

*Nativity of the Virgin Mary*

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*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.*

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***Prokeimenon***

**TONE 1:** Let thy mercy, O Lord be upon us / as we have set our hope on thee.

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!*

**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**

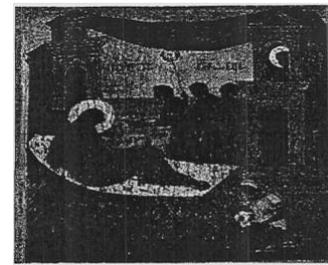
*v: God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me!*

*v: He magnifies the salvation of His King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to 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 19, 2022**

3:30 P.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

*Prodigal Son*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 26, 2022**

5:00P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

*The Last Judgment*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

*Forgiveness Sunday*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Followed by Forgiveness*

Vespers

**Monday, March 7 –**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

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

**Friday, March 11, 2022**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

*Sunday of Orthodoxy*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

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**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

*34<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Publican and the*

*Pharisee; Ven. Martinian of Caesarea in*

*Palestine*

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“Trust in prayer consists in uttering the petitions, thanksgivings, and praise with faith in the presence of God, and of His hearing them; and with the fear of God, not doubting, nor being in the least uneasy as to their acceptance and fulfilment, but in absolute assurance that God has heard them and accepted them upon His heavenly and mental Altar and that in accordance with the desire of our Mother the Church (if we pray in the name of the Church), as well as of our own heart. He will give us as the all-good Almighty and most wise, all that we ask, and more abundantly than we ask or mean. But the heart that has a partiality for fond food and drink, that is greedy for these, and is weakened by them, has not such trust; neither the heart in which hatred and animosity are concealed, nor that is bound by avarice, covetousness, and envy, until it puts away its infirmities and amends itself. In signing ourselves with the sign of the cross, with the three fingers we lay the upper end of the cross upon the forehead as an emblem of God the Father, Who is the uncreated Wisdom; the lower end of the cross upon the bosom as an emblem of the Son Who was begotten of the Father before all worlds, and which is in the bosom of the Father; and the transverse part upon the shoulders as an emblem of the Holy Ghost, Which is the arm or”

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

Karen	Reader Nicholas	Barbara
Andrew	Diana	Mark
Kevin	Presbytera Rene	Angela
William	Priest Joseph	Elijah
Kristine	Ioannis	Sophia
Christopher	Ioannis	Matushka Tanya
Mary	Catechumen Peter	Mary
Melissa	Natalia	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Michael	Theresa	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Tatiana	Subdeacon Andrew	Archpriest John (BP)
Devin	Lori Ann	Matushka Margaret (BP)
Patricia	Deborah	Matthew (BP)
David	Timothy	Priest Josef (BP)
Adina	Timothy	Archpriest Michael (BP)
Tory	Amy	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Matushka Ann	Michael	Deacon Paul (BP)
Deacon Michael	Joseph	Deacon Peter (BP)
Leonard	Andrew	Deacon Michael (BP)
Kyle	Magdalene	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Cecily	Subdeacon Charles	Mary (BP)
Damien	Deborah	Marie (BP)
Damaris	Michael	Paul
Reader Simeon	Victor	Mary
Alexei	Wilma	Nicholas
Patrick	Michael	Andrew
Beverly	April	Anthony
Ron	Joseph	Christopher
John	Michael	Jackie
Vicky	Barb	

**Those in the life to come**

Vera	Archpriest Vladimir
Joanna	Galina
LaVern	
<u>Paula</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	

"the power of God, or the hand of the Lord, as has been said: "To whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed (St. John 12:38; Isaiah 53:1);" or; "The hand of the Lord was there upon me (Ezekiel 3:22);" that is, the Holy Ghost. There is, besides, an image of the Holy Trinity in man himself. The thinking mind is the image of God the Father; the heart, in which wisdom dwells and expresses itself, is the image of God the Son, the Personal wisdom of God; the lips, through which that which is in the thoughts and in the heart proceeds, are the image of the Holy Ghost. "He breathed on them, and said unto them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost ... (St. John 20:22)" When "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications ... blasphemies ... (St. Matthew 15:19)" then it is the evil spirit nestling in man's heart which comes forth; but when "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth that which was good (St. Luke 6:45)," then that is the image of the Holy Ghost proceeding from the Father through the Son. How great, therefore, is man! It has not been said in vain: "I have said ye are gods, and ye are all children of the most Highest (Psalm 82:6)." "If He called them gods unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken [that is, if it has been said, then it must be true, immutable], say ye of Him Whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God (St. John 10:35, 36)." O, the dignity! O, the greatness of man! Do not look upon any man, especially upon a Christian, otherwise than as upon the Son of God, and receive him as the son of God, converse with him, behave with him as with the son of God, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**Troparia**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.