

Meeting of the Lord

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.

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

Kontakia

Publican & the Pharisee

TONE 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!

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

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

TONE 1

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

Prokeimenon

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

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

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

Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 3:10 – 15

My son Timothy: you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of the all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

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

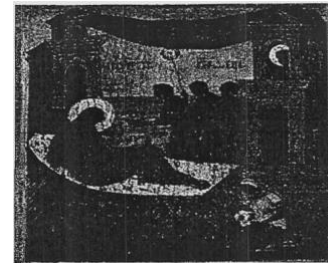
v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

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

Luke 19:1-10

Gospel

The Lord spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



Schedule

Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Prodigal Son

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:30 A.M. Peroghies

Saturday, February 22, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Last Judgment

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Forgiveness Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:00 P.M. Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 3 – Thursday,

March 6, 2025

7:00 P.M. Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 7, 2025

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Orthodoxy Sunday

BEGIN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

9:15 A.M. Church School

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, February 9, 2025

33rd Sunday After Pentecost; Leavetaking of the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple; Publican & the Pharisee; Martyr Nikephorus of Antioch in Syria

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Concerning modern works of charity. If you enjoy earthly blessings in full measure, and if you give to the needy, but indulge yourself still more, it means that you do good works without the least self-denial. Your works of charity are not great. But what else do we find? What are so-called works of charity? People arrange different entertainments with a charitable object - that is, they intentionally wish before all to serve their sinful flesh, the Devil, and only afterwards their neighbor and God. But this is no charity at all! Such works only bear the name of charity. "Let us do evil, that good may come (Romans 3:8)." "Woe unto you that are full, for ye shall hunger! Woe unto you that laugh now, for ye shall mourn and weep (St. Luke 6:25)!" When you pray to God and ask of Him various blessings - spiritual, heavenly, material, earthly - then for complete assurance of obtaining that which you ask for, or, in general, the blessing mostly needed by you, in accordance with the wisdom and grace of God, have in your mind and heart the following words of the Savior: -- "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Myer Family	Reader Simeon	Wilma
Kelly	Anna	Michael
Elyssa	Elizabeth	April
Marie	Edmund	Joseph
Craig	Catechumen Athanasius	Michael
Ruth	Alex	Barb
Greg	Julia	Barbara
Margaret	Martha	Mark
Carl	Kendra	Angela
Loraine	David	Elijah
Anastasia	Adina	Sophia
Amy & CTBB	Reader Stephen	Kathy
Deborah	Priest Andrew	Matushka Tanya
David	Popadija Joan	Mary
Paul	Eva	Archpriest John
Janet	Catechumen Mary	Matushka Margaret
Kristine	Alexandra	Matthew
George	Mary Magdalene	Priest Josef
Theresa	Diana	Archpriest Michael
Jake	Barbara	Reader Peter
Cecelia	Elaine	Patricia
Gabriella & CTBB	Victor	Matushka Virginia
Shawn		

"be opened. Or what man is there of you whom, if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know 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 7:7-11)?" When reading certain truths, do not say: "This is not new; this I know; I said this myself also." All this is diabolical pride. Such a frame of mind savors of the following sophistry: "I know everything, good and evil." It almost signifies: "I am omniscient." And many people do not read sermons and religious books because they think that they know all that is written there - that all that is written there is a repetition of what has been known to them long ago; whilst worldly books, in which indeed, there is always the one same empty worldly vanity, they read willingly, and sometimes several times over. O, impure flies that feed upon carrion! The Lord calls all of us to union with His divine nature, and we ought to carefully preserve the unity of the spirit in the union of peace, as members of Christ's body, as members of one another. "For we are members one of another (Ephesians 4:25).""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!

Those in the life to come

Nicholas	Aleksandra	Matushka Olga	Francis
Archbishop ANASTASIOS		Archpriest Thomas	Jean
Joe	Olivia	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Olga
Patricia		Archpriest Vladimir	Cheryl
Donald		Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Elizabeth		Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
<u>Robert</u>		Edward	John