

### **Kontakia**

*Resurrection*

#### **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.*

*Maccabees*

#### **TONE 2**

Seven pillars of the Wisdom of God and seven lampstands of the divine Light, all-wise Maccabees, greatest of the martyrs before the time of the martyrs, with them ask the God of all to save those who honor you.

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

*Cross*

#### **TONE 4**

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

*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 (Martyrs) TONE 4:** The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints who are in His land.

**The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 12:6 – 14**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

*Alleluia*

*Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.*

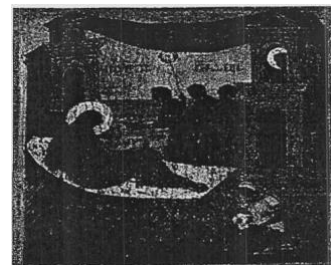
*v: God is our King before the ages: He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.*

*v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and He delivered them from all their troubles.*

**Matthew 9:1-8**

*Gospel*

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?" But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.



### **Schedule**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

8:30 A.M. Pierogis

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**

*Eve of the Feast of*

*Transfiguration*

6:00 P.M. Vespereal Liturgy

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Mtg.

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

*Feast of the Dormition of the*

*Most Holy Theotokos*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

*Beheading of St. John the*

*Baptist (Strict Fast Day)*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

*Annual Golf Tournament – NO*

*VESPERS*

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

*Eve of Feast of Nativity*

### **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Procession of the  
Honorable Wood of the Lifegiving*

*Cross of the Lord*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

"The Lord allows the enemy to tempt us in order to prove us, in order to strengthen our spiritual powers in our struggle against the enemy, and so that we ourselves may see more clearly towards what our heart inclines, whether it inclines to patience, hope, and love and in general to virtue, or to irritability, incredulity, murmuring, blasphemy, malice, and despair. Therefore we must not be despondent, but must good-humoredly and patiently bear spiritual darkness that descends upon our soul, the fire that weakens and inclines us to impatience and malice, the affliction and oppression, knowing that all these are indispensable in the order of our spiritual life, that by these the Lord is proving us. Do not let us blaspheme against the true way – the way of holy faith and virtue, and do not let us prefer the evil way. We are free, and must strengthen ourselves by every means and with all our power in faith and virtue, unto the laying down of our life (St. John 15:13) for the way of truth; and how can this be if we have no temptations? The Devil strikes the hearts of priests with slothfulness, dryness, and barrenness, in order that they should not preach the truths of the Gospel to God's people, should not tell them the entire Will of God. During prayer he also works upon the heart, and strikes it with insensibility, so that the prayer should not be sincere, but only said out of habit; he does not let the heart contemplate during prayer the greatness of all God's perfections, the greatness of the Mother of God, that of the Angels, and of God's Saints. The Devil is like a wicked, sharp-pointed needle, which, at"

**Prayer Requests**

*Those in this earthly life*

Jane	Michael	Matthew Zabinko
John	Laverne	Priest Josef (BP)
Sarah	Victor	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Alton	Wilma	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Natalia	Michael	Deacon Paul (BP)
Kristine	April	Matushka Doreen (BP)
Dan	Joseph	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Raymond	Michael	Helen (BP)
Diana	Barb	Theodore (BP)
Reader Nicholas	Barbara	Gabriel (BP)
Melanie & CTBB	Mark	Elizabeth (BP)
Paul	Angela	Marie (BP)
Anthony	Elijah	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Amy	Sophia	Paul
Michael	Matushka Tanya	Mary
Joseph	Mary	Nicholas
Andrew	Met. HERMAN (BP)	Andrew
Magdalene	Archpriest Moses (BP)	Anthony
Subdeacon Charles	Archprst John Zabinko (BP)	Christopher
Deborah	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)	Jackie

*Those in the life to come*

Galina  
Raymond  
Archpriest Thomas  
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS  
Archpriest Vladimir

"every time and everywhere, gets into the eyes of your heart, dimming and eclipsing them; he is the poisonous dust which always flies about our spiritual atmosphere and settles corrosively upon our hearts, eating them up and piercing them. He acts in the same manner upon some teachers of religion, striking their hearts with dryness and oppression, in order that they may not teach God's truths sympathetically to the young branches of Christ's vine, nor water them with the life-giving streams of the Gospel." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**Troparia**

*Resurrection*

**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.

*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 the Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

*Maccabees*

**TONE 7**

Let us praise the seven Maccabees, with their mother Salome and their teacher Eleazar; they were splendid in lawful contest as guardians of the teachings of the Law. Now as Christ's holy martyrs they ceaselessly intercede for the world.