

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

Today the universe rejoices, for Anna has conceived the Theotokos through God's dispensation, for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word!

Prokeimenon

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

Vs. Clap your hands all ye people, shout to God with loud shouts of joy!

Another (St. Anna) TONE 4: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 1:12 – 18

Epistle

For this reason, *Brethren*, we also, since the day we heard the grace of God in truth; do not cease to pray for you, that you may walk worthy of the Lord, giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Alleluia

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: The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord.

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 15, 2018

2:30 P.M. Meeting of Bishop with Fr. Nicholas and the Parish Council

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Hierarchical Visit

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 22, 2018

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 5, 2018

8:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespersal Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline &

Matins)

Sunday, January 6, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 9, 2018

28th Sunday After Pentecost; Conception of the Theotokos by the Righteous Anna

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“Jesus Christ, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, is an unfathomable abyss of love to men. In this abyss of mercy plenteousness of mercy for all will be found, only turn to God with faith, hope, and hearty contrition for your iniquities and your offences against the Lord, our Master and Benefactor. God is nearer to us than any man at every time. He is nearer to me than my raiment, nearer than the air or light, nearer than my wife, father, mother, daughter, son, or friend. I live in Him, soul and body. I breathe in Him, think in Him, feel, consider, intend, speak, undertake, work in Him. “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being (Acts 17:28).” “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13)” Therefore we must always see God before us at our right hand, we must be strong, and in order not to sin we must so place ourselves that nothing could thrust God from our thoughts and hearts, that nothing could hide Him from us – no undue partiality for food, drink, money, dress, house and its furniture, nor for any person – that no worldly distractions and pastimes could deprive us of our Most-sweet, Most-beloved Lord, but that we may every hour and every minute belong to Him, and perpetually be with Him, as He Himself is perpetually with us, as He constantly cares for us and guards us. But when I sin, or when I have any undue partiality for anything, then He is far from me, not in”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Archpriest John
Matushka Molly
Hannah
Nina
Sarah
Archpriest David
Preoteasa Stephanie
Sarah
Abbey
Vicky
Josh
Julie
Emily
Richard
Abbot Sergius
Michael
Sharon
Infant Laney
Angie
Michelle
Nicholas
Angie
Nancy
Randy
Sandi
Mark
Ronald
Theresa *Billy* recovering
from surgery
Matushka Larissa *Finley*
Zoe *Finley*
Archpriest John
Victor *Len*
Wilma *Len*

Michael *Len*
April *Len*
Joseph *Len*
Michael *Len*
Peter
Rebecca
Subdeacon Paul
Judith
Pate
Emilia & CTBB
Kenneth Herman
Government Duty Abroad
Elizabeth Lauren Herman
Alexandria Herman
Julia Herman
Sarah Herman
Barb
Barbara
Joyce
Richard
Mark Succarotte
Angela Succarotte
Elijah Succarotte
Sophia Succarotte
Matushka Tanya
Succarotte
Archpriest Andrew
Popadia Joan
Lynsey
Truman
Linus
Jennifer & CTBB
Nathan
Archpriest John Zabinko

Those in the life to come

Priest Athanasius
Maria
Evgen

Deborah
Marcia
Archpriest Joseph
Protodeacon Dennis

MatshkaMargaretZabinko
Matthew Zabinko
Protopresbyter Radomir
Barbara Rogers
(Bishop PAUL's list)
Archpriest Joseph Gibson
Archpriest Theodore
Bobosh
Archpriest Emilian
Hutnyan
Priest Josef von Klarr
Archpriest William Bass
Protdeacon Theodore Rose
Matushka Virginia Lecko
Archpriest Vladimir Lecko
Matushka Carol Janecek
Helen Lis
Thomas
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

Matushka Helen
Archpriest Thomas
Oliver

“in respect to His actually depriving me of His grace and His presence in my heart, for then His enemy, the Devil, dwells in me. As in a sea, lake, or river every particle of water is united to other particles and is surrounded by them, or as in the air every particle of it is surrounded by other particles and is united to them, so all of us earth-born creatures are surrounded by God on all sides, whilst those of us who are pure, or being purified, are united to Him and are everywhere with Him. All of us earth-born creatures – like water, like air, like a tree with many branches – form one whole, though often broken, by the envy of the enemy, by selfishness, irritability, animosity, disputes, pride, heresy and dissent, envy, avarice, unsociability, and other passions. On the other side, the Devil and his angels also form amongst themselves another whole, like dark, malignant, poisonous water or fiery, suffocating, deadly air. They surround us and endeavor to break into our souls when we are off our guard, or under the domination of various passions, in order to darken, disturb, oppress, inflame, and in every way torment us. Thus, for instance, you may sometimes chance to be walking in the pure sweet-scented air, when suddenly a foul odor from a cesspool strikes your sense of smell in an unpleasant manner, and you wish to pass quickly by this place, so as to breathe the wholesome air again: the stink of the Devil is like unto this. The Lord Himself likens the dark devilish hordes to air and water. He says: “The rain descended, and the flood came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house” (that is, upon the man, upon the human soul); “and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock (Matthew 7:25).” *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 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.

Righteous Anna the mother of the Theotokos **TONE 4**

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken, God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna. He has promised them beyond all their hopes to bear the Maiden of God, by whom the uncircumscribed One was born as mortal Man; He commanded an angel to cry to her: “Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with thee!”