

Forefathers

ZONE 2

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: She who bore Thee without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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ZONE 6

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou doest will.

Prokeimenon

ZONE 4 (*The Song of the Fathers*): Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Vs. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 3:4 – 11

Epistle

Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

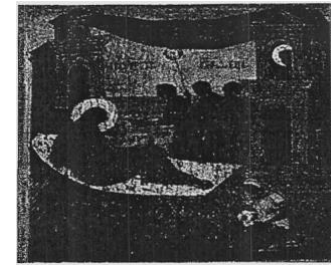
Alleluia

Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.

Luke 14:16 - 24

Gospel

At that time Jesus said: “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”



Schedule

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

followed by Panikhida for

Archbishop JOB

Friday, December 23, 2022

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

God and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St.

John Chrysostom

2:00 P.M. Vespers

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

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Nativity in the flesh of our Lord

God and Savior Jesus Christ

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy (*of St.*

Basil the Great)

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Circumcision of our Lord & Feast

of St. Basil the Great

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy (*of St.*

Basil the Great)

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Strict Fast Day

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 4, 2022

26th Sundays After Pentecost; Sunday of the Forefathers

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Everything except true love is an illusion. If a friend behaves coldly, rudely, spitefully, insolently to you, say - this is an illusion of the enemy, if a feeling of enmity, arising from your friend's coldness and insolence, disturbs you, say: -- this is an illusion of mine; but the truth is, that I love my friend, in spite of everything, and I do not wish to see evil in him, which is an illusion of the demon, and which is in me also; I will be indulgent to his faults, for they are in me also; we have - the same sinful nature. You say that your friend has sins and great defects? So have you, -- You say, that you do not love him because of such and such sins and defects. Then do not love yourself either, because you have the same sins and defects as he has. But remember, that the Lamb of God took upon Himself the sins of the whole world. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant" for his sins, defects, and vices? Everyone "to his own master standeth or falleth (Romans 14:4)." But, in accordance with Christian love, you must be indulgent in every possible way to the faults of your neighbor, you must cure him of his wickedness, of his spiritual infirmity (for every coldness, every passion is an infirmity) by love, kindness, meekness, humility, as you yourself would wish to receive from others, when you suffer from a similar infirmity. For who is not subject to infirmity? Whom does the most evil enemy spare? Lord! Destroy all the snares of the enemy in us. Remember what man is. He is the image of God, a child of God, a Christian, an inheritor of the Kingdom, a member of Christ. We must therefore esteem every man, although he may bear in his soul the wounds of"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Amy	Beverly	Michael
Eva	Margaret	Barb
Helen	Carl	Barbara
Diane	Ann	Mark
Anthony	Dymphna & CTBB	Angela
Marissa	Justin	Elijah
James	Hope	Sophia
Mary	Nicholas	Matushka Tanya
Earl	Theodora	Mary
Nancy	Presbytera Irené	Archpriest Moses
Craig	John	Archpriest John
Michael	Cyndi	Matushka Margaret
Macklynn	Peter (<i>Altan Wuliji</i>)	Matthew
Helen	Diana	Priest Joseph
Steven	Amy	Archpriest Michael
Michael	Michael	Matushka Virginia
Candy	Joseph	Paul
Priest Tiberiu	Andrew	Mary
Preoteassa Margarette	Magdalene	Nicholas
Brigid	Victor	Andrew
Bella	Wilma	Anthony
Keith	Michael	Christopher
Ron	April	Jackie
	Joseph	

Those in the life to come

Richard	Michael
<u>Cynthia</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	
Archbishop PAUL	
Adelia	

"sins. The wounds - are wounds; they are made by the Devil and sin, but still the image is the image of God. We must pity him for his wounds, grieve, pray for him as for ourselves: for we are all - one body. "And hath made of one blood all nations (Acts 17:26)." "We are all partakers of that one bread (1 Corinthians 10:17)." Do not pay attention to diabolical disturbances, separations, and animosities. Repeat: everything is - one. Say: we are - one. Count all worldly delights as - dross and corruption; do not love anything earthly, do not grudge anything earthly to any man, and do not nourish any animosity against him through such things. Love aspires to rejoice the beloved and is sparing of nothing. Lord, grant that I may see my transgressions, that I may not despise sinners, like unto myself, and may not nourish any ill-feeling in my heart against them for their sins, that I may despise myself as I deserve, as the greatest of sinners, and that I may ever feel an implacable hatred of myself - of mine own carnal man: "If any man ... hate not His own life, he cannot be My disciple (St. John 14:26)," says the Lord. God is the Creator and Ruler of the whole world and everything in it is - His work, the fruit of His power and Wisdom. There is no need to ask anyone whether we ought to spread or propagate the Glory of God, either by writing, or by word, or for good works. This we are obliged to do according to our power and possibility. We must make use of our talents. If you think much about such a simple matter, then, perhaps, the Devil may suggest to you such foolishness as that you need only be inwardly active. The principal characteristic of this present, temporal life is temptation. What is sweeter than love? And yet there is not much love in us! Wherefore? We love our flesh exceedingly, and with it everything carnal, material and earthly! Let us, therefore, despise the flesh and walk by the spirit, mortifying the works of the flesh by the spirit. Avarice occasions a waste of love, and inspires hatred against those who deprive or rob us of our property; whilst hearty generosity arouses love for those, to whom we are liberal; forced generosity, however, also produces dislike. Avarice proceeds from - the Devil, generosity from - God. He is the Father of bounties. Every attachment to material things proceeds from - the Devil; neglect, contempt of material things and indifference to them, for the love of God - from God. Amen. "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light (St. Matthew 11:30)." Thus the Lord's commandments are easy and light. Whilst the Devil's yoke is evil, and his burden heavy. But what do we see? We transgress the Lord's commandments and fulfil those of the Devil. How accursed are we!" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.