

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

Venerable Patapius

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 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 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, 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,

God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 28, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 29, 2024

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 3, 2025

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

Saturday, January 4, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Eve of Feast of Theophany

STRICT FAST DAY

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 08, 2024

24th Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Patapius of Thebes; 362 Martyrs of Africa; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Caesar, & Onesiphorus of the Seventy

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"Being occupied with vanity and vain pleasures, you have neither the time nor the desire to penetrate into the spirit of the Christian religion, of the Christian Divine Service, and to know the rules of the Church, the purpose of the festivals of the Orthodox Church, of the fasts, and, in particular, the signification of every week of the great Lent, or of the historical reminiscences connected with each week. You sometimes know by heart a play that is given at a theatre, of how many acts or scenes it consists, what are its contents in general and in particular; yet you do not know the essence of the sacraments, although they give eternal life, and the unspeakable blessings of that life to those who receive them worthily. You do not know the essence of the Divine Service of the holy Orthodox Church - your Mother, who nourishes, warms, purifies, sanctifies, and strengthens you upon her holy, maternal bosom. You do not know the nature and signification of the Evening and Morning Services, nor the Liturgy, the usual psalm singing, the readings and rites of the Church. Some people justify play-acting, and call it instructive and moral, or harmless, or at least a lesser evil in comparison with drunkenness and"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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| Randy | Archpriest Vladimir | Magdalene |
| Gebru | Archbishop PAUL | John |
| Christine | Archimandrite Innocent | |
| Archbishop PETER | Edward | |
| Agnes | Francis | |
| <u>James</u> | Jean | |
| Matushka Olga | Olga | |
| Archpriest Thomas | Cheryl | |
| Metropolitan THEODOSIUS | Nancy | |

"profligacy; and with this object they endeavor to organize theatrical performances everywhere. It is wonderful that Christians have not found any better way of spending their precious time than the theatre, which both by its origin and meaning preserves, even up to now, a heathenish, idolatrous character: a character of vanity, frivolity - a character showing in itself, in general, the fullest reflection of all the passions and deformities of this world: of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; and only seldom, very seldom, represents the valor of the sons of their country, and even then, of course, of an earthly country, and not of the heavenly one. Everything heavenly, holy, bearing the stamp of Christianity, is foreign to the theatre; and if it does sometimes appear on the stage, then it is made the subject of ridicule. The very name of God, terrible to every creature, is only pronounced there heedlessly, with derision and scoffingly; the sacred calling - for instance, the monastic calling, the angelic calling - is turned into ridicule; the respect for authorities, for parents, and the clergy is prejudiced when any reprehensible actions of such persons are publicly turned into ridicule, and this before the whole of society, before thoughtless young people, even before children, to whom the names of their parents and superiors ought to be sacred." 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.

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

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!