

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

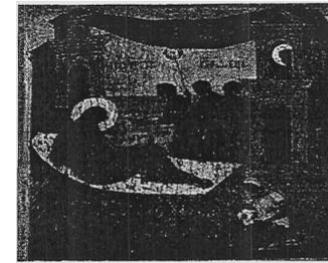
v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

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

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2021

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Tuesday

Wednesday, April 27, 2021

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Wednesday

Thursday, April 28, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Matins of Holy Thursday

Friday, April 29, 2021

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

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Friday

Saturday, April 30, 2021

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

3:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 18, 2021

4th Sunday of Great Lent; St. Mary of Egypt

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"On account of our corporeity and spirituality, the Lord unites His grace, even Himself, to everything visible and material, and works through everything: thus He transforms bread and wine into His own Body and Blood, or into His visible tabernacle. He changes the temple into His own house; upon the altar in the temple He invisibly sits, enthroned as a king; upon the cross He manifests Himself, as though in the same body in showing His life-giving power through it. He is everywhere throughout the universe, as in a temple, and, at the same time being wholly everywhere, is not limited by any space, being always above every space and time. You marvel that He can unite His own self, or His power and His saving grace, to matter. Marvel, first of all, how He has united in man His Godly image with matter, with earth and dust; how this dust can think, speak, and diffuse around itself the fragrance of goodness; righteousness, truth, and love, and can accomplish in the common life so many wonderful, truly wonderful, deeds. Marvel also at how many various kinds of speechless souls are enclosed in the dust, gifted with some kind of sense, with a thirst after life and joy, with a feeling of self-protection, a capacity for finding themselves food, for constructing what is necessary for their safety, and for bringing their children into the world, and understanding how to defend themselves cleverly. Marvel how nearly all"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

Archpriest Basil
Michael
Neil
Archpriest Vladimir
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS

"inanimate bodies are united with invisible, intangible powers, which sometimes move their enormous masses (as with the heavenly bodies), sometimes turn them into beautiful, and always identical, unchangeable forms (as in plants). Marvel that so many different powers are created by God; for all powers are derived from the one Single Power, and the Almighty Himself works through every power. Truly, everything appertaining to God the Creator, as to the God of wonders, is wonderful; likewise in faith - everything is wonderful, though invisible, but true and real! "The pure in heart shall see God (St. Matthew 5:8)." God is an all-seeing Eye, a spiritual Sun, standing above the world, penetrating with His spiritual eyes into the thoughts and hearts of men, enlightening every creature. Our soul is an eye from the Eye, sight from the Sight, light from the Light. But now since our fall into sin, our eye, our soul, is diseased through sins. Take the cataract off your eye, and you will see the spiritual Sun, the everlasting Eye, ten thousand times brighter than the material sun." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARION

TONE 4

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

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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 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. 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!