

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.

Holy Seven Youths

TONE 4

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven. They 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 5: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation for ever!

Vs. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

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

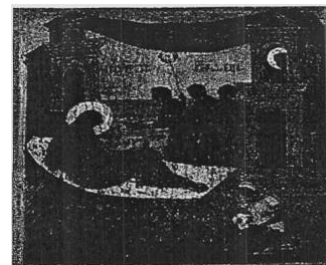
I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

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

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

Monday, August 5, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy followed
by blessing of fruit

Saturday, August 10, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

11:00 A.M. Panikhida – Archpriest

Thomas Succarotte (9th Anniversary
8/8/2015)

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

6:30 P.M. Vespers at Assumption
Greek Orthodox Church, Town &
Country

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Feast of the Dormition of the Most
Holy Theotokos

8:30 A.M. Orthros

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy at

Assumption Greek Orthodox
Church, Town & Country

Saturday, August 17, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 24, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, August 4, 2024

*6th Sunday After Pentecost; Seven Holy Sleepers of
Ephesus; John, Anthony, Dionysius, Iamblicus,
Exacustodion, & Maximillian,*

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Poor people's need is persistent in its requirements, and is, sometimes, even shameless, so also our passions are obstinate and persistent, insolent and shameless - fornication, malice for instance, avarice, covetousness, envy, pride, theft, heresy, dissent, superstition, idolatry. But let us yield to the reasonably persistent requests of the needy poor and suffering; it will serve to our salvation, to our eternal bliss. For as the poor and suffering compel us to compassion, so let us mutually compel ourselves to almsgiving; let us compel ourselves to good works, whilst there is yet time, as sin compels us to that by which we continually transgress and anger God, and increase for ourselves the food of the fire of Gehenna, which, by degrees, already begins to be kindled here in our hearts, and foreshows to us the eternal flame, where there shall be everlasting lamentation and gnashing of teeth. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force (St. Matthew 11:12)." The enemy likewise endeavors to force into Gehenna all the imprudent, unbelieving, unrepentant, and those who are passionately attached to the blessings of this life. Why, after every six days, is a day of rest observed? In order that we may continually remember that after the labors of this present"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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| Priest Tiberiu | Donald | Mary Magdalene |
| Preoteassa Margarete | Elyssa | Diana |
| James | Michael | Barbara |
| Natalie | Sandy | Julia |
| Nathan | Magdalen | Elaine |
| Dawn | Ben | Victor |
| Daniel | Kelly | Wilma |
| Candace | Brad | Michael |
| Sophie | Helen | April |
| Benjamin | Matushka Sandra | Joseph |
| Emily | Alexios | Michael |
| David | Martha | Barb |
| Pastor Doug | Kyra | Barbara |
| Pastor Kerry | Andrew | Mark |
| Richard | Sergei | Angela |
| Haley | Archpriest Basil | Elijah |
| Stacy | Phil | Sophia |
| Priest Andrew | Steve | Matushka Tanya |
| Papadia Joan | Hilda | Mary |
| Kristine | Ruth | Archpriest John |
| George | Subdeacon Andrew | Matushka Margaret |
| Deborah | Theresa | Matthew |
| Louis | Lori Ann | Priest Josef |
| Claudia | Joseph | Archpriest Michael |
| Gregory | Eva | Reader Peter |
| Reader Stephen | Catechumen Mary | Patricia |
| | Alexandra | Matushka Virginia |

Those in the life to come

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| Cathy | Archbishop PAUL | Magdalene |
| Marsha | Archimandrite Innocent | John |
| <u>Archpriest Alexis</u> | Olga | |
| Matushka Olga | Francis | |
| Archpriest Thomas | Jean | |
| Metropolitan THEODOSIUS | Edward | |
| Archpriest Vladimir | Nancy | |

"life, the day of eternal rest will come; for in accordance with the apostle, "there remaineth, therefore a rest to the people of God (Hebrew 4:9)." And Sunday betokens the day of the general resurrection, after which a day of rest shall come for all those who have done good work in the present life, in Christ Jesus. All offerings and charity to the poor will not replace love for our neighbor, if there is no love in the heart; therefore, in bestowing charity, we must be careful that it should be bestowed lovingly, from a sincere heart, willingly, and not with a feeling of vexation against the poor. The very word charity shows that it should be an act or an offering of the heart, and should be bestowed with feeling or pity for the unfortunate condition of the poor person, and with a feeling of, or contrition for, our sins, to cleanse which the charity is bestowed; "for alms ...[according to the Scripture] shall purge away all sin (Tobit 12:9)." He who bestows charity unwillingly and with vexation, avariciously, does not recognize his sins, has not learned to know himself. Charity is, first of all, a benefit to those who bestow it. "Be not overcome of evil [your neighbor's], but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21)," chiefly, by prayer for those who do evil unto you. Let us commit ourselves and each other, and all our life, with all our defects, mutual offences, unto Christ our God. Let us not take vengeance upon anyone ourselves, not by a single thought or intention, but let us leave vengeance to God. "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord (Romans 12:19; Deuteronomy 32:35)." We must love our enemies, it is the Devil who teaches and incites them to bear us enmity." 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.

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.

Holy Seven Youths

TONE 4

Thy seven holy martyrs O Lord, through their sufferings have received 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.