

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.

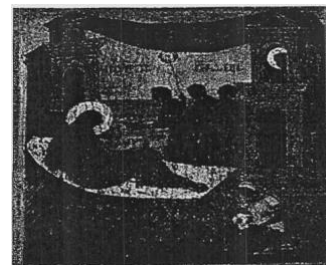
v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

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 21, 2024

St. Mary of Egypt

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.

Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Swansea, IL

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 25, 2024

6:00 P.M. Unction

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Inquirer's Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers followed by blessing of Palms and Willows

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 29, & Tuesday, April 30, 2024

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Matins of Holy

Thursday

Thursday, May 2, 2024

10:00 A.M. Vesperal Divine

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Friday, May 3, 2024

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 21, 2024

5th Sunday of Great Lent; St. Mary of Egypt; Hieromartyr Januarius Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proclus, and Sosius - Deacons

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"If you sin in any way before God (and we sin every day greatly), immediately say in your heart, with faith in the Lord, who hears the sobs of your heart, with the humble acknowledgment and feeling of your sins, the Psalm: "Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness ;" and say the whole Psalm heartily. If it does not take effect the first time, try again, only say it still more heartily, still more feelingly, and then salvation and peace of soul shall speedily shine upon you from the Lord. Thus be always contrite; this is the true proved remedy against sins. If still you do not obtain relief, blame yourself. It shows that you have prayed without contrition, without humility of heart, without a strong desire to obtain forgiveness of sins from God; it shows that you are not deeply grieved at your sin. If I have sinned, the Lord is my cleansing; if I am despondent or gloomy after sin, from the offences of the enemy, the Lord does away with my despondency and revives my boldness. The Lord is everything to me. O Lord, Which truly is (Which is - that is, Who exists), glory to Thee! The Holy Ghost, like air, fills everything and penetrates everything; "Who art everywhere present and fillest all things (Prayer to the Holy Ghost)." Those who pray fervently attract the Holy Ghost to"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Lydia	Macarius	Michael
Janet	Gabrielle	April
Matushka Irene	John	Joseph
Vanessa	Gregory	Michael
Deacon Matthew	Rosemary	Barb
Matushka Ann	Reader Stephen	Barbara
Kyla Ann	Paul	Mark
Luke	Shawn	Angela
Pat	Gabriella	Elijah
John	Catechumen Rebecca	Sophia
Jane	Marie	Matushka Tanya
Jim	Michael	Mary
Tyler	Catechumen Mary	Archpriest John
Thomas	Alexandra	Matushka Margaret
Tanya	Mary Magdalene	Matthew
Carl	Diana	Priest Josef
Shawn	Barbara	Archpriest Michael
Selaphiel	Elaine	Reader Peter
Margaret	Victor	Patricia
James	Wilma	Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Presbytera Sylvia	Archpriest Thomas	Francis
Carrie	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Jean
Theodore	Archpriest Vladimir	Edward
Sue	Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Laverne	Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
<u>Florence</u>	Olga	John
Matushka Olga		

"them, and pray through the Holy Ghost. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them (St. Matthew 18:20)." Why is the Lord's presence pre-eminently promised to two or three? Because there, where two or three are gathered in the name of Christ, is the Church, the union of faith and love; there is mutual love. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another (St. John 13:35)." The Spirit of truth - that is, of everything true that is thought of - all true thoughts, are the breathing of the Holy Ghost. Truth is as simple, easy, and life-giving for man as thought, as breath. Believe and trust that as it is easy for you to breathe the air and live by it, or to eat and drink, so it is easy and even still easier for your faith to receive all spiritual gifts from the Lord. Prayer is the breathing of the soul; prayer is our spiritual food and drink." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

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!