

Prokeimenon

TONE 4: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / The Lord if God and hath revealed Himself to us.
v: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures for ever.

The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9):

Epistle

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath done marvelous things.

v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Gospel according to St. John (12:1-18):

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil, not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have always, but Me you do not have always." Now many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus sake only, but that they might see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.



Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church
416 Ewing Avenue, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 13, 2025

***Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem of our Lord, God, and Savior,
Jesus Christ - Palm Sunday***

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Schedule

Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Monday, Tuesday, April 14 – 15

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Great & Holy Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Matins

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Great & Holy Thursday

10:00 A.M. Vespers of Divine Liturgy
of St. Basil the Great

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Friday –
12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 18, 2025

Great & Holy Friday

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

3:00 P.M. Vespers of Holy Friday

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 19, 2025

9:00 A.M. Vespers of Liturgy of St.
Basil the Great

11:30 P.M. Nocturns

Sunday, April 20, 2025

HOLY PASCHA

*The Resurrection from the dead of
our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus
Christ*

12:00 A.M. Paschal Procession,
Matins of Pascha, Divine Liturgy of
St. John Chrysostom, Blessing of
Pascha Baskets

2:00 P.M. Paschal Vespers

"Having invoked the Holy Ghost upon the Holy gifts lying before you, and having sanctified them by the prayer of the consecration (during the Liturgy), remember that heaven and earth shall pass away, but the words of the Lord shall not pass away (St. Matthew 24:35); and that the bread and wine have absolutely changed into the Body and Blood of the Lord, by the will of the Lord Himself and by the operation of the Holy Ghost, even if the officiating priest should be unworthy through any infirmity. Concerning forcing ourselves to all that is good – "The kingdom of heaven," it is said, "suffereth violence and the violent take it by force (St. Matthew 11:12)." Therefore it is necessary to continually force ourselves to truth and goodness; when praying, we must every moment force ourselves to pronounce each word with power, truly from the heart. In case of negligence, inattention to our heart, of our not forcing ourselves to sincerity, the prayer will be hypocritical, false, and impious; we must say the words of the prayer persuasively to ourselves. If the words of the prayer are persuasive to our own selves, then they will also be persuasive to God; but without persuading yourself do not think to persuade God by your prayer to grant you any blessing you ask for. God will grant us according to our own heart (Psalm 20:4): the more sincerity, the more heartfelt fervor we have when praying, the more bountiful will be the gift. Remember, man, that you are morally and physically nothing; morally because you are wholly sin, passions, infirmity; physically because your body is earthly dust. In order to manifest their humility before God in a lively and evident manner, people in the olden times, and even some people in the present time, express this by sprinkling ashes upon their heads and laying aside their gay apparel, which feeds vanity and pride in the immortal human spirit. Remember, therefore, man, that even the smallest good in you comes from God, just as the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Trent	Gabrielle
Faith	John
Michelle	Gregory
Janet	Archpriest James
David	Elizabeth
John	Kristine
Joann	George
Priest Nikolai	Jake
<i>N.I.</i> Gwendolyn	Cecelia
Sarah	Gabriella & CTBB
John	Shawn
Anthony	Reader Simeon
Michelle	Anna
Ioan	Elizabeth
Sophia	Edmund
Marie	Reader Stephen
Ben	Priest Andrew
Elyssa	Popadija Joan
Kelly	Eva
Brad	Catechumen Athanasius
Lorraine	Alex
Carl	Julia
Nicholas	Martha
Shawn	Kendra
Selaphiel	David
Margaret	Adina
James	Catechumen Mary
Macarius	Alexandra

Mary Magdalene
Catechumen David
Subdeacon Jason
Justin
Dymphna
Hope
Theodora
Evangeline
Diana
Barbara
Anastasia
Maria
Elaine
Wilma
Mark
Angela
Elijah
Sophia
Matushka Tanya
Mary
Archpriest John
Matushka Margaret
Matthew
Priest Josef
Archpriest Michael
Reader Peter
Patricia
Matushka Virginia

"smallest current of air within you or which you breathe comes from the air surrounding you. Glory to the most Holy, consubstantial and life-giving Trinity! When the Devil oppresses me with displeasure or hatred against my neighbor for any worldly, carnal reason, and I feel distressed and tormented, I rise up, and lifting the eyes of my heart to the Holy Trinity, I say: "Father, Son, and most Holy Spirit, have mercy upon me, "whilst I myself look upon the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost as upon the very substance of the most Holy Trinity, essentially present everywhere, even in a single word, and immediately I feel easy, and the enemy flees before the Almighty, everlastingly worshipped Name, and vanishes like smoke. "Glory to Thee, most Holy, consubstantial, life-giving, and undivided Trinity (Exclamation at the beginning of Matins)." Most Holy Trinity! teach me how to despise all earthy things, teach me to lay my peace, satisfaction, and blessedness in Thee alone! And in order that I may not be puffed up on account of the merciful attention of the most Holy Trinity to me, and of the salvation granted unto me, may I remember that the Holy Trinity is mercifully attentive to every worm, to every little bird! Let me also remember that some Christians who have done many mighty works in the name of God will some day hear from the Lord the words: "Depart from Me, I know you not (St. Matthew 7:23; 25:12)," on account of their un-evangelical life. Most Holy Trinity! Preserve me from pride, and teach me humility! Thou hearest me and savest me, mercifully and speedily. I may become proud through such mercy. I may turn Thine infinite goodness and mercy into a pretext for self-praise, as though I myself were worthy of such attention, as though I had done some good. Protect me, most Merciful Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, "under the cover of Thy wings," from every sin." My Life in Christ, by St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Palm Sunday

TONE 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: "Hosanna, in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

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

Palm Sunday

TONE 4

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

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

Kontakia

Palm Sunday

TONE 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

Those in the life to come

<u>Helen</u>	Olga
Matushka Olga	Cheryl
Archpriest Thomas	Nancy
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Magdalene
Archpriest Vladimir	John
Archbishop PAUL	Victor
Archimandrite Innocent	
Edward	
Francis	
Jean	