

TONE 4 (*The 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!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 32-12:2

Brethren: By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And 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 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 toned, 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

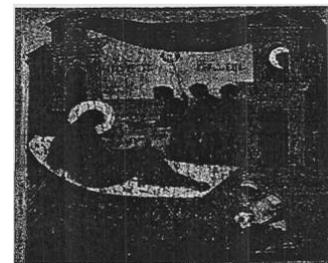
v: *Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also was among those who called on his name.*

v: *They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 1:43-51

Gospel

At that time, Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, and Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these. And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.



Schedule

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Sunday of Orthodoxy

6:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 18, 2022

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Panikhida

Saturday, March 19, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 20, 2022

St. Gregory Palamas

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.

Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Swansea, IL

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline with Matins)

Friday, March 25, 2022

Annunciation

4:00 P.M. 3rd, 6th, & 9th Hours

6:00 P.M. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, March 26, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 13, 2022

1st Sunday of Great Lent; Triumph of Orthodoxy

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"When praying, endeavor by every means to feel in your heart the truth and the power of the words of the prayer; feed yourself upon them as upon an imperishable food; water your heart with them as with a dew; and warm yourself by them as by means of a beneficial fire. The Lord is everything to me: He is the strength of my heart and the light of my intellect. He inclines my heart to everything good; He strengthens it; He also gives me good thoughts; He is my rest and my joy; He is my faith, hope and love; He is my food and drink, my raiment, my dwelling place. As a mother is everything to her infant – its mind, will, sight, hearing, taste, smelling and feeling, as well as its food and drink, its clothing, hands and feet – so, like wise, the Lord is everything to me, when I yield myself wholly unto Him. But, alas! When I fall away from the Lord, then the Devil enters into me, and if I did not turn my heart's gaze towards the Lord, did I not, amidst the enemy's oppression, call upon the Lord for help, then the Devil would have been, as he sometimes is, very evil to me: malice, despondency, perfect feebleness towards everything good, despair, hatred, envy, avarice, blasphemous, wicked and impure thoughts, contempt for everything – in short, he would have been, and sometimes, is, my intellect, my will, sight, hearing, taste, smell, feeling, my hands and feet. Therefore, put your trust in the Lord. He is that which is, infinite in"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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| Pamela | Karen | Mark |
| Brock | Andrew | Angela |
| Jackson | Kevin | Elijah |
| Thomas | William | Sophia |
| Jane | Kristine | Matushka Tanya |
| Justin | Reader Nicholas | Mary |
| Joseph | Diana | Met. HERMAN (BP) |
| Joyce | Michael | Archpriest Moses (BP) |
| Candace | Catechumen Peter | Archpriest John (BP) |
| Maria | Natalia | Matushka Margaret (BP) |
| Archbishop PAUL | Theresa | Matthew (BP) |
| Andrew (<i>Craig Rydgig</i>) | Subdeacon Andrew | Priest Josef (BP) |
| Larry | Lori Ann | Archpriest Michael (BP) |
| Franklyn | Amy | Archpriest Gregory (BP) |
| Jacob | Michael | Deacon Paul (BP) |
| Ann | Joseph | Deacon Peter (BP) |
| Mark | Andrew | Deacon Michael (BP) |
| Alexander | Magdalene | Matushka Virginia (BP) |
| Nicholletta | Subdeacon Charles | Mary (BP) |
| Christine | Deborah | Zoe (BP) |
| Chelsea | Michael | Noah (BP) |
| Farrah | Victor | Marie (BP) |
| Nolan | Wilma | Paul |
| Chuck (<i>Causey</i>) | Michael | Mary |
| Amy | April | Nicholas |
| Janet | Joseph | Andrew |
| Garret | Michael | Anthony |
| Daniel | Barb | Christopher |
| Alexandria | Barbara | Jackie |

Those in the life to come

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| Margarette | Archpriest Vladimir (1 st Anniversary 3/16/2022) |
| Merle | Galina |
| Valery | |
| <u>Matushka Carol</u> | |
| Archpriest Thomas | |
| Metropolitan THEODOSIUS | |

"holiness, omnipotence, grace, mercy, bountifulness, and wisdom. When your flesh suffers through maladies, remember that it is the greatest enemy of your salvation that suffers, that is weakened by these sufferings, and bear them bravely in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who for our sakes endured the cross and suffered death; also, remember that all our maladies are God's punishment for sins; they cleanse us, they reconcile us with God and lead us back to His love. Grant us "Thy peace," it is said, "and Thy love, as Thou hast granted us all things." Remember that during your illness the Lord Himself is with you ("I am with him in trouble (Psalm 91:15)); that it has proceeded from a sign of the Master, punishing us as a father. You who believe in the time of your welfare, see that you do not fall away from God in the time of misfortune, but, like the martyrs, be constant in faith, hope, and love." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection

TONE 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

Triodion

TONE 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thy own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, / by coming to save the world.

KONTAKIA

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

Triodion

TONE 8

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.