

*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 3:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
vs. Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 15:1 – 11**

*Epistle*

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preached and so you believed.

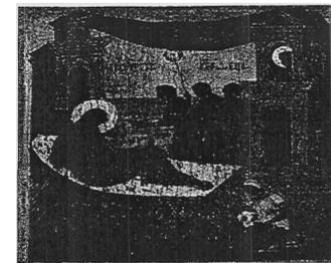
*Alleluia*

*In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.  
v; Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.*

**Matthew 19:16 - 26**

*Gospel*

*At that time, one came to Jesus:* and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “*‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’* and, *‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”



*Schedule*

**Friday, September 4, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, September 5, 2020**

*Archpastoral Visit by His Eminence PAUL; Archbishop of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest \**

\*9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

\*5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

\*9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Monday, September 7, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

*Nativity of the Virgin Mary Feast Day*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Friday, September 11, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Doxology and procession of the Cross

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

*Exultation of the Cross*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner; Ss. Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople*

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“When God looks mercifully upon earth-born creatures through the eyes of nature, through the eyes of bright, healthful weather, everyone feels bright and joyful. When there is a healthful breeze, there is wholesome air in all bodies and souls; but when a cold, damp, strong wind blows, then everyone feels oppressed in soul and body. Many earth-born creatures groan from maladies; many give themselves up to despondency and melancholy. So powerful and irresistible is the influence of nature upon mankind. And it is remarkable that those who are less bound by carnal desires and sweetnesses; who are less given up to gluttony; who are more moderate in eating and drinking, to them nature is more kindly disposed, and does not oppress them - at least, not nearly so much as those who are the slaves of their nature and their flesh. O! how clear it is that our life is in the Lord, and not in sensual things; how clear it is that the Lord is in everything “which worketh all in all. (1 Corinthians 12:6)” In the air He is our breath; in food the satisfying of our hunger; in drink the quenching of our thirst; in clothing our raiment; in the dwelling our protection, warmth, and tranquility; in sleep our rest; in pure, instructive, chaste, and edifying conversation our speech; in mutual love, our love. Lord, Master, our Creator and Benefactor, grant that we may always remember Thee at every moment of our life; that by Thee “we live and move and have our being; (Acts 17:28)” that we have life, breath, and everything from Thee. But let us also remember that if in all that has”

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

John	Dnsa. Christine	Arprst John
David	Abigail	Mtk Mrgaret
Constance	Aidan	Matthew
Sarah	Eve	Protopresbyter
Hope	Met. THEODOSIUS (BP)	Arprt Joseph (BP)
Andrea	Met. HERMAN (BP)	Archpriest Moses (BP)
John	Cynthia	Priest Josef (BP)
Sarah	Peter	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Joan	Rebecca	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Sarah	Infant Ann	Archpst Christopher (BP)
Gabriel	Andrew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
David	Sarah	Archpriest Myron (BP)
Adina	Emily	Deacon Paul (BP)
David	Michael	Deacon Paul (BP)
Mary	Jacob	Deacon Gregory (BP)
Magdalene	Victor	Matushka Trudi (BP)
Dymphna & CTBB	Wilma	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Justin	Michael	Helen (BP)
Hope	April	Theodore (BP)
Nicholas	Joseph	Paul
Sarah	Michael	Mary
Subdeacon Charles	Barb	Nicholas
Deborah	Barbara	Anne (Crowell)
Michael	Mark	Anna (Prochko)
Laverne	Angela	Andrew
Deacon Matthew	Elijah	Anthony
	Sophia	Christopher
	Matushka Tanya	Jackie

### ***Those in the life to come***

John  
Tekla  
Archpriest Thomas  
Chris Durham

"been enumerated we pervert God's laws, He becomes our grievous punishment. He will become our punishment even in the air, in food and drink; He will no longer be the satisfying of our hunger and the quenching of our thirst, but either our aversion from them or a sickness, as happens when, it is said, that food does no good to some person; in clothing or in the dwelling, our weakness and distress of mind; in sleep not rest, but uneasiness and fear; in speech, constraint; in wrongful love, the fiery torments. The sources of punishment usually appear in our sinful inclinations themselves. "Wherewithal a man sinneth, by the same also shall he be punished. (Wisdom 11:16)." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

### **TROPARIA**

#### **TONE 3**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

*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.

*Afterfeast of 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 wast 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**

#### **TONE 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

*Afterfeast of 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.

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

*Ss. Alexander, John, and Paul the New*

#### **TONE 4**

Christ, the God over all, has appointed thee as a venerable shepherd of His Church, O Godly-wise Alexander, a light upon the lampstand, a faithful steward, and the most holy example of a pillar of Orthodoxy. Therefore, we keep festival in thy memory.