

## **Kontakia**

*Resurrection*

### **TONE 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

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

*Nativity of the Virgin Mary*

### **TONE 4**

Today the universe rejoices, for Anna has conceived the Theotokos through God's dispensation, for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word!

### ***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*

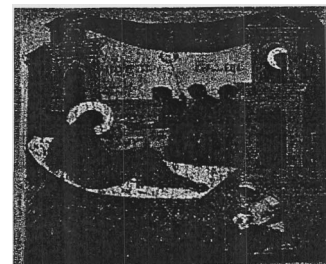
*Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.*

*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***

#### **Saturday, December 22, 2018**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, December 23, 2018**

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **Monday, December 24, 2018**

*Eve of the Nativity of our Lord*

**STRICT FAST DAY**

8:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespersal Divine

Liturgy

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

#### **Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, December 29, 2018**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, December 30, 2018**

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, January 5, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespersal Liturgy

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

#### **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, January 12, 2019**

3:30 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, January 13, 2019**

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, January 19, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, January 20, 2019**

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

*29<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Prophet Haggai*

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“We are in the habit of saying: “Had I not looked, I should not have been tempted;” “Had I not heard, my heart would not have ached;” “Had I not tasted, I should not have desired.” You see how many temptations arise from our own sight, hearing, and taste, How many have suffered and still suffer because their hearts were not firm in their good inclinations, because they imprudently looked with impure eyes, because they heard with ears unaccustomed to discern between good and evil, because they greedily tasted! The senses of the sin-loving, greedy flesh, unrestrained by reason and by God’s commandments, have drawn them into various worldly passions, have darkened their minds and hearts, deprived them of peace of heart, and taken away their free-will, making them the slaves of the senses. Thus you see how necessary it is to look, listen, taste, smell, and feel prudently; or, rather, how necessary it is to guard your heart so that through your outward senses, as through a window, no sin may steal in, and that the author himself of sin – the Devil – may not darken and wound that heavenly fledgeling, our soul, with his poisonous and deathly arrows. The soul receives the Lord into it in the Life-giving Sacrament by the thought of faith and by the heart’s acknowledgement that the Lord Himself is truly present in the sacrament, whilst our body receives the Lord through the mouth and the belly. When the single”

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

**Rosalee**  
**Richard**  
**Patiricia**  
**Ava**  
**Subdeacon Jason**  
**Layla**  
**Mary Magdalene**  
**Katie**  
**Archpriest John**  
**Matushka Molly**  
**Hannah**  
**Nina**  
**Sarah**  
**Archpriest David**  
**Preoteasa Stephanie**  
**Demitrios**  
**Abbey**  
**Vicky**  
**Josh**  
**Julie**  
**Emily**  
**Richard**  
**Abbot Sergius**  
**Michael**  
**Sharon**  
**Infant Laney**  
**Angie**  
**Michelle**  
**Nicholas**  
**Angie**  
**Nancy**  
**Theresa Billy** recovering  
from surgery  
**Matushka Larissa** *Finley*

**Zoe** *Finley*  
**Archpriest John**  
**Victor** *Len*  
**Wilma** *Len*  
**Michael** *Len*  
**April** *Len*  
**Joseph** *Len*  
**Michael** *Len*  
**Rebecca**  
**Peter**  
**Subdeacon Paul**  
**Judith**  
**Pate**  
**Emilia & CTBB**  
**Kenneth** Herman  
*Government Duty Abroad*  
**Elizabeth** Lauren Herman  
**Alexandria** Herman  
**Julia** Herman  
**Sarah** Herman  
**Barb**  
**Barbara**  
**Mark** Succarotte  
**Angela** Succarotte  
**Elijah** Succarotte  
**Sophia** Succarotte  
**Matushka Tanya**  
Succarotte  
**Archpriest Andrew**  
**Popadia Joan**  
**Lynsey**  
**Truman**  
**Thomas**  
**Huxton**

### Those in the life to come

**Priest Athanasius**  
**Maria**  
**Evgen**

**Deborah**  
**Marcia**  
**Archpriest Joseph**  
**Protodeacon Dennis**

**Linus**  
**Jennifer & CTBB**  
**Nathan**  
**Brooks**  
**Archpriest John** Zabinko  
**MatshkaMargaret**Zabinko  
**Matthew** Zabinko  
**Protopresbyter Radomir**  
**Barbara** Rogers  
*(Bishop PAUL's list)*  
**Archpriest Joseph** Gibson  
**Archprst Theodore** Bobosh  
**Archprst Emilian** Hutnyan  
**Priest Josef** von Klarr  
**Archpriest William** Bass  
**Matushka Virginia** Lecko  
**Archpriest Vladimir** Lecko  
**Matushka Barbara** Kopka  
**Helen** Lis  
**Thomas** Hutnyan  
**Theodore** Geletka  
**Vasilios** (Donald) Zelle  
**Subdeacon Charles** Gravatt  
**Julia** Gravatt  
**Paul** Wanda  
**Agnes** Fryntzko  
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**Mary** (Vicky *Uram*)  
**Nicholas** Zemcuznikov  
**Anne** Crowell  
**Andrew**  
**Anthony**  
**Christopher** Smith  
**Jackie**

**Matushka Helen**  
**Archpriest Thomas**  
**Oliver**

“moment both the soul, as an incomplex being, and the whole of the body with all its joints – because the soul fills the entire body, and because of the all-filling property of the Godhead. In the Christian life, temptations ad tests or trials of our spiritual condition are necessary; and as our life, like the furniture of a house, becomes covered with various stains, it is necessary to cleanse it. As for testing objects made, for instance, of silver, instruments are required, so likewise for testing the state of the soul, men are required, like for like, who, willingly or unwillingly, intentionally or quite unthinkingly, show us by their conduct in relation to us, in a manner apparent both to ourselves and others, whether we are obedient to God’s commands, declared to us in the Gospel, or not –whether we live according to the spirit, mortifying in ourselves the desires of the flesh, or according to the flesh, being obedient slaves to the will of the flesh and to the carnal thoughts and passions; so that we, recognizing that we are not living in accordance with the will of God, not in accordance with the commandments of our Sweetest Savior, but in accordance with our own sinful and blind will, may speedily amend and zealously follow the commandments of the Divine Gospel.” *My Life in Christ – St. John of Kronstadt*

### Troparia *Resurrection* **TONE 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

### *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.*

### Kontakia *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, or Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will.