

*Prokeimenon*

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

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

**Another (Song of the Theotokos) TONE 3:** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 3:12 – 16**

*Brethren:* Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

*Alleluia*

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

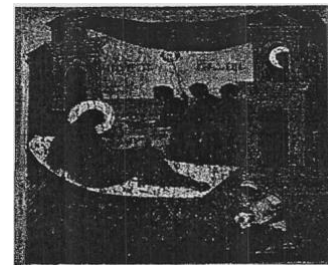
*v:* Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

*v:* Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Gospel*

For the Kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a long journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the Lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"



*Schedule*

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

1:00 P.M. Parish Annual Meeting

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

*Zacchaeus*

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

*Publican & Pharisee*

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

*Prodigal Son*

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

*Last Judgment*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

*35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Afterfeast of the Meeting; Venerable Isidore of Pelusium*

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*"You constantly notice that God does not tolerate the slightest momentary impurity in you, and that peace and God Himself leave you immediately after the admittance of any impure thought into your heart. And you become the abode of the Devil if you do not immediately renounce the sin. So that at every sinful thought, and still more at every sinful word and deed, we must say, "This is the Devil." Whilst at every holy and good thought, word, and deed, we should say, "This is God"; or, "This comes from God." Imagine therefore, now what a resplendently adorned, pure, and immovable Palace of the Almighty must have been the most-holy soul and the most-pure body of the Mother of God, in Whose womb God the Word came to dwell, and abode in Her by His Godhead with His most pure Soul and Body! Imagine what eternal, infinite, unchangeable holiness She is! Imagine of what reverence and glorification She is worthy! Imagine what we are: "A reed shaken with [the Devil's] wind (St. Matthew 11:7)." The Devil breathes his blasphemy into our hearts, and we are immediately shaken with it. We are disturbed, depressed, when we ought to despise all his blasphemies, or not pay any attention to them, looking upon them as an illusion."*

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

Daniel	<b>Cyndi</b>	Barb
Matushka Magdalena	Emily	Barbara
Dorothy	Samuel	Mark
Elijah	Benjamin	Angela
David	Sarah	Elijah
Adina	Avery	Sophia
Ioan	Alan	Matushka Tanya
Subdeacon Andrew	Jerry	Mary
Theresa	Mary	Archpriest John
Lori Ann	Diana	Matushka Margaret
Reader Stephen	Barbara	Matthew
Shawn	Elaine	Leonard
Gabriella	Victor	Dorothy
Catechumen Rebecca	Wilma	Priest Josef
Marie	Michael	Archpriest Michael
Michael	April	Reader Peter
Patricia	Joseph	Patricia
Alexandra	Michael	Matushka Virginia

**Those in the life to come**

Evelyn	Matushka Olga	Francis
John	Archpriest Thomas	Jean
Michael	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward
Archpriest Moses	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
Priest Emanuel	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
George	Archimandrite Innocent	
<u>Priest Stephen</u>	Olga	

*"As in God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are undivided, so also in prayer and in our life the thought, the word, and the deed ought to be undivided. If you ask anything of God, believe that it will be done in accordance with your request, as God pleases. If you read the Word of God believe that everything that is spoken of in it was, is, and shall be; or was done, is being done, and shall be done. Believe thus, speak thus, read thus, and pray thus. Great is the Word; great is the thinking, speaking, and acting soul, the image and likeness of the Almighty Trinity. Man, know yourself! Know what you are, and conduct yourself in accordance with your dignity." 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!

*Meeting of the Lord in the Temple*

**TONE 1**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou hast accepted in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

*Venerable Isidore*

**TONE 8**

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Isidore, rejoices with the angels.

**Kontakia**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 2**

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior praises Thee forever.

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

*Venerable Isidore*

**TONE 4**

Finding thee to be another morning star, O glorious one, the Church is illumined by the brilliance of thy words, and she cries out to thee: "Rejoice, most blessed and godly-minded Isidore."

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Meeting of the Lord in the Temple*

**TONE 1**

By Thy nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God; now Thou hast come and saved us by love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind.