

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

Prophet Nahum

ZONE 2

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing far-off things as though they were present.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

ZONE 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

ZONE 7: The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Vs. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 2:14 – 22

Epistle

Brethren: For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia

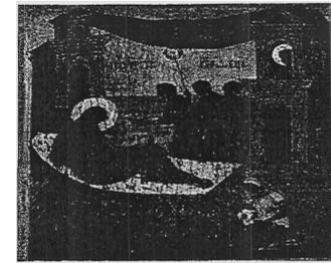
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.

Luke 18:18 - 27

Gospel

At that time a certain ruler asked Jesus, saying: Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for the those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."



Schedule

Saturday, December 7, 2019

10:00 A.M. Move items in
Rectory Basement

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 14, 2019

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 15, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Church School Yolka following
the Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 22, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

STRICT FAST

6:00 A.M. Matins

8:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline and
Matins)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December , 2019

24th Sunday After Pentecost; Prophet Nahum

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"How artful and watchful a bird is! It does not let itself be caught in God's wide world, but when it sees anybody approaching and wishing to seize it, it immediately flies up from the earth and thus saves itself from the fowlers. So, also, the Christian must be wise and watchful in order that the incorporeal fowler may not catch his soul. Our soul is like a heavenly bird; the Devil, a wicked fowler, seeking to devour souls. As the bird, flying up to heaven, thus saves itself from the fowler, so likewise we, when we see the enemy - the Devil - striving to catch our soul by means of earthly things, must immediately forsake these things with all our heart, and must not for a moment attach ourselves to them, but must fly up in our thoughts to Jesus Christ, our Savior, and thus we shall easily be delivered "from the snare of the fowler (Psalm 91:3)." *The way to succeed in any good work. When you are praying at home, at evening, or at morning prayer, or in the church during Divine service, be solicitous in your heart to accomplish this particular good work, and heartily desire to fulfil it to the glory of God. The Lord and His Most-pure Mother will unfailingly teach you, will instill in your heart some bright idea how to accomplish it. If you wish to write a discourse or a sermon, and do not know what to write about, if there is no living water in your heart, you have only to be solicitous of this during your prayer. The Lord and His Most-pure Mother will unfailingly and clearly show you the subject for your sermon and its parts, and your mind and heart will be enlightened by a clear knowledge of all sides of the subject. Thank God every day with your whole heart for having given you life according to His image and"*

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Betty	Nancy	Matushka Tanya
Earnie	Elizaveta	Archpriest John
Zoellner family	Michaela	Matushka Margaret
Buchheit family	Terrence	Matthew
Christopher	Mary	Protopresbyter Radomir
Devon	David	Archpriest Joseph
Marissa	Marie	Archpriest Moses
Nathan	Reader George	Priest Josef
George	George	Matushka Virginia
Patricia	Catechumen Kristine	Archpriest Vladimir
Kaytlin	Janet	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Rob	Larissa	Archpriest Gregory
Lisa	Zoe	Archpriest Myron
Constance	Archpriest John	Deacon Paul
Katie	Victor	Matushka Snezana
Priest Joel and Matushka	Wilma	Matushka Melania
Tarasia and all the faithful	Michael	Matushka Victoria
of Annunciation Mission	April	Deacon Mark
in St. James, MO	Joseph	Helen
Jill	Michael	Theodore
Jenna	Barb	Paul
Theodora	Barbara	Mary
Nicole	Joyce	Nicholas
Steve	Mark	Anne
Presbytera Aphtonomi	Angela	Andrew
Patricia	Elijah	Anthony
Paul	Sophia	Christopher
Dorothy	Mary	Jackie
Reader Stephen		

Those in the life to come

Regina	Al	Steve
Catechumen Shannon	<u>Vasilios</u>	
Rich	Archpriest Thomas	
Dennis	Gerry	

"likeness - an intelligently free and immortal life. Especially thank God for having restored and guided you again unto life eternal after you had fallen into eternal death, and for having done so not simply by the action of His omnipotence, for this would not have been in conformity to His justice, but by having given for our redemption His only begotten Son, Who suffered and died for us. Thank Him also for again daily bestowing life upon you, who have fallen an innumerable multitude of times, by your own free will, through sins, from life into death, and that He does so as soon as you only say from your whole heart: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee (St. Luke 15:12)!" Thank Him also for often delivering you from sickness, you who imprudently throw yourself into danger and sickness, the precursors of bodily death, for correcting your faults, and for not depriving you of earthly life, knowing that it is dear to you, and that you are not yet ready for the future, eternal life. Thank Him for all your means of existence, for all the joys and sorrows of life; for everything is from Him, the All-merciful Father; everything comes from the First Origin of Life, Who has apportioned and lent life to all." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia Resurrection TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art Risen, granting 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.

Prophet Nahum TONE 4

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Nahum, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: Save our souls.

Kontakia Resurrection TONE 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!