

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.

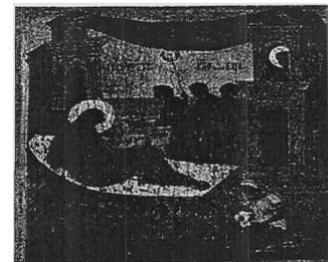
v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 16, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Matins with Akathist

Saturday, April 17, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 18, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 22, 2021

7:00 P.M. Holy Unction

Friday, April 23, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Monday

Monday, April 26, 2021

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 11, 2021

3rd Sunday of Great Lent; The Cross

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“Wherever I look with my spiritual vision, whether within me or upon me, or outside of me - everywhere, I see powerful reasons for thanking and praising the Lord. Especially when I look only within myself: then I see the strongest reason for doing so. The whole strength of my heart, all my spiritual light, comes from God; all my bodily strength, everything that serves to maintain my bodily life, comes from God. Everywhere I see the glory the sole glory, of my God, and see nothing in myself of which I could boast as of my own. Glory to Him Who gives me strength! Glory to Him who works through me, and within me. As I have nothing of my own, and have everything from God, down to the smallest good inclination of my heart, down to every holy and bright thought, whilst without God I am nothing - worse than this, I am all evil; therefore I have the strongest reasons to have recourse to God in prayer for everything. I have especially powerful reasons to thank God for His most pure and life-giving Sacrament - His Body and Blood; it is everything to me. I fervently praise the Lord Jesus Christ, our God, for His unspeakable love to us mortals, revealed in the Holy Sacrament. What an immeasurably great honor it is to mankind that they can open their lips before God; that they can converse with Him, and are able to make request to Him of their needs; to thank Him for His benefits, to praise His”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Reader Peter	Michael <i>Butchko</i> traveling	Barbara
Patricia	Emily <i>Butchko</i> traveling	Mark
Dan	Jacob <i>Butchko</i> traveling	Angela
Kristen	Ann (<i>Charlotte</i>) traveling	Elijah
Elizabeth (<i>Megan</i>)	Theodora	Sophia
Andrew	Rachel	Matushka Tanya
Amelia	Isaac	Mary
Reader David	Dymphna	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Laura	Justin	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Damon	Hope	Archprst. John Zabinko (BP)
Peter	Nicholas	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)
Rebecca	Subdeacon Charles	Matthew Zabinko
Deborah	Deborah	Priest Josef (BP)
Melanie & CTBB	Michael	Archpriest Peter (BP)
Paul	Laverne	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Anthony	Priest Matthew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Catechumen Bridget	Matushka Christine	Deacon Paul (BP)
Andrew	Abigail	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Amy	Aidan	Helen (BP)
Michael	Eve	Theodore (BP)
Joseph	Victor	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Andrew	Wilma	Paul
Magdalene	Michael	Mary
David	April	Nicholas
Reader George	Joseph	Andrew
Marie	Michael	Anthony
Sarah <i>Butchko</i> traveling	Barb	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Archpriest Basil	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Michael	
Neil	
Archpriest Vladimir	
<u>David</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	

"unspeakable magnificence, and to be assured that this sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise is agreeable to God; that our highest spiritual requests to Him relating to the salvation of our souls are always fulfilled! How immeasurable high is man exalted in this respect above all other sentient and animate creatures! No other creature has received such honor from God, though they, too have tongues, expressing the needs of their nature; for it is said that young ravens call upon Him (Psalm 147:9). Let us, therefore, make use of that great honor, in order to be worthy of a still higher honor from the Lord - of the heavenly calling. There, in heaven, shall be our full glory; whilst here its beginning only is revealed to true Christians." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARION

TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted 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 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

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.