

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

St. Barbara

TONE 4

By devoutly following Him Who is praised in Trinity, O revered Passion-Bearer, thou didst forsake the shrines of the idols, and contested in the midst of the arena, O Barbara, not cowering before the tyrants' threats, thou didst cry out in a loud voice: "I worship the Trinity in one Godhead."

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

St. John of Damascus

TONE 4

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor, the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church, the defender of her doctrines: through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins may be granted to all.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

By thy Nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

Prokeimenon

TONE 8: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

Vs. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 4:1 – 6

Epistle

Brethren: I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Luke 17:12 - 19

Gospel

At that time Jesus, as He: entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."



Schedule

Saturday, December 10, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 11, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 23, 2022

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

God and Savior Jesus Christ

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

John Chrysostom

2:00 P.M. Vespers

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

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Nativity in the flesh of our Lord

God and Savior Jesus Christ

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

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

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Circumcision of our Lord & Feast of St. Basil the Great

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

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 4, 2022

25th Sundays After Pentecost; Greatmartyr

Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in

Syria; Ven. John of Damascus; Glorification of

Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander Hotovitsky

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"God is that Which Is (Existing). In Him, all the Saints, all reasonable and free beings are - one. "As Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us. (St. John 17:21)." I, myself, - am nothing: God is everything in me, God is in all, and God is everything to all - "Our Father, Which art in heaven!" When you call in prayer upon the Lord God in Three Persons, remember that you are calling upon the unoriginate Father of all creatures, angels, and men; that all the heavenly Powers are in wonderment at you as you call upon Him, and look lovingly upon you that you are able to call with faith, love, and becoming reverence upon our and their common Father, the Almighty, Creator and Lord, Whom they love boundlessly, Whom they reverence deeply. O, what great happiness and blessedness, what an honor, how sublime a thing it is to be able to call upon the eternal Father! Value continually and unchangeably this highest happiness, this blessedness which the infinite mercy of God has reserved to you and do not forget it during the time of your prayer. God hears you, God's saints and angels hear you. (February 26th, 1864.) I shed tears while writing these lines. "Christ is all and in all (Colossians 3:11) (in the holy angels, in holy men, and in Christians living, or endeavoring to live holily upon earth), "and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church which is His body (Ephesians 1:22, 23)." Thus, the Church - God's saints, the Mother of God, the angels, the prelates, the martyrs, the holy fathers, the righteous, and all holy"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Diane	Ann	Joseph
Anthony	Dymphna & CTBB	Michael
Marissa	Justin	Barb
James	Hope	Barbara
Mary	Nicholas	Mark
Earl	Theodora	Angela
Nancy	Prebytera Irené	Elijah
Craig	John	Sophia
Michael	Cyndi	Matushka Tanya
Macklynn	Peter Rebecca	Mary
Helen	Subdeacon Paul	Archpriest Moses
Steven	Judith	Archpriest John
Michael	Peter (<i>Altan Wuliji</i>)	Matushka Margaret
Candy	Diana	Matthew
Priest George	Amy	Priest Joseph
Preoteassa Margarette	Michael	Archpriest Michael
Brigid	Joseph	Matushka Virginia
Bella	Andrew	Paul
Keith	Magdalene	Mary
Ron	Victor	Nicholas
Beverly	Wilma	Andrew
Margaret	Michael	Anthony
Carl	April	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Richard	Adelia
Cynthia	Michael
<u>Steven</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	
Archbishop PAUL	

"persons - are the Savior's body, and He Himself is - their Head. Our Lady, the Mother of God, is - the Sovereign of mental edification - that is, Our Lady and all the Saints are - one spirit with the Lord: so pure and holy are they, and they have the same relation to Him, or the same union with Him, as the members of a body to the head, and there is one spirit in them, the Spirit of God; as the soul is in one body, so is the one God and Father in them. And we - as the members of the earthly Church are also - one body. Our Lady, the Mother of God, is the most beautifully adorned temple of the Holy Trinity. She is, after God, the treasury of all blessings, of purity, holiness, of all true wisdom, the source of spiritual power and constancy. We are - one body of love. Food, drink, money, dress, houses, all earthly attributes are - **nothing**, whilst man is - everything; nothing is so precious as man. Man, by his soul, is immortal, whilst everything material is perishable and ephemeral; everything material is like dust. Everything is God's, nothing is ours. Man! Esteem the dignity of man, as the image of God and in the time of his need, do not grudge him any material help." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

Thy Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

St. Barbara

TONE 8

Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she broke the snares of the Enemy, and like a bird, escaped from them by the help and weapon of the most Honorable Cross.

St. John of Damascus

TONE 8

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs: all-wise father John, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.