

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*

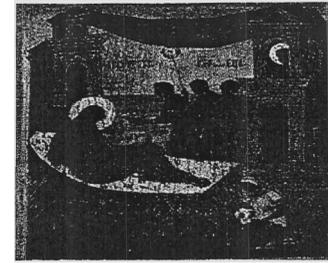
v: We have heard with our ears O God, for our fathers have told us.

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 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*

**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**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

*30<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday Before the Nativity, 10 Martyrs of Crete*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

“Those who do not believe in God’s omnipotence in the their thoughts and hearts depreciate the power of God, do not ascribe to Him even that property which air possesses, for air is everywhere. Is not the Creator of the air everywhere? Unbelief in God’s omnipotence – or, in general, any sin – serves itself as a strong proof that He is everywhere present. Thus at the time of unbelief my heart is straightened, experiences a kind of burning sensation; it is weary and tormented; my mind is darkened, and I am in a state of desolation. But when I believe , with lively faith, that God is everywhere, present in every place, and therefore that He is ever with me and within me, my heart expands; it is free, light, alive, and my mind is clear – I am in a joyful state. Thus the very thing which slays me serves as the most striking proof of the existence of that in which I was doubting. Unbelief torments me, because it is a calumny of my own heart or of the evil spirit against God, Who is my life. The mental denial by my free soul of life itself is naturally and rightly its death. Again, God is a thinking Being, and my soul is also a thinking being derived fro the first thought; therefore my intercourse with God takes place through thought, through faith of the heart, which is nothing else but a lively and clear thought that God is in every place. When I have no such thought it signifies that I have the opposite negative one;” *My Life in Christ – St. John of Kronstadt*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

**Kim Hammond**  
**Eugene Cheroniak**  
**Andrew Tedford** –  
*traveling with family*  
**Katherine Tedford**  
**Mary Tedford**  
**Alexandra Tedford**  
**Anna Tedford**  
**James Tedford**  
**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**  
**Nancy**  
**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

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

**Deborah**  
**Marcia**  
**Archpriest Thomas**  
**Victor**

**Linus**  
**Jennifer & CTBB**  
**Nathan**  
**Brooks**  
**Archpriest John Zabinko**  
**MatshkaMargaretZabinko**  
**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**

**Nicholas**

## Troparia

### *Resurrection*

#### **TONE 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

### *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;*

### *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 the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon