

Forefathers

TONE 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.

Kontakion

Forefathers

TONE 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

TONE 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.

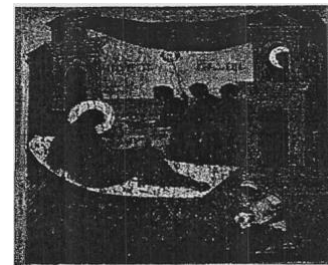
Alleluia

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.

The Gospel according to Apostle and Evangelist St. Luke 14:16-24

Gospel

The Lord told this parable: “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

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:00 A.M. Pieroghies

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

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

Friday, January 6, 2022

Theophany

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 12, 2021

25th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Holy

Forefathers; St. Spyridon the Wonderworker,

Bishop of Tremithus

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“After their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears (2 Timothy 4:3).” Is not this what men of the world, and even many of the clergy are now doing? Do they not choose for themselves teachers that flatter their hearing? They do not learn of the one Teacher -- Christ, from His Gospel and His Church; but they learn of worldly journalists, novelists, poets, actors, and exclaim: “Ah, how interesting all this is! - how instructive it all is!” and say, if not in words, then by their deeds: “We have no need of either the Gospel or the Church, with its services, its sacraments, and preaching of God’s Word. We have such good, such most moral teachers.” Lord Jesus! To what have we come! They have cast Thy words behind them (Psalm 1:17). Do not be despondent and do not fall into despair when you feel within your soul the deadly breath and ferment of malice and evil, impatience and blasphemy, or any weakness from impure thoughts; but fight against them unremittingly and endure valiantly, calling with all your heart upon the Lord Jesus - the Conqueror of hell. Humble yourself deeply, deeply acknowledging yourself from the depths of your soul as the first of sinners, unworthy of human fellowship, and the Lord, seeing your humility and your struggle, will help you. Call also to your help the speedy Mediatrix, the Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, saying: “Heal, most pure Lady, the many painful wounds of my soul, and strike the enemies constantly fighting against me (Canon to the Guardian Angel).” If you truly call God your Father, then trust in Him as in the one Father.”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

Michael
Joyce
Robert
George
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS

"most merciful, Almighty, most wise, unchangeable in His love and in His perfections. Trust in Him in respect to the blessings of this temporal life, but especially in respect to granting you future blessings in Christ Jesus. Engrave deeply on your heart the words: "God is my Father. Our Father, which art in heaven." But as through the love of the heavenly Father for you, you yourself have become the child of God, as having come forth from Him, as possessing reason and free will, you ought, on your part, to use all your efforts to attain the blessed and eternal heavenly inheritance; you ought to know and always remember that you are a fallen being. And as you fell possessing reason and freedom - fell by your own will - then by that same reason, which is enlightened by the light of the word of God and the divine light of the Holy Ghost, by that same free will, strengthened by the grace of the Holy Ghost in Christ Jesus, rise up from your fall and go forward without stopping towards the heavenly, endless life, despising all earthly things as perishable and quickly passing away, and especially not attaching yourself to silver and gold, to food and drink, through which such a depth of evil has fallen upon all the human race." *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!