

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

Hieromartyr Blaise

TONE 2

Godly shoot, unfading flower, most fruitful branch of Christ the Vine, God-bearing Blaise, fill with joy those who in faith honor thy memory as thou doest unceasingly intercede for us all.

Now and ever and unto the 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 3: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v: Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!

The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 1:15 – 17

My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

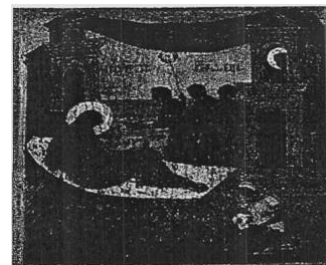
v: In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v: Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

Matthew 15:21-28

Gospel

At that time: Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



Schedule

Saturday, February 17, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Zacchaeus

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 9, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Last Judgment

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Forgiveness Sunday

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, February 11, 2024

36th Sunday After Pentecost; Hieromartyr Blaise

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Merciful Lady, ever manifest and show Thy power upon me, and upon Thy people who are God-fearing and virtuous, by delivering us, in accordance with our prayer, from impure, crafty, and blasphemous thoughts, from all our sins and passions, and from the snares of the Devil, for Thou art the merciful Mother of God. Pray to Our Lady the Mother of God, to the angels, and to all the saints, as you would pray to the Holy Ghost Himself; or rather, as you would pray to the Holy Trinity, Who sanctifies them and rests in them. "That they may be one in Us (St. John 17:21)." "For Thou art holy, our God, and restand in the saints (Exclamation from Vespers)." Amen. We all live in a kind of seductive darkness of the heart and intellect, but the Lord Jesus Christ is our enlightenment. The saints always see us by the grace of God, because they are in God and God is in them. They are one spirit with the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:17), and the Lord sees everything, hears everything. Therefore when, for instance, in church you look upon the images of God's saints, believe that they see you, and, above all, that they see your heart. By whatever passions enemies may attack you, endure it without falling into despondency, without anger, meekly and humbly, and do not allow any movement of impatience, malice, murmuring, and blasphemy to arise in your heart. Every creature witnesses to the infinite mercy and righteousness of the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

"Creator, even Satan himself and his angels by their shameful existence and most malicious snares against men prove the immeasurable mercy and righteousness of the Creator; for who were originally Satan and his angels? What lights, what treasuries of blessings, and of what were they deprived by their entirely voluntary ungratefulness, pride, malice, and envy, against the Lord? Did they not fall quite deliberately, intentionally, with the purpose of eternally waging war against the Creator and His creatures, reasonable beings endowed with speech? Judging by Satan's malicious actions in the world, by their number and power, we can guess how powerful a spirit was Satan, the fallen angel. Judging by Satan's malicious actions in the world, and his manifold enticements in men scattered throughout the whole world ("Which deceiveth the whole world (Revelation 12:9)"), we can guess how bright and full of truth he originally was. "Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God: every precious stone was thy covering (Ezekiel 28:13) Judging by the most evil, carnal, and impure desires suggested by him, we may conclude how amiable and perfect he was in the time of his goodness, received by him from the Creator! Judging by his craftiness and wicked wiles, we may guess how wise he was, and how much good he might have done, of how much service he might have been to his Creator in His providence for the inferior spirits or men. From this enormous colossus of evil, Satan, we may judge, what a great, good, beautiful, most bright, powerful, wise, creature Satan previously was." 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.

Hieromartyr Blaise

TONE 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. Hieromartyr Blaise, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Those in the life to come

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