

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

**Kontakia**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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

*Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*

**TONE 4**

Today the universe dances with joy at thy glorious memorial, and cries out to thee, O Mother of God: "Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!"

***Prokeimenon***

**TONE 8:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**Vs.** In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

**The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 3:9 – 17**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

*Alleluia*

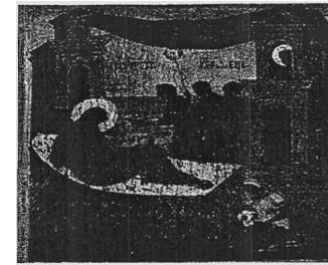
*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

*v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

**Matthew 14:22-34**

*Gospel*

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.



**Schedule**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

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

**Monday, August 15, 2022**

*Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos*

9:00 A.M. Orthros

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Town and County, MO

**Saturday, August 20, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, August 27, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Monday, August 29, 2022**

*Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner and Baptist (STRICT FAST)*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 3, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Forefeast of the Dormition; Prophet Micah (8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.)*

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*"What darkness, what madness, what infirmity, and what a terrible deadly power is sin! Gazing upon faces because they are beautiful, we inwardly commit adultery; or we hate a man because his character does not agree with ours, because he has different passions to ours, because he has not the same disposition of spirit as ours, which is often not sinless, but passionate and vicious. Is the beauty of a face a reason to commit adultery - to sin? Should it not rather be a reason for praising the Creator, Who hath created man so beautifully? Is the fact of a man's character or temper not agreeing with ours, of his not showing much indulgence to our pride and in general to our passions, of his not having the same disposition of spirit as ours, a reason for us to hate him? Has not everybody his own free-will, his own character, temperament, habits, passions, and ways? Ought we not to be indulgent to everyone, to respect everyone's personal freedom, which even the Lord Himself does not violate? It is unpleasant for a proud man when it is required of him to be humble to others; for an envious man when it is required of him to wish his enemies well; for a vindictive one when forgiveness and reconciliation are required of him; for one who loves money to be reminded of paying his debts; for a glutton when he is reminded of fasting and of the salvation of his soul. But they should conquer their feelings, their passions, and joyfully fulfil that which is required of them, or which is required by the Gospel; otherwise, by giving themselves up unrepentingly to their passions, they will be eternally lost. Glory to the power of Thy grace, Lord! Nothing, no effort of"*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Angela	Paul	Mark
Dee Dee	Elizabeth	Angela
Adriana	Cecelia	Elijah
Andrea	Anna	Sophia
David	Steven	Mary
Adina	Sharon	Metropolitan HERMAN
Abba Thomas	Nancy	Archpriest Moses
Archpriest John	Subdeacon Andrew	Archpriest John
Matushka Macrina	Theresa	Matushka Margaret
Thomas	Lori Ann	Matthew
Lucy	Peter ( <i>Altan Wuliji</i> )	Priest Joseph
Peter	Diana	Archpriest Michael
Alexandra	Michael	Archpriest Gregory
Archpriest Martin	Amy	Deacon Paul
Constantine	Michael	Deacon Peter
Monica	Joseph	Matushka Virginia
Archpriest Laurent	Andrew	Matushka Susan
Matushka Irene	Magdalene	Mary
Anthony	Deborah	Zoe
Julie	Michael	Noah
Janet	Victor	Marie
Brendon	Wilma	Paul
Dylan	Michael	Mary
Jason	April	Nicholas
Kristen	Joseph	Andrew
Timothy	Michael	Anthony
Thomas	Barb	Christopher
Kara	Barbara	Jackie
Kimberly		

### Those in the life to come

Subdeacon Charles	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Matushka Anne	Archpriest Vladimir
Alona	Archbishop PAUL
Michael	
Rose Marie	
<u>Gregory</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	

"sin, can resist it in those who call upon it with faith. Thus when subjected to the violence of the enemy of everything good - the Devil - and tempted by passions, I made the sign of the cross upon myself, saying inwardly, "Nothing can resist the power of Thy grace," and the violence ceased, the trouble and oppression passed away, and were replaced by tranquility and peace. Glory to Thy power, Lord! "I am only the witness that I may bear witness before Him of all thou tellest me (From the Office of Confession, the words of the confessor to this spiritual child)." The priests will be witnesses before the Savior of the terrible day of judgment concerning sinners, whether they repented or did not repent of these or those sins, and they who were penitent will be forgiven. But why is it necessary for God to have witnesses when He Himself knows everything? As has been said: "He needed not that any should testify of man, for He knew what was in man (St. John 2:25)." For God they are not necessary, but they are necessary for us. It will be pleasant for us to see how the priests will bear witness concerning us, before the angels and men, that we repented of our sins, condemned ourselves, expressed our loathing for sin, took the firm resolution not to sin. Remember the Savior's words to the Apostles: "Ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them (St. Mark 13:9);" or, "His Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations (St. Matthew 24:14)." Grant me, Lord, grace to renounce myself, this devil that I have become by inheritance from Adam. Lord Jesus, the New Adam, change me; make a new man of me; let me be clothed in Thee. "Every valley" and dale "shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight . . . and all flesh shall see the salvation of God (St. Luke 3:5, 6)." The valley and dale are humble hearts. The mountain and hill shall be brought low - that is, proud men who think highly of themselves, and despise the lowly and humble. So it is: the Lord unceasingly acts through the spirit of righteousness and mercy in the hearts of men, humbling the proud by various worldly circumstances - by maladies, losses, humiliations from other people, and exalting the humble." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

### Troparia

*Resurrection*

**TONE 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

*Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*

**TONE 4**

Dance with joy, O peoples! Clap your hands with gladness! Gather today with fervor and jubilation; sing with exultation. The Mother of God is about to rise in glory, ascending from earth to heaven. We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos.