

### Prokeimenon

**TONE 4 (Song of the Fathers):** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Vs. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

**The Act of the Holy Apostles 20:16 – 18, 28 – 36** Epistle

At that time: Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you. Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

### Alleluia

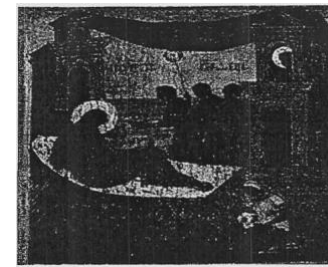
*The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

*v: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.*

**John 17:1-13**

### Gospel

At that time: Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Thy Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”



### Schedule

**Friday, June 21, 2024**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

Soul Saturday

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

Pentecost

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

11:00 A.M. Vespers of Pentecost

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 6, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, July 7, 2024**

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

9:00 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sundays, June 16, 2024**

*Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

*“When you look at the candles and lamps burning in church, rise in thought from the material fire to the immaterial fire of the Holy Ghost, “for our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29).” When you see and smell the fragrant incense, rise in thought to the spiritual fragrance of the Holy Ghost, “for we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:15).” Also, in contrast, think of the spiritual stench, which is sin, and endeavor to be filled with the fire of the Holy Ghost. Drive away every coldness of heart, which proceeds from the Devil, the flesh, and the world, and be yourself a sweet savor before God, by the fragrance of the virtues of meekness, gentleness, humility, obedience, abstinence, chastity, patience, and others. Flee from the stench of the passions: from malice, envy, pride, disobedience, intemperance, fornication, etc. The voice of the readings in church, the hymns, prayers, and supplications, is the voice of our own souls pouring forth, from the acknowledgment and feeling of our spiritual needs and requirements; it is the voice of all mankind acknowledging and feeling its poverty, its accursedness, its sinfulness, the necessity of a Savior, the necessity of gratitude and praise for the innumerable benefits and the infinite perfections of God. Wonderfully beautiful are these prayers and hymns; they are the breathing”*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Jessica	Jessica	April
Demetrios	Sarah	Joseph
Marina	Sandra	Michael
Peter	Eva	Barb
Paul	Reader Stephen	Barbara
Inez	Paul	Mark
David	Shawn	Angela
Barbara	Gabriella	Elijah
David	Catechumen Mary	Sophia
Adina	Alexandra	Matushka Tanya
Ioan	Mary Magdalene	Mary
Katie	Diana	Archpriest John
Loreto	Barbara	Matushka Margaret
Veronika	Julia	Matthew
Tobi	Elaine	Priest Josef
Clement	Victor	Archpriest Michael
Paula	Wilma	Reader Peter
Samantha	Michael	Patricia
		Matushka Virginia

### Those in the life to come

Tom	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Jean
Otis	Archpriest Vladimir	Edward
Bishop MATTHIAS	Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Nadia <i>Bakan</i>	Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
<u>E.M. Subdeacon George</u>	Olga	John
Matushka Olga	Francis	
Archpriest Thomas		

*"of the Holy Ghost! The sign of the cross as a blessing from a priest, or a bishop is an expression of the blessing or of the favor of God to a man in Christ and for Christ's sake. What a joyful, significative, and precious ceremony this is! Blessed are all who receive such a blessing with faith! How attentive should the priests themselves be in bestowing their blessing upon the faithful! "And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them (Numbers 6:27)." Is it in vain that we say several times a day the thrice holy "Our Father" and other morning and evening prayers? Are we not cleansed by them from our sins and impurities? Are we not delivered from temptations, misfortunes, and unfavorable circumstances? Is it in vain that we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross? O, no; it continually acts beneficially upon us and upon those who make it with faith, especially when it is the blessing of a priest. Therefore let us continually praise the mercy and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who bears and saves us, unworthy ones, by His mercy, for His holy name's sake." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

#### Troparia

*Resurrection*

**TONE 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

*Ascension*

**TONE 4**

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

*Fathers*

Most glorious Thou are, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

#### Kontakia

*Fathers*

**TONE 8**

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!

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

*Ascension*

**TONE 4**

When Thou hast fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven: Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you and no one will be against you!"