

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

St. Sabbas

-tone 8

From thy youth thou wast offered to God as an unblemished sacrifice because of thy virtue, having been dedicated to Him before thy birth, O blessed Savva. Thou art an adornment of monastics and a praiseworthy citizen of the desert. Therefore, we cry to thee: "Hail, greatly renowned Father."

Now and ever, and unto the 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 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

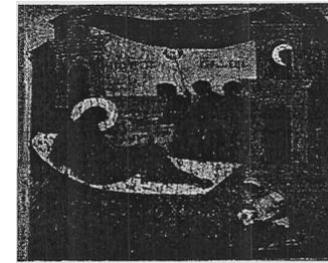
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

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

The Gospel according to Apostle and Evangelist St. Luke 17:12-19

Gospel

At that time Jesus, as He: entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."



Schedule

Saturday, December 11, 2021

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 12, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 19, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 24, 2021

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

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

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

Saturday, December 25, 2021

The Nativity in the flesh of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Eve of the Feast of Theophany

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

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

Blessing of Waters

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 5, 2021

24th Sunday After Pentecost; St. Sabbas the Sanctified

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"O how low has our nature fallen through our passion for eating! O, thrice accursed Satan, who has precipitated us, and still precipitates us, through food, into thousands of evils! O, food and drink, that so powerfully tempt us! How long shall we be allured by you and place our life in you? When shall we engrave deeply upon our hearts the Savior's words: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (St. Matthew 4:4)," and bring these words into our life and actions? How long will our greediness, self-indulgence, surfeiting, and drunkenness continue? How long will our abominable avarice and love of money continue? How long will our pride, animosity and malice against our neighbor, through money, dress, houses, food, and drink last? Thousands of Satan's deceits, by means of food, dress and money, disclose themselves to our spiritual vision, and yet we still continue to be allured by his enticements as though by something real, useful to us, whilst in fact we are caring for neither more nor less than destructive illusions, and for that which is most pernicious both spiritually and bodily to our own selves. Do not believe, brethren, in the enemy's enticements, not for one single moment, when the matter concerns food and drink, however plausible they may apparently be. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Robert	David	Joseph	Aprst Andrew
Bette	Hanna	Andrew	Aprst Moses
Conrad Family	Jacob	Magdalene	Aprst John
Claudia	Leah	Sbdcn Charles	Margaret
Karyn	Emily	Deborah	Matthew
Peter	Neil	Michael	Prst Josef (BP)
Rebecca	Ben	Laverne	Aprst Michael (BP)
Debbie	Sam	Victor	Aprst Gregory (BP)
Andrew	Elizaveta	Wilma	Dcn Paul (BP)
Mark	Emily	Michael	Dcn Peter (BP)
Kelly	Reader Nicholas (<i>travel</i>)	April	Mtshka Virginia (BP)
Ava	Diane (<i>travel</i>)	Joseph	Marie (BP)
Reader Peter (<i>travel</i>)	Ray	Michael	Zoe (BP)
Patricia (<i>travel</i>)	Jane	Barb	Paul
Andrew (<i>travel</i>)	Sandy	Barbara	Mary
Bridget (<i>travel</i>)	Nancy	Mark	Nicholas
Susan	Stephanie	Angela	Andrew
Janice	Julie	Elijah	Anthony
Richard	Catechumen Peter	Sophia	Christopher
Geraldine	Natalia	Matushka Tanya	Jackie
Jimmie	Hope	Mary	
Sandra	Justin	Met. HERMAN	(BP)
Delilah	Dymphna	Archpriest Basil	(BP)
Cheryl	Nicholas		
Sarah	Theodora		
Joyce	Theresa		
David	Subdeacon Andrew		
Adina	Lori Ann		
Judah	Deborah		
Karen	Timothy		
Helen	Amy		
Stephanie	Michael		

Those in the life to come

Joyce Galina
Robert
George
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir

"and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (St. Matthew 6:33)." "I spake not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees, which is hypocrisy (St. Matthew 16:11; St. Luke 12:1)," in matters of faith and piety. Pay the utmost attention to faith and piety. "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you (St. John 6:27)." Give away even the last that you have, if there is need of it, remembering the words of the Savior: "If any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also (St. Matthew 5:40)" - that is, give away the last that you have. "" *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.

St. Sabbas

TONE 8

With the streams of thy tears thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighs from the depths, thou hast born fruit a hundredfold in thy labors. Thou hast become a luminary, shining upon the world with miracles. O our righteous Father Savva, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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!