

Cross
tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakia

Cross

tone 7

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has mysteriously been quenched by the wood of the Cross! The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, has come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into paradise."

In the place of the Trisagion (i.e. "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!") We sing:

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify! (After each – we make a full prostration – head to the ground and stand back up)

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!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 4:14 – 5:6

Brethren: Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia

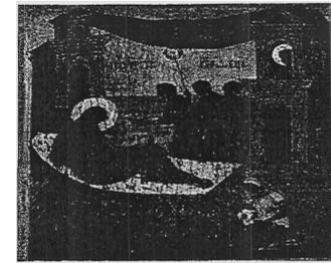
v: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v: God is our King before the ages: He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Mark 8:34-9:1

Gospel

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."



Schedule

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 9, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Small Compline and

Matins for the Departed

Saturday, April 10, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 11, 2021

St. John of the Ladder

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 4, 2021

3rd Sunday of Great Lent; The Cross

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"All present things are but a shadow of the future.

The present light is a shadow of the future ineffable light. Earthly bliss is a faint shadow of future unspeakable, eternal bliss; fire a faint shadow of the fire of Gehenna, which will burn sinners unto ages of ages; pure earthly joy a shadow of unspeakable future joys; the magnificent royal palaces a faint shadow of the resplendent mansions of Paradise prepared for those who love God and fulfil His commandments.

The glorious attire of the sons and daughters of men cannot be compared with that glorious garment with which the elect shall be clothed, for they will put on Christ. "The shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of the Father (St. Matthew 13:43)," according to the Savior's sure promise. As a child is indifferent to whatever clothes are put on it, so also the Christian, an infant in Christ, should be indifferent to the variety, richness, and beauty of his earthly garments, considering Christ, our God, his best and incorruptible garment; for an attachment to expensive, fine clothes is peculiar to the children of this world and to the heathen, as the Lord says, "For after all these things" - that is, food and fine raiment - "do the Gentiles seek (St. Matthew 6:32)"; for dress is the idol of the children of this world. O, how vain and frivolous are we, we who are called to communion with God, to whom is"

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	Archpriest Thomas
Michael	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Neil	
Archpriest Vladimir	
David	
Clara	

"promised the inheritance of incorruptible and eternal blessings! How obscure is our understanding of corruptible and incorruptible blessings! How unwise we are in valuing worthless things and not prizing incorruptible blessings; our immortal soul, peace, joy, boldness before God, holiness, obedience, patience in general - all the qualities of a true Christian. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27)." Therefore we must value spiritual blessings and valor, and despise material things as corruptible and worthless. The sin of inattention is one to which we are, in a great degree subjected; we must not disregard it, but must repent of it; we give ourselves up to inattention, not only at home, but also in church. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not (St. Luke 22:31)." The causes of inattention are - the Devil, and our manifold attachment to worldly, earthly things; its reason is - want of faith; the means to overcome it - fervent prayer. There is no happiness for me on earth save the Lord Jesus Christ, with His Father and the Holy Ghost. He is my sole blessedness upon earth. After God, there is nothing on earth dearer to me (as it should be, than the human soul - it is dearer than anything else. Man is a precious being. God Himself came down from heaven upon earth for his salvation. To man He gives for food and drink His most pure Body and Blood (all Himself), only that he may become blessed, that he may not be lost. All the fruits of the earth, the treasures of all the three kingdoms of the earth, He has given into the dominion for the use and pleasure of man. By all these immeasurable bounties the Lord has shown, and still shows, that He infinitely loves mankind, and every man separably. Let us, too, imitate God's love and bountifulness; let us be, as far as possible, merciful and bountiful, as our Heavenly Father is merciful (St. Luke 6:36)" *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARION

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!