

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 forever!

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.*

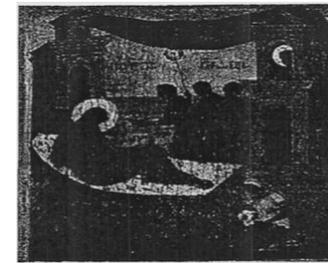
*v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.*

*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*

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Vespers – *Online*

**Friday, April 10, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Vespers – *Online*

**Saturday, April 11, 2020**

10:00 A.M. *TBD*

5:00 P.M. Vespers - *Online*

**Sunday, April 12, 2020**

*Palm Sunday*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St.

John Chrysostom – *Online*

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins -  
*Online*

**Monday, April 13 – Wednesday,  
April 15, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins -  
*Online*

**Thursday, April 16, 2020**

*TBD*

**Friday, April 17, 2020**

*TBD*

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

*TBD*

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

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*TBD*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

*5th Sunday of Great Lent; St. Mary of Egypt*

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"Mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually, (1 Kings 9:3)" is said of the Temple; there, that is, chiefly in the hearts of those assisting and praying in the Temple, for the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands. How comforting it is to read these words of the wise King Solomon! The eyes of the Master in God's temple are turned upon each of us, His heart is turned to each of us! Is it possible to require greater nearness? The Master's very heart is turned to me. Sometimes you stand face to face with another man and converse with him, but his heart is not turned towards you, and is occupied with something else; whilst here God's heart is wholly turned to you, with all its love, all its mercy, and according to your faith. He is ready to pour all His bounties upon you. When we call upon the Saints in prayer, if we pronounce their names from the heart, it already means that we bring them near our heart itself. Therefore ask their prayers and intercession undoubtingly for yourself. They will hear you, and will speedily lay your prayers before the Lord, in the twinkling of an eye, for He is omnipresent and omniscient. When the Oblation you call in prayer upon the Lord Jesus Christ, or upon His Most pure Mother and the Saints, or when you commemorate the living or the departed, then the portion taken from the Bread, that has been offered, represents, and as if replaces by itself the Lord, or His Most-pure Mother, or some particular Saint, or many Saints conjointly; also the living or the departed commemorated, while the name thought of represents and replaces by itself the soul of the being invoked or commemorated. Thus, in a small form, on our lips and in our hearts, the beings of the"

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

Tekla	Wilma	Archprt Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Caroline	Michael	Archpriest Gregory
David	April	Archpriest Myron
Adina	Joseph	Archpriest Philip
Nicu	Michael	Priest Benjamin
Gofran	Barb	Archpriest Stephen
Subdeacon Andrew	Barbara	Deacon Nicholas
Nate	Mark	Deacon Paul
Cara	Angela	Deacon Paul
Rupert Austin	Elijah	Deacon Gregory
Emily & Child to be born of her	Sophia	Matushka Snezana
Michael	Mary	Matushka Jillian
Jacob	Matushka Tanya	Helen
David	Archpriest John	Theodore
Marie	Matushka Margaret	Paul
Reader George	Matthew	Mary
George	Protopresbyter Radomir	Nicholas
Catechumen Kristine	Archpriest Joseph	Anne
Janet	Archpriest Moses	Andrew
Victor	Priest Josef	Anthony
	Archpriest Vladimir	Christopher
	Matushka Virginia	Jackie

### ***Those in the life to come***

Vanka	Andrew
Anastasia	Archpriest Thomas
Nicu	
Elinor	

"higher and lower worlds are reflected, and all this through faith, by the Holy Ghost, who alone is being everywhere and filling everything. When praying, I firmly believe (1) that God alone is and fills everything, and that He is therefore at my right hand; (2) that I am His image; (3) that He is an abyss of mercy, the Source of every mercy, and that He Himself has authorized me to pray to Him. The Lord fills all creation, which before Him is "as a drop of the morning dew that falleth down upon the earth," as "a little grain of the balance (Wisdom of Solomon 11:22)," keeping it down to the smallest blade of grass and grain of dust in His Right Hand, and not being limited either by the greatness or the smallness of things created: exists in infinity, entirely filling it, as a vacuum; for He is the only Being which exists, and therefore calls Himself "I am that I am (Exodus 3:14)," - that is, I am that Which is. However small matter may be, but as long as it only exists, the Lord, Who fills everything and upholds everything, must also exist; for how can it be possible that any matter should exist, and not the Lord, Who has created everything? It is absurd. Without Him not a single grain of dust can have its being if it is left to itself, if it is deprived of God's presence and omnipotence. "Without Him was not anything made that was made. (St. John 1:3)." *My Life in Christ*  
- *St. John of Kronstadt*

#### **TROPARIA**

##### **TONE 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

#### *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 1**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

*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!