

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

Seven Holy Youths

-tone 4

Those who renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven, were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead and buried the snares of the devils! O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

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 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!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 15:1 – 7

Epistle

Brethren: We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “*The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.*” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience comfort you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia

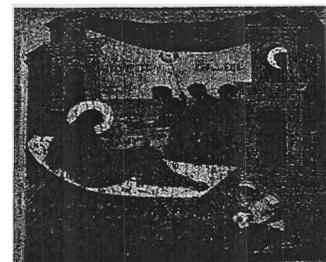
He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

Matthew 9:27-35

Gospel

At that time, Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.



Schedule

Monday, August 5, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Feast of Transfiguration

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:00 A.M. Showing of Movie

“Becoming Truly Human”

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 11, 2019

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

6:30 P.M. Vespers at Assumption

Greek Church, Town & Country,

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Thursday, August 15, 2019

9:00 A.M. Matins at Assumption

Greek Church

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at

Assumption Greek Church

Saturday, August 17, 2019

10:00 A.M. Parish Forum

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 18, 2019

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 24, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 25, 2019

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, August 3, 2019

Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“Culture and Society

When Abba Zosima first came upon Saint Mary of Egypt in the desert, one of the first questions she asked him was the state of the world that she had left 47 years before:

Why have you come, man of God, to me who am so sinful? Why do you wish to see a woman naked and devoid of every virtue? Though I know one thing - the grace of the Holy Spirit has brought you to render me a service in time. Tell me, father, how are the Christian people living? And the kings? How is the Church guided?

Like other ascetics and monastics throughout the history of the Church, Saint Mary did not, as is perhaps commonly understood, flee a corrupt world in order to find perfection in the desert. Rather, uncovering the passions in her own heart, she left to pursue a path of repentance through love for God and desire for His mercy. Though she did not meet a single human soul (or even a wild beast) during her time in the desert, she nevertheless was brought to a genuine communion with God which in turn led her to feel deep compassion for the world and its salvation. The Church has always had an ambiguous relationship with the cultures and societies within which she sojourns. The tension between the broad ways of the world and the narrow path of the Gospel is often intense, and made more acute by various political, economic, and philosophical currents that make it even more difficult”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

David
Constance
Sarah
Hope
Subdeacon Andrew
Theresa
Lori Anne
Joe
Wendy
Richard
Joyce
Cynthia
Maryann
Priest Bob
Reader Stephen
Nancy
Elizaveta
Michaela
Terrence
Mary
Jennifer & her unborn
Child
Craig
Maryann
Charles
David
Marie
Reader George
Catechumen Kristine
Janet
Catechumen Shannon

Adina
David
Andrew
Katherine
Mary
Alexandra
Anna
James
Matushka Larissa
Zoe
Archpriest John
Victor
Wilma
Michael
April
Joseph
Michael
Barb
Barbara
Mark
Angela
Elijah
Sophia
Matushka Tanya

Archpriest John
Matushka Margaret
Matthew
Protopresbyter Radomir
Archbishop NIKON
Archpriest Joseph
Archpriest John
Archpriest Emilian
Priest John
Priest Josef
Priest Zachariah
Matushka Virginia
Archpriest Vladimir
Deacon Paul
Helen
Thomas
Theodore
Vasilios
Paul
Mary
Nicholas
Anne
Andrew
Anthony
Christopher
Jackie

Those in the life to come

Joanna
Archimandrite Pitrim

Michael
Archpriest Thomas

“for the Church to articulate a genuinely Christ-centered position on “hot button” topics. The list of such topics is endless: gun control, abortion, immigration, racism, privacy, the sexual revolution, gender identity, and poverty, among others. The difficult question is how to address these issues as Orthodox Christians without being swallowed up by predetermined and rigid public opinion. A broader question is: can the Church be involved politically without becoming politically involved? Every stand that we take as a Church carries political implications. To walk in a nation’s capital, whether to promote the sanctity of life or to end racism, places us in the company of others with whom we might not share full theological agreement. And yet, to not participate removes from us the possibility of presenting or maintaining our position with humility, yet with charity. Such efforts are often highlighted on the global and national levels, but efforts on the local level are perhaps even more effective.” *Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada*”

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

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.

Seven Holy Youths

TONE 4

Thy holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received their incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race; He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.