

*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 5:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation for ever!

*vs.* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**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: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.*

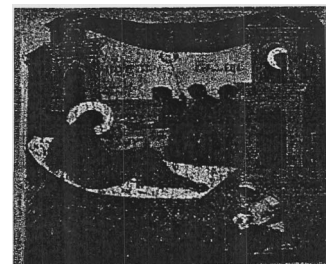
*v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.*

*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 14, 2019**

*St. Mary of Egypt*

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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

10:00 A.M. Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

3:00 P.M. Vespers

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Saturday

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent; St. Mary of Egypt*

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“This is the goal for all Orthodox Christians; to live as angels in this world, but to do this each according to our strength. The spiritual life is not something that we can turn on and of, like a Wi-Fi hotspot on our mobile phone; nor is it something that we can learn by reading books or blogs, even the most edifying ones. Rather, the spiritual life is the foundation of our Christian experience – it is the struggle to “put on Christ,” whether at Church or at work, whether alone or in the company of friends or strangers. It is the effort we make to prepare as small space I our hearts for the Holy Spirit to dwell. The spiritual life is often understood to be an individual undertaking – and in many ways it is – but although our goal might be to make our own hearts receptacles for the Holy Spirit, we are not isolated in that undertaking. A community (whether we consider this humanity as a whole, the Church, our diocese, our parish, or our family) should not be understood as a forest which is made up of individual and separate trees. Rather a community might be better likened to a single tree which we are all part of. Using this image, the roots of the tree would be the spiritual life, by which we receive the healthy nutrients for growth through prayer and participation in the Holy Mysteries; the trunk represents our common stewardship of the gifts within that community; and the leaves, fruit, and seeds represent our mission of outreach and evangelism. Essential for the development of the tree, therefore, are the roots, that is, the cultivation of the spiritual life.

*Liturgical and Sacramental Life*”

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Jean Norma  
Jennifer & CTBB  
Craig William  
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  
Helen  
Barbara  
Carrie  
Peter  
Samya  
Bruce  
Archpriest Thomas

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

Agnes

“ “Abbot Sisoës said to a brother, “How are you getting on?” and he replied, “I am wasting my time, father.” The old man said, “If I happen to waste a day, I am grateful for it.”

“To help us in this cultivation, the Church has given us many tools to use. Chief among these are the ascetical and liturgical traditions within which we participate in the Holy Mysteries and grow closer to God. The liturgical cycles and hymns of the Church are rich and complex, yet there are simple movements that flow within this complexity; ascent and descent, joy and sorrow, praise and repentance. These movements are not reflections of the emotional ups and downs of our often-turbulent existence but rather serve as a helpful rudder for our hearts to navigate those ups and downs in Christ. The ascetical and liturgical life is a powerful resource that is present in every context in which we may find ourselves. Whether we are part of a monastery, an established parish or a newly planted mission, we have the opportunity to partake of the cycle of liturgical services, to receive the Holy Mysteries of baptism, chrismation, confession, marriage, and all the others, and to experience the Glory of God within the depths of our hearts. It is important for the Orthodox Church in America to maintain its identity liturgically.” *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 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

*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 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

*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!