

*Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*Myrrhbearers*

**TONE 2**

Thou didst command the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine apostles: The Savior is risen from the tomb.

*Prokeimenon*

**TONE 6:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

**Another (St. James) TONE 8:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

**The Act of the Holy Apostles 6:1 – 7**      *Epistle*

Now *In those days*: when the number of disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

*Alleluia*

*Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.*

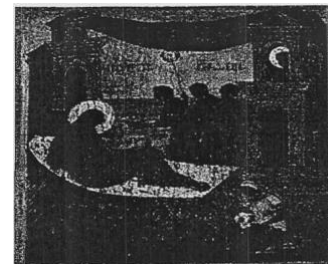
*v: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*v: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints!*

**Mark 15:43-16:8**

*Gospel*

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went into Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



*Schedule*

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

*Paralytic*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

*Parish Block Party is being rescheduled to a subsequent date yet to be determined*

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

*Samaritan Woman*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

*Blind Man*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Blessing of Motor Vehicles following Divine Liturgy*

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

6:00 P.M. Vespersal Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

*Feast of Ascension of our Lord*

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

*Fathers of the First Ecumenical*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha; The Holy Myrrhbearing Women – St. Mary Magdalene, St. Mary the Wife of Cleopas, St. Joanna, Salome – the mother of the Sons of Zebedee, St. Martha and St. Mary – sisters of St. Lazarus, The Most Holy Theotokos, St. Joseph of Arimathea, St. Nicodemus, The Holy Apostle James the brother of St. John the Theologian*

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*"God created man after His own image and likeness - this is an infinitely great gift; but man, a reasonably free creature, became ungrateful to His Creator, offended Him by his perfidy and faithlessness, by his pride; he wished to become equal to the Creator and went against Him. Every sin is a war against God. But, O infinite gift of God's love to men! When we had fallen so low by having sinned against the Creator, when we had fallen from life into death, by turning away from God, our Life; when we had corrupted ourselves by sins, and when everlasting death threatened us - God sent upon the earth the Redeemer of the World, His own Only-begotten Son, in flesh like unto ours, to suffer for our offences and thus cleanse us from sins, through repentance and faith in Him, and bring us again to His Father, from Whom we had fallen away. Let us value this, God's greatest benefit to us, and let us not "neglect so great salvation (Hebrews 2:3)!" Let us constantly remember our sinful corruption, and the means of grace offered by the Church for our regeneration. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17)." Are we new or the same as of old, with the same sins as before? The Mother of God is one flesh and blood, and one spirit"*

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

Peter	Nicholas	Barb
Rebecca	Theodora	Barbara
Nicholas	Presbyteria Irené	Mark
N. Illum. Mary Magdalene	John	Angela
Archpriest Christopher	Cyndi	Elijah
George	Diana	Sophia
Dave	Amy	Matushka Tanya
David	Michael	Mary
Shawn	Joseph	Archpriest Moses
Yulia	Andrew	Archpriest John
Patrick	Magdalene	Matushka Margaret
Shawn	Barbara	Matthew
Gabriella	Rebecca	Priest Joseph
Catechumen Rebecca	Nancy	Archpriest Michael
Marie	Maria	Matushka Virginia
Michael	Elaine	Paul
Reader Michael	Victor	Mary
Michelle	Wilma	Nicholas
Mikaela	Michael	Andrew
Zachary	April	Anthony
Dymphna & CTBB	Joseph	Christopher
Justin	Michael	Jackie
Hope		

**Those in the life to come**

Jeff  
Daniil  
Dale  
Rebecca  
Archpriest Thomas  
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS  
Archpriest Vladimir

*"with the Savior, as His Mother. So infinitely great was Her merit by the grace of God that she became the Mother of God Himself, giving Him most pure and most sacred flesh, nourishing Him with Her milk, carrying Him in Her arms, clothing Him, caring in every way for Him in His infancy, kissing Him over and over again, and caressing Him. O Lord, who can describe the greatness of the God-bearing Virgin? "Every tongue is in doubt how to worthily praise Thee, even the angelic mind itself wonders how to hymn Thee, Mother of God ... (Hirmos from the Canon at Christmas)" We must call upon Her with one thought and simple impulse of the heart .... She is one with God, like the Saints. Know and remember, that the matter of your salvation is always near to the heart of Our Lady, the Mother of God, for it was for this that the Son of God, by the favor of the Father, and the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, chose Her out of all generations and was incarnate of Her in order to save the human race from sin, the curse and the eternal death, or everlasting torments. As the matter of our salvation is near to the Savior, so likewise it is near to Her. Turn to Her with full faith, trust, and love." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**Troparia**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

*Feast*

**TONE 2**

The Noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

*St. James*

**TONE 8**

Thou wast called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles. With thy brother John, thou didst abandon all to follow the Master, O James; thou wast filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed Him to all. Thou didst bow thy head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed thy blood! We celebrate thy memory, O blessed one!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

**Kontakia**

*St. James*

**TONE 2**

James, when thou didst hear the voice of the Word calling thee, thou didst abandon thy father's love and run to Christ together with thy brother John. With him, thou wast accounted worthy to behold the divine Transfiguration of Christ!