

the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Alleluia

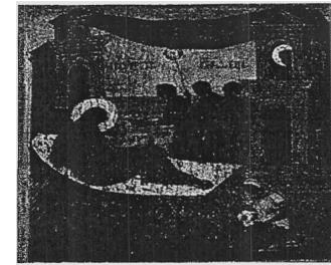
v: We have heard with our ears O God, for our fathers have told us.

v: For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame them that hate us.

Matthew 1:1 - 25

Gospel

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Joseph. And Joseph begot Jesus the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.



Schedule

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

8:30 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by the Great Blessing of Waters

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

7:00 P.M. Bible Study

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 18, 2022

27th Sundays After Pentecost; Sunday Before the Nativity; Martyr Sebastian of Rome and his companions – Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoe, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Always remember that your neighbor, whoever he (or she) may be, if he (or she) is a Christian, is a member of Christ, though he (or she) may be a sick one, but then you yourself are also sick, and you must always receive him (or her) with respect and love, converse with him (or her) heartily, entertain him (or her), and not grudge him (or her) anything: neither food, drink clothes, books nor money, if he (or she) has need of them. The Lord will reward you for him (or her). We are all His children, and He is - everything to us. We are all sinners, and "the wages of sin are" - misfortunes, troubles, sorrow and sickness, and - "death (Romans 6:23)." In order to be saved from sin, we must pray; and in order to pray, we must have faith and hope. Thus for us sinners, prayer, faith and hope are most necessary. Prayer ought not to cease coming from the mental, and even from the outward lips of a sinner. During prayer at home and at church against the craftiness of the evil, and the distraction of your thoughts, remind yourself of the simplicity of truth, and say to yourself: "simply," I believe in everything that I ask in the simplicity of my heart, and ask for everything simply; whilst all mine enemy's - craftiness, blasphemies, abominations, and illusions - I renounce. Let the origin, and the foundation, and the source of all your thoughts, words, and works, be humility, the consciousness of your own nothingness, and the fulness of the Godhead Which hath created and filleth everythina. and "worketh all in all (1 Corinthians"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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

"12:6)." *He who is infected by pride is inclined to show contempt for everything, even for holy and Divine objects: pride mentally destroys or defiles every good thought, word, act, every creation of God. It is the deadly breathing of Satan.*" *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!

Fathers

TONE 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

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

Kontakia

Fathers

TONE 6

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with 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 dost will!"

Prokeimenon

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

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:9 – 10, 17-23, 32-40

Brethren: by faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "*In Isaac your seed shall be called,*" concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of