St. Matthew 11:12)." You will not be able to work out your salvation without forcing yourself. In educating, it is extremely dangerous to only develop the understanding and intellect, and not pay attention to the heart. We must, above all pay attention to the heart, for the heart is life, but life corrupted by sin. It is necessary to purify this source of life, to kindle in it the pure flame of life, so that it should burn and not be extinguished; and should direct all the thoughts, desires, and tendencies of the man through all his life. Society is corrupted precisely through the want of Christian education. It is time that Christians should understand the Lord, should understand what He requires of us; namely, a pure heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart (St. Matthew 5:8)." Listen to His sweetest voice in the Gospel. The true life of our heart is Christ ("Christ liveth in me (Galatians 2:20)") Let all of you learn wisdom of the Apostle. This should be our common problem; to bring Christ to dwell in our hearts though faith." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARION

TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

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. John of the Ladder

TONE 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father John. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

Kontakia

TONE 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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

St. John of the Ladder

TONE 4

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our Father and teacher John.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.