

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

*St. Herman*

**TONE 3**

The eternal light of Christ our Savior, guided thee, O blessed father Herman, on thine evangelical journey to America, proclaiming the Gospel of peace. Now thou dost stand before the throne of Glory; intercede for thy land and its people peace for the world and salvation for our souls!

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Forefathers*

**TONE 6**

Ye 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!

**Another (St. Herman) TONE 7:** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

**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.*

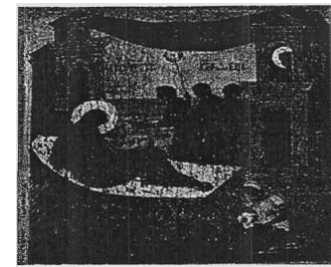
*v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

*v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.*

**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**

**Friday, December 18, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Panikhida – 11<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of repose of

Archbishop JOB

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers of Liturgy of St. Basil

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

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, January 2, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Holy*

*Forefathers; Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius,*

*Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste;*

*St. Herman of Alaska*

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“Many and various are the obstacles upon the narrow way: you wish to pray – the enemy oppresses you both spiritually and physically; you feel it your duty to write a sermon; you are oppressed by slothfulness; oppression is everywhere. The smoke of hell endeavors to darken and straiten your soul even when the Most Holy and terrible Sacrifice lies before you, when you communicate of It, and also at the time of the celebration of all the sacraments. The greater the Holy Office, the more violently and furiously the enemy attacks you. God is goodness, He is like inexhaustible chrisim; the spiritual world is the development of this goodness, like an ocean of fragrant chrisim, the material world also. How can we not hope to obtain all good things from such goodness? The Lord in His goodness has diffused Himself into all creatures, like chrisim, without having in any wise exhausted Himself. At the approach of the great festivals you must be especially watchful over yourself. The enemy endeavors beforehand to chill the heart towards the subject of the event celebrated, so that the Christian should not honor it by the heartfelt consideration of its reality. He acts upon us either through the atmosphere, or through the food and”

**Prayer Requests**

*Those in this earthly life*

Priest Patrick	Geraldine	John	Angela
Bruce	Cheryl	Courtney	Elijah
Heather	Linda	Magdalene	Sophia
Joe	Anthony	David	Matushka Tanya
Roger	Frank	Adina	Mary
Dan	Jeri	David	Protopresbyter Michael
Marie	Frank	Reader George	Protopresbyter Radomir
Paul	Cheryl	Marie	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Vicky		Michael	Arprt Joseph (BP)
Michelle		Dymphna & CTBB	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Mikhail		Justin	Arprst John Zabinko (BP)
Steven		Hope	Mtk Mrgaret Zabinko (BP)
Amy		Nicholas	Matthew Zabinko
Michael		Subdeacon Charles	Priest Josef (BP)
Joseph		Deborah	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Andrew		Michael	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Peter		Laverne	Archpst Christopher (BP)
Rebecca		Deacon Matthew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Subdeacon Paul		Dnsa. Christine	Archpriest Myron (BP)
Judith		Abigail	Deacon Paul (BP)
Carter		Aidan	Deacon Paul (BP)
Jonah		Eve	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Nancy Ann		Cynthia	Helen (BP)
Debbie		Victor	Theodore (BP)
Constance		Wilma	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
David		Michael	Paul
Kristine		April	Mary
George		Joseph	Nicholas
Layla		Michael	Andrew
Kimberly		Barb	Anthony
Delilah		Barbara	Christopher
Cheryl		Mark	Jackie

*Those in the life to come*

Odesa	Patriarch IRINEJ	James
Dorina	Svetlana	Helen
Richard	Ernest	<u>Robert</u>
Kim	Louise	Archpriest Thomas
Archbishop DAVID	Michael	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Ann Crowell	Bill	Steve Huniak

"drink we have taken, or through his fiery arrows, plentifully darted at the heart and violently inflaming the entire man, at which time evil, impure and blasphemous thoughts occur to us, and we feel a hearty aversion to the subject of the solemnity. We must overcome the enemy by forcing ourselves to devout meditation and prayer. When during prayer the enemy suggests within you a craving for food, despise this material, nervous irritation, strengthen your heart more powerfully by prayer, inflame it by faith and love, and say to the tempter the following words of the Lord: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (St. Matthew 4:4)." Prayer is my best food, fortifying and enlightening both the soul and the body." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**TROPARIA**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

*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!

*St. Herman*

**TONE 4**

O blessed Father Herman of Alaska, north star of Christ's holy Church, the light of thy holy life and great deeds guides those who follow the Orthodox way. Together we lift high the Holy Cross thou didst plant firmly in America. Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, singing his holy Resurrection.

**Kontakia**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 2**

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior praises Thee forever.

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