

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of Christ

TONE 3

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; The wise men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child.

Prokeimenon

TONE 2: The Lord is my strength and my song, He is become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

Another (Righteous Ones) TONE 4: God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

The Epistle is from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, *Brethren*: that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia

v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

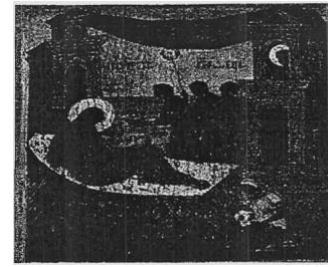
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call upon Thee!

v: Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness.

The Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew 2:13-23

Gospel

At that time: when the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned but God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



Schedule

Thursday, December 30, 2021

7:00 P.M. Funeral Service at Irwin Funeral Home, Granite City

Friday, December 31, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Madison, IL followed by Trisagion Service (brief Panikhida) and interment at Parish Cemetery

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Eve of the Feast of Theophany

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespersal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Great Blessing of Waters

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

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Theophany

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:30 A.M. Blessing of Waters at Wilmore Park, St. Louis

Saturday, January 8, 2022

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 26, 2021

27th Sunday After Pentecost; Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity; Sunday after the Nativity; Holy Righteous Ones; Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord; Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos

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"Say inwardly, from your whole heart: "The Lord is everything to me; I myself am nothing; I am powerless, I am infirm." "For without Me ye can do nothing (St. John 15:5)," says the Lord Himself, for it might be added; "I am everything to you." Be heartily convinced of this every moment of your life, and have recourse to the Lord absolutely in everything, trusting to obtain from Him everything necessary for your salvation, and even for this temporal life besides. If the Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, through Her union with God, and through Her unprecedented service to the Lord of all, most speedily becomes everything to all those who ask with faith and love for Her intercession, delivering them from every evil, and bestowing upon them everything which leads to their salvation, in accordance with their prayer, then will not the Lord Himself do still more? Only do not be unbelieving; do not be cold to Him in your soul and insensible as a stone, but stir up within you your faith, your gratitude for God's benefits, the sincere recognition of your sins, and your great love for your Savior, together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Who loves you with an immeasurable love. When praying to the Lord, to"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Chuck	Marshall	Deborah
Nicholas	Cecilia	Timothy
Diana	Michael	Amy
Elizabeth	Margie	Michael Aprst Michael (BP)
Kenneth	Hope	Joseph Aprst Gregory (BP)
Alexandria	Justin	Andrew Dcn Paul (BP)
Julia	Dymphna	Magdalene Dcn Peter (BP)
Sarah	Nicholas	Sbdcn Charles
Philip	Theodora	Deborah M. Virginia (BP)
Nicholas	Presbyteria Rene	Michael Marie (BP)
Megan	Priest Joseph	Laverne Zoe (BP)
Judith	Ioannis	Victor Paul
Subdeacon Paul	Ioannis	Wilma Mary
Shaun	Robert	Michael Nicholas
Rebecca	Bette	Joyce April Andrew
David	Conrad Family	David Joseph Anthony
Carol	Claudia	Adina Michael Christopher
Patricia	Karyn	Judah Barb Jackie
Richard	Debbie	Karen Barbara
Ava	Andrew	Helen Mark
Liliana	Mark Catechumen Peter	Angela
Alexander	Kelly	Natalia Elijah
Magdalene	Ava	Theresa Sophia
Lauren	Susan Subdeacon Andrew	Matushka Tanya
Sheila	Janice	Lori Ann Mary
Christopher	Richard	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Lucy	Geraldine	Archpriest Basil (BP)
Victoria	Jimmie	Archpriest Andrew (BP)
Austin	Sandra	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Tony	Delilah	Archpriest John (BP)
Jaylyn	Cheryl	Matushka Margaret (BP)
Christina	Sarah	Matthew (BP)
John		Priest Josef (BP)

Those in the life to come

Paul	Archpriest Thomas
Antonio	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Michael	Archpriest Vladimir
Joyce	Agnes
Robert	Galina
George	

"the Mother of God, or to the saints, always remember that the Lord will give you according to your heart. He will "grant thee according to thine own heart (Psalm 20:4)." Whatever the heart is, such will be the gift. If you pray with faith, sincerely, with all your heart, not hypocritically, then a gift will be given you by the Lord in accordance with your faith, in accordance with the degree of the fervor of your heart. And, on the contrary, the colder your heart is, the more incredulous and hypocritical it is, the more useless will be your prayer; not only this, the more it will anger the Lord, Who is a Spirit, and seeks to be worshipped in spirit and in truth (St. John 4:23, 24). Therefore, whether you call upon the Lord Himself, or His Mother, or the angels, or saints, call upon them with all your heart; whether you pray for anyone living or departed, pray for them with your whole heart, pronouncing their names with heartfelt fervor; whether you pray that any spiritual blessing may be granted you or anyone else, that you or anyone near to you may be delivered from any misfortune, or from sins, passions, or bad habits, pray for this with your whole heart, desiring for yourself or others with your whole heart the blessings you pray for, being firmly resolved to forsake, or desiring others to free themselves from sins, passions and sinful habits, and the Lord will grant you the gift according to your heart. "Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (St. John 15:7)" You see, therefore, that it is absolutely necessary to wish and long for that which you ask; for then only you will obtain it. "Pray one for another that ye may be healed (James 5:16)."" *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!

Nativity of Christ

TONE 4

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

Righteous Ones

TONE 2

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; you saw a Virgin great with child; you gave glory with the shepherds; you worshipped with the Magi; you received the news from the Angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.