

Prokeimenon

TONE 4: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom has Thou made them all!

vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

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: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of truth, meekness, and righteousness.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

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

Mark 8:17-31

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 7, 2019

St. John of the Ladder

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.

Constantine & Helen, Swansea, IL

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00 A.M. Parish Clean-up

Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 14, 2019

St. Mary of Egypt

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at All Saints of

North America Antiochian,

Maryland Heights, MO

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 18, 2019

7:00 P.M. Holy Unction

Friday, April 19, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers – w/ Blessing

of Palms and Willows

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Palm Sunday

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Monday/Tuesday, April 22/23, 2019

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 7, 2019

*4th Sunday of Great Lent; St. John of the Ladder;
St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of
North America*

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“PILLAR ONE; THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

*O God, my God, unto Thee I rise early at dawn. My soul
hath thirsted for Thee; how often hath my flesh longed
after Thee in a land barren and untrodden and
unwatered.*

The Orthodox understanding of the spiritual life should be clearly distinguished from the modern concept of “spirituality,” which often claims to reject the rigidity and dogmatism of “organized religion” in favor of personally tailored practices to help one attain such exalted states as “inner wholeness,” “oneness with the universe,” and “transcendent love.” Wholeness, unity and love are certainly concepts that are found within the Orthodox ascetical tradition, but they find their legitimate expression only in a relationship with Jesus Christ and within the community of the Church. At the same time, authentic spiritual life is not to be relegated to the exclusive domain of specialized persons or institutions. The spiritual life is for everyone, at every time and in every place.

*Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest
mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine
knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the
understanding of Thy Gospel teachings. Implant
also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments,
that trampling down all carnal desires, we may”*

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Jean
Jennifer & CTBB
Craig
Maryann
Charles
Reader George
David
Marie
Lori Anne
Shirley
Sharon
Bill
Terry
Michael
Donna
Joseph & Family
Michael
Michelle
Russell
Kimberly
Keith
Katherine Mary
Brant Sandra
Cassandra
Archpriest Nicholas
Matushka Elizabeth
Reader Joachim
Reader Simeon
Gabriella
Patricia
Subdeacon Paul
Judith
Peter
Rebecca
Tori

Barbara
Priest Andrew
Archpriest Jason *Vansuch*
(*cataract Surgery*)
Magdalene *Knipping*
Karon
Deb
Taylor
Gentry
Tierny
Tory
Elizaveta
Michaela
Catechumen Kristine
Smith - traveling
Janet *Finley Kristine's*
Sponsor
Catechumen Shannon
Monroe
David *Brian Prince*
Adina *Prince*
Nancy *Rydgig*
Matushka *Larissa Finley*
Zoe *Finley*
Archpriest John
Pawelchak
Victor *Len*
Wilma *Len*
Michael *Len*
April *Len*
Joseph *Len*
Michael *Len*
Barb
Barbara
Mark Succarotte

Those in the life to come

Walter
Barbara
Carrie
Peter

Samya
Lou
Bruce
Evelyn

Angela Succarotte
Elijah Succarotte
Sophia Succarotte
Charles
Matushka Tanya Succarotte
Mary Wierciszewski
Shane Thomas
Jennifer & CTBB
Nathan
Brooks
Archpriest John Zabinko
Matushka Margaret Zabinko
Matthew Zabinko
Protopresbyter Radomir
(Bishop PAUL's list)
Archpriest Joseph Gibson
Archpriest John Matusiak
Archprst Emilian Hutnyan
Priest John Jones
Priest Josef von Klarr
Matushka Virginia Lecko
Archpriest Vladimir Lecko
Matushka Barbara Kopka
Helen Lis
Thomas Hutnyan
Theodore Geletka
Vasilios (Donald) Zelle
Paul Wanda
Mary (Vicky Uram)
Nicholas Zemcuznikov
Anne Crowell
Andrew
Anthony
Christopher Smith
Jackie

Archpriest Thomas

*“”pursue a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well
–pleasing unto Thee.*

Saint Onuphrius the Egyptian (commemorated June 12) spent over 70 years of his life in ascetical struggle in the desert. Towards the end of his life, he was discovered by another great ascetic, Paphnutius, who was deeply edified by Onufrius' way of life. After sharing the story of his life, Saint Onuphrius asked that Paphnutius return to live among men, “that he might teach them about the manner of life of the hermits and that they might imitate them, each according to his strength.” And indeed, Saint Paphnutius, after burying his fellow ascetic, returned to the world, where he “witnessed to the truth that men of flesh and blood were able to live as angels in this world.”” *Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada*

TROPARION

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they came away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

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 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

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.

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.