

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Dormition

TONE 2

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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.

Another TONE 3 (The Song of the Theotokos): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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

Epistle

Brethren: 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!

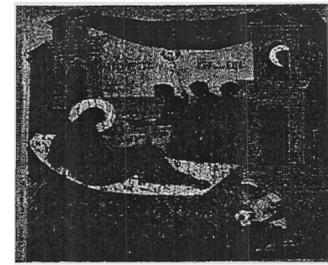
v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v. Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

Matthew 14:22-34

Gospel

At that time, Jesus immediately 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 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

Saturday, August 24, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 25, 2019

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

STRICT FAST DAY

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 31, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 1, 2019

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 7, 2019

10:00 A.M. Inquirers Class

Parish Picnic

TBD – Vespers

Sunday, September 8, 2019

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 13, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Doxology

and Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Exultation of the Cross

STRICT FAST DAY

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"The Orthodox Church in America is autocephalous not in order to be self-sufficient and isolate, but in order to be in living communion and close contact with all Orthodox Churches... The Orthodox Church in America received autocephaly not in order to be master of Orthodox unity in America but in order to be a servant of this unity." ARCHBISHOP DMITRI, ADDRESS TO PATRIARCH PIMEN, 1978

These affirmations remain true today, even in the present Assembly of Bishops process. Here also, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America has maintained that the ultimate solution to the canonical anomalies in our region can best be achieved through the formation of a broader, local, autocephalous Church. We maintain this difficult position even within climate that still prevails, in which the resurgence of ethnic identity is competing with different interpretations of primacy and authority within the so-called diaspora. To maintain such a position, it is important that we do this not only locally in North America, but globally as well. It is important for the Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America to make primatial visits or pilgrimages to the other Autocephalous Churches and to prioritize funds to make this possible. It is also important for our bishops, clergy, and faithful to undertake such visits, whether in formal contexts or as pilgrimages.

Orthodoxy in North America

From the beginning, the desire and vision of the Orthodox Church in America has been that a truly local and indigenous Orthodox Church be established in

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Matushka Barbara	Jennifer	Angela
Archdeacon Joseph	Michael	Elijah
Matushka Nina	Craig	Sophia
Juliana	Maryann	Matushka Tanya
Michael	Charles	Archpriest John
Paul	David	Matushka Margaret
Dorothy	Marie	Matthew
Naomi	Reader George	Protopresbyter Radomir
Marie	Catechumen Kristine	Archbishop NIKON
Michael	Janet	Archpriest Joseph
Subdeacon Andrew	Catechumen Shannon	Archpriest Moses
Theresa	Adina	Priest Josef
Lori Anne	David	Matushka Virginia
Joe	Andrew	Archpriest Vladimir
Wendy	Christine	Deacon Paul
Richard	Matushka Larissa	Matushka Victoria
Joyce	Zoe	Helen
Cynthia	Archpriest John	Thomas
Maryann	Victor	Theodore
Priest Bob	Wilma	Vasilios
Reader Stephen	Michael	Paul
Nancy	April	Mary
Elizaveta	Joseph	Nicholas
Michaela	Michael	Anne
Terrence	Barb	Andrew
Mary	Barbara	Anthony
Mason	Mark	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Archpriest John	Patrick	Joanne
Hal	Cleta	<u>Archimandrite Pitrim</u>
Lucille	Dorothy	Archpriest Thomas
Archpriest Steven		

North America. To that end, the Holy Synod of Bishops has faithfully participated in the process initiated in 2009 by the most holy Patriarchs and Primate of the Orthodox world. This process has been taking shape through the Assembly of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America and the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in Canada. Our Synod is prepared to undertake steps to incarnate our humble, servant role in promoting unity of the Church in America. We need to put resources into sponsoring and hosting conferences that promote pan-Orthodox co-operation between us and individual jurisdictions and that promote improved relations with all the various jurisdictions. We need to solidify our leadership role through service to others. On the local level, I would encourage our parishes to work with non-OCA communities to promote pan-Orthodox unity on the parochial level. Common efforts include addressing the needs of children, making improvements in the city and community, and so on. Likewise, our parishes should encourage co-sponsoring or co-hosting events with non-OCA parishes that our parishes could not finance themselves. Together, three or four parishes could host guest speakers, conferences, etc., which would nurture inter-jurisdictional co-operation and overcome financial limitations facing each parish individually. Even a small effort can yield great results." *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 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!

Dormition (or falling asleep) of the Virgin Mary

TONE 7

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity! In falling asleep thou did not forsake the world, O Theotokos! Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou doest deliver our souls from death!

Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus

TONE 4

Let us praise as is meet, O you faithful, the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs: most blessed Florus and all venerable Laurus, who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity. Suffering unto bloodshed, they were adorned with brilliant crowns. Entreat Christ our God to save our souls.

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!

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

Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus

TONE 8

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and Laurus, as pious martyrs who suffered for Christ. Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and sorrow on the Day of Judgment