

Kontakia
All Saints
TONE 8

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs, as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!

Prokeimenon

TONE 8: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

Vs. In Judah God is known; His Name is great is great in Israel.

Another (Saints) TONE 4: God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2

Epistle

Brethren: what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia

*The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and He delivered them from all their troubles.
v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, and the Lord will deliver them out of them all.*

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Gospel

The Lord said to His disciples: “Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father Who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”



Schedule

Monday, June 20, 2022

Begin Apostles' Fast

Saturday, June 25, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, June 26, 2022

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

6:00 P.M. Vespers Liturgy

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Feast of the Chief of the Apostles

Peter & Paul

Saturday, July 2, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 3, 2022

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 9, 2022

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, July 10, 2022

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 16, 2022

NO VESPERS

Sunday, July 17, 2022

9:30 A.M. Reader's Service

Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22, 2022

20th All American Council in Baltimore, MD

Saturday, July 23, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, June 19, 2022

1st Sunday After Pentecost; All of the Saints

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“Kissing with the lips corresponds to kissing with the soul; and when we kiss holy things, we ought to kiss them with the soul and heart as well as the lips. The Lord rules wonderfully and mightily over material worlds by means of His wisdom, by means of His word. As the particles of the body of an animal, of a tree, of grass, of stone are held together by cohesion, so all the worlds are held together by the powers and laws laid in them. As the soul carries the body and gives life to it, so also God carries the world, giving life to it through His Holy Spirit; it is not without reason that a man is called a little world. What an insignificant cobweb the world must be to God! What an insignificant cobweb is my body! And yet all is wisdom in every point of matter, and all stands only by wisdom, by the eternal law of wisdom. O wisdom, wisdom! We all owe our being to thee, to thy merciful Author! My death, my decomposition or destruction, clearly proves what an insignificant cobweb thou hast in me. Glory to Thee, life-giving Father, life-giving Son, and life-giving Holy Ghost, incomplex Being – God; ever saving us from the spiritual death caused to our soul by passions. Glory to Thee, Lord, in three persons, who enlightenest the dark face of our soul and body, and bestows upon us Thy peace, which exceeds every earthly and physical good, and surpasses all understanding. Pray without ceasing, calling upon the name of the life-giving Trinity in order that your soul should not be suddenly overwhelmed by any passion, pride, or envy, or malice and hatred, or avarice, or covetousness, or gluttony, or anger and irritability, or harsh judgment or scorn, or falsehood and calumny, or any such passion; for we walk amongst snares every”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Timothy
Deborah
Justin
David
Lori
James
Soo
Mary
Horatsiu
Andrew
Subdeacon Andrew
Theresa
Karen
David
Adina
Samuel
Presbytera Yianna
Priest Achilles
Demetrius
Isadora
Samuel
Isaac
Reader George (*travel*)
Marie (*travel*)
Ken
Nancy
Frank

Those in the life to come

Patricia
Shaw
Matushka Genevieve
Lynn
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir

Amber
Kathy
George
Kristine
Patricia
Kaitlin
Diana
Michael
Amy
Michael
Joseph
Andrew
Magdalene
Subdeacon Charles
Deborah
Michael
Victor
Wilma
Michael
April
Joseph
Michael
Barb
Barbara
Mark
Angela

Elijah
Sophia
Mary
Metropolitan HERMAN
Archpriest Moses
Archpriest John
Matushka Margaret
Matthew
Priest Joseph
Archpriest Michael
Archpriest Gregory
Deacon Paul
Deacon Peter
Matushka Virginia
Matushka Susan
Mary
Zoe
Noah
Marie
Paul
Mary
Nicholas
Andrew
Anthony
Christopher
Jackie

"hour, every minute of our life. Let the eyes of your heart be on guard every hour, every minute. Let your heart be watchful, not only during the day, but also during the night, in accordance with the Scripture. "I sleep, but my heart waketh (Solomon's Song v. 2)." We must love our neighbor still more when he sins against God, or against ourselves, because then he is sick, because then he is in spiritual misfortune, in danger; then especially, we must have compassion upon him, pray for him, and apply to his heart a healing plaster - a word of kindness, instruction, reproof, consolation, forgiveness, love. "forgiving one another , even as God, for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32)." All sins and passions, quarrels and disputes, are truly spiritual diseases; that is how we must look upon them. Or, all passions are a fire of the soul, a great fire, raging inwardly; a fire proceeding from the abyss of hell. It must be extinguished by the water of love, which is strong enough to extinguish every infernal flame of malice and of other passions. But woe and misfortune to us, to our self-love, if we increase this flame by a fresh infernal flame, by our own malice and irritability, and thus make ourselves the assistants of the spirits of evil, ever endeavoring to inflame the souls of men by means of many and various passions. If we do so, we ourselves shall deserve the fire of Gehenna; and if we do not repent, and do not become in future wise unto good and simple unto evil, then we shall be condemned together with the Devil and his angels, to torments in the lake of fire. Therefore, do not let us be overcome of evil, but let us overcome evil with good. How accursed are we men! How is it that we have not yet learned to consider every sin as a great misfortune for our soul, and not to pity, heartily, sincerely, lovingly, those who fall into such a misfortune. Why do we not flee from it as from poison, as from a serpent? Why do we linger in it? Why have we not pity upon ourselves, too, when we are subjected to any sin? Why do we not weep before the Lord, who created us? The Lord allows us to be tossed by various passions in this life in order that we may hate these passions with all our heart, that we may look upon everything earthly as nothing however precious and pleasant it may appear, and that we may long with all our hearts for God alone, the source of tranquility and life, may cling to Him alone, may value Him before everything, His holy will, His peace and joy." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

All Saints

TONE 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.