

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 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race; He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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

Prophet Nahum

TONE 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

TONE 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

TONE 6: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

Vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 2:4 – 10

Epistle

Brethren: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Alleluia

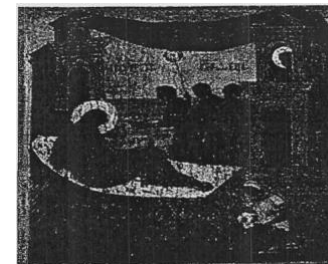
I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

The Gospel according to Apostle and Evangelist 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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

6:30 P.M. Vespers at St. Nicholas Family Life Center

Friday, December 6, 2024

Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Family Life Center

6:00 P.M. Holy Unction at St. Thomas the Apostle Romanian

Saturday, December 7, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 14, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 21, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Sunday Before Nativity

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

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

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

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Nativity in the flesh of our Lord

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 01, 2024

23rd Sunday After Pentecost; Prophet Nahum

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience (1 Timothy 3:9)." The holy, Divine, most heavenly Christian faith requires a pure heart in order that it may act beneficially upon man's whole being, for it cannot dwell and produce beneficial changes in an impure heart, if the man does not correct himself of his vices. This is also why, in Christianity, many are called, but few are chosen. Many call themselves Christians, but few are really such; few bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom of God; this is why, even amongst Christians, there are so many atheists, free-thinkers; so many who are superstitious, covetous, sensualists, fornicators, drunkards, thieves, and so on. It is not the fault of the religion that some Christians are such, but it is those who bear the Name of the Christ that are guilty in their carelessness for their religion and its rules, in their impurity and attachment to earthly things, owing to which they cannot find room in their impure hearts for the purest heavenly treasure - the faith of Christ - and are lost at the very source of salvation. Woe unto us, ungrateful, evil-natured, sophisticated, vain, sensual, and slothful creatures! Lord, what shall we do? Conquer us by thy mercy, by Thy love, by Thy great wisdom; destroy the subtlety of our flesh, vanquish our malice by the power of Thy goodness! Every man on earth is sick with the fever of sin, with the blindness of sin, is"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Gabriella & CTBB	Mike	Barbara
Shawn	Eric	Elaine
Teo	Michelle	Victor
Tomas	David <i>Brannon</i>	Wilma
Fracisco	David <i>Butchko</i>	Michael
Seyun	Reader George	April
Layla	Marie	Joseph
Mary Magdalen	Reader Simeon	Michael
Subdeacon Jason	Anna	Barb
Katie	Elizabeth	Barbara
Mary Ellen	Edmund	Mark
Christopher	Catechumen Athanasius	Angela
Daniel	Alex	Elijah
Tanya	Julia	Sophia
Trayvon	Martha	Kathy
Subdeacon Andrew	David	Matushka Tanya
Theresa	Adina	Mary
Lori Ann	Reader Stephen	Archpriest John
Michaela	Priest Andrew	Matushka Margaret
Joseph	Popadija Joan	Matthew
Jill	Eva	Priest Josef
Ben	Catechumen Mary	Archpriest Michael
Kelly	Alexandra	Reader Peter
Elyssa	Mary Magdalene	Patricia
	Diana	Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Gebru	Archpriest Dionysius	
Christine	Thomas <i>Moyer</i>	Olga
Archbishop PETER	<u>Charles</u>	Francis
Agnes	Matushka Olga	Jean
Ann	Archpriest Thomas	Edward
James	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Cheryl
Monk Nicodemus	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
Mary <i>Brzuchalski</i>	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
Archpriest Peter	Archimandrite Innocent	John

"overcome by the fury of sin; and as sins mostly consist in malice and pride, it is necessary to treat everyone who suffers from the malady of sin with kindness and love. This is an important truth, which we often forget. We often, very often, act in opposition to this truth; we add malice to malice by our anger, we oppose pride to pride. Thus, evil grows within us and does not decrease; it is not cured, but rather spreads. Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon mankind! It was through the eating of the forbidden fruit in Paradise that mankind acquired the cruel sickness of the soul, attachment to this transitory life, to earthly blessings and pleasures, that most destructive division of the heart between God and the world, between good and evil. And as earthly blessings cannot satisfy the soul, created for delighting in spiritual, eternal, infinite blessings, and they are not equally distributed amongst all - so that through passion or blind attachment some gain possession of very many of them, whilst others have very few, and some even, none at all - therefore, from this proceeds eternal sin, enmity and death for possession; hence the envy and ill-feeling between separate individuals and nations, hence wars and bloodshed, hence the luxury of some and the extreme poverty of others, the surfeiting of some and the oppression of others hence thefts, extortion, and every kind of evil. This is what the eating of the forbidden fruit has done; it has occasioned so much evil that it is impossible to escape from it. And if the Son of God had not been incarnated, and had not suffered and died for our salvation, then all mankind would have remained in endless, inconsolable, and unimaginable woe; for all would have been lost in their sins, and everlasting wailing and gnashing of teeth in hell, without any hope of salvation, would have been their lot, to which everlasting torments impenitent sinners are even now doomed." *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!

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.