

Venerable Patapius

**tone 8**

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing thou hast taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

*Resurrection*

**tone 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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

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**tone 3**

Thy temple is found to be a source of healing, and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint. They seek the healing of their diseases and the forgiveness of their sins, for thou art a protector for all those in need, venerable Patapius.

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

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

**The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 4:1 – 6**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

*Alleluia*

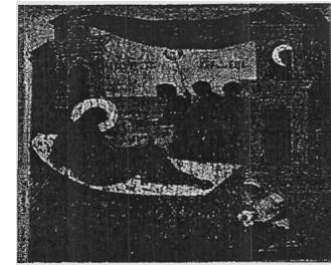
*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

*v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

**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 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Church School Yolka following

the Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

7:00 P.M. Panikhida Archbishop

JOB and Catechumen Shannon

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Vesperal Divine

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline and

Matins)

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Patapius  
of Thebes*

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“That man is of a noble and elevated spirit who mercifully and generously scatters his gifts upon all, and rejoices when he has an opportunity of doing good and giving pleasure to everybody without thinking of being rewarded for it. That man is of a noble and elevated spirit who never grows conceited and haughty towards those who frequent him and avail themselves of his bounties, does not neglect them in any respect, does not underrate them in any degree in his thoughts, but esteems them as he esteemed them at their first meeting with him, or much higher than at that time. As it is, it often happens that we grow conceited and proud towards those who have become ours, and, having become accustomed to them, speedily grow tired of them, and reckon them as nothing: we often place a man lower than a beloved animal or a beloved object. It is sometimes well during prayer to say a few words of our own, breathing fervent faith and love to the Lord. Yes, let us not always converse with God in the words of others, not always remain children in faith and hope: we must also, show our own mind, indite a good matter from our own heart also (Luke 15:18). Moreover, we grow too much accustomed to the words of others and grow cold in prayer. And how pleasing to the Lord this lisping of our own is, coming directly from a believing, loving, and thankful heart. It is impossible to explain this: it is only needful to say that when you are praying to God with your own words the soul trembles with joy, it becomes wholly inflamed, vivified, and beatified. You will utter few words, but you will experience such blessedness as you would not have obtained from”

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

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

### ***Those in the life to come***

Ephrosene	Dennis	Steve
Regina	Al	
Catechumen Shannon	Archpriest Thomas	
Rich	Gerry	

"saying the longest and most touching prayers of others, pronounced out of habit and insincerely. When you ask anything of the Lord, immediately contemplate His merciful and generous Right Hand, bestowing upon you His gifts, for it is His Right Hand that has given and still gives, from God's abundance, everything to all, and consider as foolishness any doubt whether you will or will not obtain that which you ask for - a foolishness similar to that of which the Psalmist said, "The fool hath said in his heart: there is no God (Psalm 14:1)." Thus, in asking any good and generous man for help, we represent to ourselves beforehand his outstretched hand; for earthly benefactors, after the example of their All-merciful Father, are merciful and generous, and give us that which we ask them for immediately after our request, as it is said: "What man is there of you, whom if his son shall ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father, Which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him (Matthew 7:9-11)." When you experience oppressive waywardness of heart and unbelief in respect to any object of faith, then know that the enemy is in your heart, and that he mocks at your ignorance, your weakness, and your inconstancy in faith. Sincerely condemn at once your foolishness, your blindness, your sinful inconstancy in faith, and your ingratitude to God, for the former light of you heart and former benefits, received by you through faith in that object (for instance, in the relics of the saints) which your heart in its sinful obstinacy now denies, or in which it does not now believe as it formerly believed, and the Master will have mercy upon you; your anguish will cease and you will be at rest. O, the enemy wishes that even in matters of faith everything should be in accordance with his falsehood! The new man (regenerate) finds pleasure in obedience, whilst the old man wishes to resist and obey. Therefore, O Lord, Thy Will be done. I accept, as an expression of Thy Will, all that is required of me by the authorities set over me, all that others do to me (patience), all that happens to me, for nothing happens without Thee. Thou art in everything, throughout all and everything."

***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!

*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.