

Prokeimenon

TONE 3: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v: Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!

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

Epistle of 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 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: In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

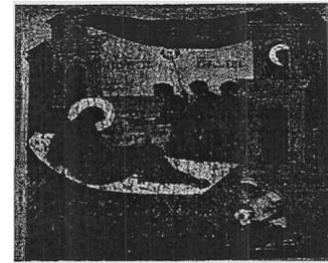
v: Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

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

Matthew 2:13 - 23

Gospel

Now when the wise men had departed, 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 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 by 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

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Civil New Year; Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Feast of St. Basil the Great

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Friday, January 3, 2020

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours for the Feast of Theophany

Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 5, 2020

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Vespers & Great

Blessing of Waters

7:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline & Matins)

Monday, January 6, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:15 P.M. Blessing of Waters at Wilmore Park, South City, St.

Louis, MO – Lake #1

Saturday, January 11, 2020

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 12, 2020

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 18, 2020

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 29, 2019

28th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday After the Nativity; Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Great encouragement, consolation and hope are afforded to those who pray by the following reassuring words of the Lord: "Ask, and it shall be given you ..." and further, "What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? (St. Matthew 7:7,9)" If anyone asks me anything, and I, though evil and corrupt by nature, listen to his requests, his words moving my heart to compassion and help, and my hand to giving, then will not my words, may most sincere prayer, move the Fount of mercies, the Lover of mankind, to have mercy upon me and help me, I, who am a sinner, but still His creature, and the work of His hands? If earthly fathers are merciful, will not the Heavenly Father be still more merciful? If I am merciful, will not God, the source of all mercy, be still more merciful? "If ye then, being evil, now how to give good gifts unto your children, how, much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? (St. Matthew 7:11)" Let your faith and hope in God be strengthened by the earthly relations of fathers to their children. For all of us are the children of the Father which is in heaven, Who is in truth the one Father of all creatures. When you feel that there is no peace in your heart, through an undue partiality towards anything earthly and worldly, and that, besides this, the heart breathes irritability and malice, be immediately on your guard, and do not let your heart be filled with the devilish fire. Pray"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Steve	Betty	Sophia
David	Earnie	Mary
Adina	Priest Joel and Matushka	Matushka Tanya
Elizaveta	Tarasia and all the faithful	Archpriest John
Michaela	of Annunciation Mission in	Matushka Margaret
Terry	St. James, MO	Matthew
Mary	Presbytera Aphtonomi	Protopresbyter Radomir
Don	Patricia	Archpriest Joseph
Theresa	Reader Stephen	Archpriest Moses
Maryanne	Nancy	Priest Josef
Dennis	David	Matushka Virginia
Heather	Marie	Archpriest Vladimir
Heather	Reader George	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Mike	George	Archpriest Gregory
Jessica	Catechumen Kristine	Archpriest Myron
Sandra	Janet	Deacon Paul
Roger	Larissa	Matushka Snezana
Geraldine	Zoe	Matushka Melania
Timothy	Archpriest John	Matushka Victoria
Thomas	Victor	Deacon Mark
Irene	Wilma	Helen
Subdeacon Paul	Michael	Theodore
Judith	April	Paul
Peter	Joseph	Mary
Rebecca	Michael	Nicholas
Magdalene	Barb	Anne
Paul	Barbara	Andrew
Amy	Joyce	Anthony
Alexandra	Mark	Christopher
Emily	Angela	Jackie
	Elijah	

Those in the life to come

Adelia
Lynn
Elder Ephraim
Ephrosene

Archpriest Thomas

"fervently, and strengthen by the power of God your passionate, impatient heart. Be firmly assured that the evil is kindled in your heart by the enemy; he chiefly assaults the heart through a full stomach. This is from experience. When you go to visit any of your relations or friends, do not go to their house in order to eat and drink well, but go there in order to take part in friendly and sincere conversation with them, to refresh your soul from worldly vanities by friendly and loving intercourse, to be mutually comforted by your common faith. For "I seek not yours, but you, (2 Corinthians 12:14)" says the Apostle. Charity, it is said, "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truthy (1 Corinthians 13:6)." It often happens to us to see the unrighteous, sinful doings of men, or to hear of them, and we have a sinful habit of rejoicing at such doings, and of shamelessly expressing our joy by foolish laughter. This is wrong, unchristian, uncharitable and impious. It shows that we have not Christian love for our neighbor in our hearts: for charity "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6)." Let us, therefore, cease doing this, so that we may not be condemned with the workers of iniquity." ***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!

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.

Righteous Ones

TONE 3

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!"

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.