

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

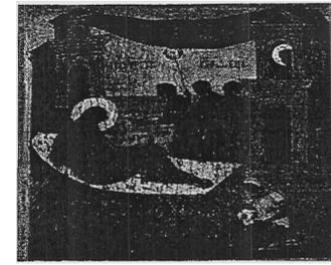
v: We have heard with our ears O God, for our fathers have told us.

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 Matthon, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph 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

Thursday, December 24, 2020

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers 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

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; Great Blessing of Waters

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Great Compline with Matins)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:15 P.M. Blessing of Waters

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 20, 2020

28th Sunday After Pentecost; Before the Nativity of Christ; Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch; Repose of St. John of Kronstadt (1908)

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Sometimes the enemy acts through evilly-disposed persons; through proud ones - by humiliation and contempt; through fanatics - by unbelief, free-thought, and scoffing at sacred things; through cruel masters - by tyranny and torments; through gluttons - by the allurements of dainties, of over-eating and drunkenness (to which, however, our flesh inclines); through the profligate - by the inclination to depravity or loss of chastity; through thieves - by the theft of our property; he afflicts us also; through those that hate and envy us, he deprives us of food, clothes, and dwellings through hard-hearted people; through all and everything earthly, by God's permission, he, as "the prince of this world (St. John 16:11)," as prince of the powers of the air, as "the ruler of the darkness of this world (Ephesians 6:12)," acts upon mankind to exasperate them and attract them to his side, making use of various seductions and oppression for this purpose. If the All-wise, All-merciful and Almighty Heavenly Father did not watch unwearingly over us and turn to good the innumerable wiles of the tempter, if we ourselves were not watchful, the bodiless evil-doer would have long ago subdued the world to himself, and on the earth no holy seed would have"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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

"remained which constitutes the substance thereof (Isaiah 6:13)." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

Forefeast

TONE 4

Mary was of David's seed, so she went with Joseph to register in Bethlehem. She bore in her womb the Fruit not sown by man. The time for the birth was at hand. Since there was no room at the inn, the cave became a beautiful palace for the Queen. Christ is born, raising up the image that fell of old.

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;

Kontakia

Fathers

TONE 1

Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare thyself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

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

Forefeast

TONE 3

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the angels and the shepherds the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

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