

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

Holy Apostle Titus of the 70

TONE 2

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ's mysteries, thou was Paul's companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God. Therefore we cry out to thee: Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!

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 1: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!
Vs. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 4:9 – 16

Epistle

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia

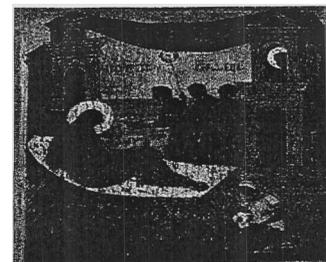
God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Matthew 17:14-23

Gospel

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.



Schedule

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

Sunday, September 15, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 21, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, August 25, 2019

*Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle
Bartholomew; Holy Apostle Titus of the 70*

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Ecumenical, Interfaith, and Civic Relations

*"It sounds like a paradox, but the basic religion that is being preached and accepted as the only means of overcoming secularism is in reality a surrender to secularism." With these words, Father Alexander Schmemmann identifies one of the key points of tension in the discussion of the degree to which Orthodox Christians should participate in ecumenical and interfaith dialogues. Some place a great value on such dialogue, while others believe it to be fruitless or even apostasy. Part of the weakness of the present state of ecumenical dialogue with other Christians and relations with other faiths is that it is understood to be a specific field in which only certain people engage. Our participation in ecumenical bodies cannot simply happen in order to have a presence, if that presence is limited to a superficial participation. Our presence must be a bold and substantial one, where we both encounter the other and remain firm in our proclamation of the authentic faith of our fathers. External Relations are not simply a technical area of expertise, although we do have specialists in this area. It really refers to how we relate as a Church to our fellow Orthodox Christians, to other Christians and to those of other faiths. It also encompasses how we interact with the civil authorities, institutions and governments of the countries in which we sojourn here in North America: Canada, the United States, and Mexico. *There are those among us who are referred to as progressives, who are eager for dialogue. And those who are"**

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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| 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 |

Lisa

Those in the life to come

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| Archpriest John | Patrick | <u>Joanne</u> |
| Hal | Cleta | Archpriest Thomas |
| Lucille | Dorothy | Archimandrite Innocent |
| Archpriest Steven | | Ann |

"regarded as conservatives, who generally reject contact with others. This is where the authenticity of our faith is decided: because we do not preserve the truth by cursing those who are in error, nor do we offer what the human soul is looking for through the acts of phony compliments. Here we have need of the true heroes of the faith, who save their souls by losing them for the Lord's sake." ARCHIMANDRITE VASILEIOS

ENDURING GOALS

- To radiate the humility, peace, and love of Jesus Christ to our surrounding culture, whether on the international, national, local, or personal level, and to address every issue that faces our communities with patience, truth, and compassion.
- To humbly, but steadfastly, uphold the vision of the Orthodox Church in America for the establishment of a universally recognized and canonically sound ecclesiological structure for Orthodox in North America; to strengthen our relations with other Local Orthodox Churches; and to actively participate in pan-Orthodox endeavors, particularly in the Assembly of Bishops process." *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 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

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 Apostles Bartholomew and Titus

TONE 3

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus, entreat the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

Holy Apostle Bartholomew

TONE 4

Thou didst appear as a great sun to the world with miracles and rays of teaching. Thou hast guided to the light all who venerate thee, O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.