

*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.*

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**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.

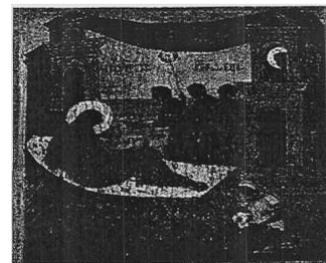
*Alleluia*

*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.*

**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*

**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. Vespers

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

*Civil New Year; Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;*

*Feast of St. Basil the Great*

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

Basil the Great

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Forefathers; Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Ilyria and his mother, Martyr Anthia*

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“God is a spiritual Being from Whom everything has received its existence, and without Whom nothing can be imagined; in Whom everything has its origin, continuation, life and preservation; Who is infinitely greater than any time and space; Who never had either beginning not ending; before Whom everything is as though it did not exist, Who is wholly everywhere; Who is not restricted either by any space or any atom, nor mountain, no heavenly body, nor sea, nor air, nor fire, nor earth; Who Himself eternally fills all space, and Who Himself by His Power keeps in existence everything that exists, Who is in every place, in every unimaginable point of space, and Himself unlimitedly contains every space - in a word, God is that which Is, that is to say, as it were, alone existing, the One Who Is. If, during service, your brother does anything irregularly, or somewhat negligently, do not become irritated, either inwardly or outwardly with him, but be generously indulgent to his fault, remembering that during your life you yourself commit many faults, that you yourself are a man with all infirmities, that God is long-suffering and most merciful, and that he forgives you and all of us our iniquities an innumerable multitude of times. Remember the words of the Lord's Prayer: “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.” These words should always remind us that we ourselves at all times are great trespassers, great sinners before God, and that, remembering this, we should be humble in the depths of our hearts, and not be very severe to the faults of”

## ***Prayer Requests***

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

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

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

Ephrosene	Dennis	Steve
Regina	Al	
Catechumen Shannon	Archpriest Thomas	
Rich	Gerry	

"our brethren, weak like ourselves; that as we do not judge ourselves severely, we must not judge others severely, for our brethren are - our members, like ourselves.

Irritability of temper proceeds from want of self-knowledge, from pride, and also from the fact that we do not consider the great corruption of our nature, and know but little the meek and humble Jesus. God tries the various sinful attachments of our hearts in different ways: one, the miserly, He tries by the loss of his money or his property, or a part of it, allowing thieves to steal, or brigands to rob him; another by fire, or inundation; another by useless expenditure through unsuccessful business affairs; another by illness and expenses for medicines and doctors connected with the illness; another by the loss of wife, sister, or friend; another by dishonor. He tries all in different ways, in order to disclose to each the weak diseased parts of his heart, and to teach each one to correct himself. In many a sword shall pierce through their own soul that the thoughts of their hearts may be revealed (St. Luke 2:35)." Therefore, whatever loss may have occurred to your property, believe that it is the will of God, and say: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord (Job 1:21)." Why does a man sometimes suddenly get into such a frenzy that he becomes violently angered, speaks quickly, abruptly and incoherently, wrings his hands, tears his hair, or in his passion strikes others, foolishly breaks everything that falls into his hands, and behaves like a madman, or like one infuriated? Evidently because in his heart the subcelestial spirits of evil are working, instigating men to every wickedness, and breathing evil and destruction upon all and everything. Why are there both suicides of all kinds, as well as murderers of others? From the working of the immemorial suicide and murderer - the Devil - in the hearts of suicides and murderers. This is why Christ, the Savior and the Christian religion command everyone to have that meekness and humility which do not allow the spirits of evil and pride, seeking the death of all and each one, to work in the hearts of true Christians. The Lord says: "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart (St. Matthew 11:29)." The wrath of man is a terrible unnatural phenomenon in a man; it is often aroused in the heart by the most unimportant causes - mostly through the self-love or pride concealed in our heart. We must remember that "The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. (James 1:20)."" *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.