

Prokeimenon

TONE 6: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

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: He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

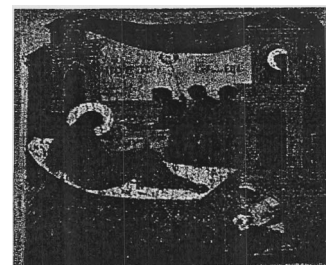
v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God in Him will I trust!

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

Friday, January 4, 2019

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

Saturday, January 5, 2019

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 6, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St.

Basil the Great

Saturday, January 12, 2019

3:30 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 19, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 26, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 1, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Feast of the Meeting of our Lord

9:45 A.M. Blessing of Candles

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 3, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

12:00 P.M. Parish Annual

Meeting

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 30, 2018

31st Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday After the Nativity, Holy Righteous Ones, Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord; Sunday Before Theophany; Virgin Martyr Anysia; Martyr Zoticus

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“Our body lives by means of those elements of which it is itself formed, constantly absorbing into itself air, water, and other organic bodies; our soul lives by means of the Divine Spirit, from Which it has its origin, and constantly absorbs into itself, for supporting its life, the life of God the Trinity, through the light of the intellect, through good inclinations and desires of the heart and will, and constancy in goodness. As the body, when it is not nourished by the elements natural to it, cannot live, and dies, so our soul, when not nourished by prayer or good thoughts, feelings, and works, also dies. As in our bodily nature the nourishment and growth of the body are satisfactorily accomplished for a time, but if accidentally, through food or drink or breathing, any poison or contagion enters the body, then suffering is at once occasioned, and even death, should not help be given in time; so or in our spiritual nature everything goes on satisfactorily for a time, but if it is corrupted by the Devil, then it suffers grievously, becoming as if benumbed, and it requires the speedy help of the heavenly Physician, the God of spirits, which can only be received through the prayer of faith. (The artifices of the Devil in the soul of man correspond to the action of poison upon the bodily)”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Kyle
Elizaveta *Whethington*
Michaela *Whethington*
Benjamin
Aspasia *Prodes*
Nicholas *Prodes*
Alexander *Prodes*
Adelia
Stephen
Kim *Hammond*
Eugene *Cheroniak*
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

Those in the life to come

Sharon
Tim
Priest Athanasius
Maria

Evgen
Deborah
Marcia
Archpriest Thomas

Huxton
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
Agnes Fryntzko
Mary (Vicky *Uram*)
Nicholas Zemcuznikov
Anne Crowell
Andrew
Anthony
Christopher Smith
Jackie

“nature; with the difference that the poison of material nature seldom enters into our body, while the artifices of the Devil are always with and about us.) As, for the nourishment and support of the life of our body, the means by which it lives are ever at hand namely, light, air, water, and food – of which air, as the most necessary element for life, constantly surrounds us, and water also is always easily to be found, as well as vegetable and animal food – so also the forces for supporting the life of our soul are always, ready in abundance – its spiritual food, drink and raiment – in God the Trinity. Being wholly in every place, like air, or like mental light, the Lord is ready at every moment of our life – according to our faith, and on account of the constantly prayerful disposition of our soul – to support our spiritual forces by His all-active grace; to be the uninterrupted light of our mind and heart; the air by which our soul breathes; the food by which it is nourished and strengthened; the life-giving warmth by which it is warmed; and the garment with which it not only covers its sinful nakedness, but with which it also adorns itself as with royal purple – that is, the garment of Christ’s justification.” *My Life in Christ – St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia
Resurrection
TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, 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.

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.