

St. John the Forerunner

TONE 5

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner became an act of divine dispensation for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

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!

Another (St. John the Forerunner) TONE 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall set his hope on Him.

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.

v: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

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

Saturday, September 4, 2021

Annual Golf Tournament – NO VESPERS

Sunday, September 5, 2021

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Eve of Feast of Nativity

6:00 P.M. Vespertal Liturgy

Saturday, September 11, 2021

3:00 P.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 13, 2021

Eve of Feast of Exultation of the Cross

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Great

Doxology

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 18, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:00 P.M. Wedding – Andrew

Konan and Janice Kren

Saturday, September 25, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

8:30 A.M. Pieroghies

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, August 29, 2021

10th Sunday After Pentecost; Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John (strict Fast Day)

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"The chief thing in prayer for which we must care above all is - lively, clear-sighted faith in the Lord: represent Him vividly before yourself and within you - then ask of Jesus Christ in the Holy Ghost whatever you desire and you will obtain it. Ask simply, without the slightest doubt - then your God will be everything to you, accomplishing in an instant great and wonderful acts, as the sign of the cross, accomplishes great wonders. Ask for both spiritual and material blessings not only for yourself, but for all believers, for the whole body of the Church, not separating yourself from other believers, but in spiritual union with them, as a member of the one great body of the Church of Christ, as loving all, as your brethren or children in Christ, as the case may be. The heavenly Father will fill you with the great peace and boldness. When praying, pay steadfast attention to the words of the prayer, feeling them in your heart. Do not withdraw your mind from them to any other thoughts. When praying during Divine service, during the celebration of the Sacraments and the singing of the prayers and hymns upon various occasions, lay surely to your heart the words themselves of the church prayers, believing that not a single word is placed there in vain, that every one of them has its power, that in each word dwells the Holy Trinity the Lord Himself, "Who is everywhere present and fills all things": think thus: - I myself am nothing, the Lord does everything. Also think: when I speak - God the Word, speaks in me. I need be careful for nothing. "Casting all your care," it is said, "upon Him,"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Priest Theodore	Andrew	Mark
Peter	Bridget	Angela
Rebecca	Deborah	Elijah
Alexandra	Timothy	Sophia
Lori Ann	Jane	Matushka Tanya
David	John	Mary
Marie	Sarah	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Reader George	Altan	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Donna	Natalia	Archprst John Zabinko (BP)
Gergory	Natalie	Mat. Margaret Zabinko(BP)
Archpriest James	Melanie	Matthew Zabinko
Matushka Susan	Paul	Priest Josef (BP)
The Dank Family	Anthony	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Karen	Amy	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Michael	Michael	Deacon Paul (BP)
Lucia	Joseph	Deacon Peter (BP)
Priest Patrick	Andrew	Deacon Nicholas (BP)
Xenia	Magdalene	Sophia
Judy	Subdeacon Charles	Debbie (BP)
Archprst Michael <i>Kuzara</i>	Deborah	Gabriel (BP)
Michael <i>Dougherty</i>	Michael	Marie (BP)
Jacob	Laverne	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Charlotte	Victor	Paul
Michael	Wilma	Mary
Emily	Michael	Nicholas
Susan	April	Andrew
Carlos	Joseph	Anthony
Geraldine	Michael	Christopher
Maryanne	Barb	Jackie
	Barbara	

Those in the life to come

Archpriest Michael	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Ann	Archpriest Vladimir
Protopresbyter Leonid	Child Maven
Steven	
<u>Galina</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	

"for He careth for you (1 Peter 5:7)." When you read a worldly magazine or newspaper (or an article online), it is light and agreeable reading, you easily believe in everything in it. But if you take up a religious publication or book to read, especially one relating to church matters, or sometimes when you begin reading prayers - you feel a weight upon your heart, you are tormented by doubt and unbelief, and experience a sort of darkness and aversion. Many acknowledge this. From what does it proceed? Of course, not from the nature of the books themselves, but from the nature of the readers, from the nature of their hearts, and - chiefly - from the Devil, the enemy of mankind, the enemy of everything holy: "he taketh away the word out of their hearts (St. Luke 8:12)." When we read worldly books, we do not touch him, and he does not touch us. But as soon as we take up religious books, as soon as we begin to think of our amendment and salvation, then we go against him, we irritate and torment him, and therefore he attacks us and torments us on his side." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**his; him; he refer to the evil one i.e. the Devil*

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.

St. John the Forerunner **TONE 2**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou hast been shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold. Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

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!