

## **First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:12 – 20**

*Brethren:* All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “*the two,*” He says, “*shall become one flesh.*” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

### *Alleluia*

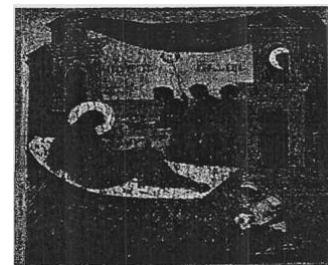
v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

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

## **Luke 15:11-32**

### *Gospel*

The Lord spoke this parable “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who had devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”



### *Schedule*

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

*LAST JUDGMENT*

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

*Forgiveness Sunday*

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,**

**Thursday, March 2-5, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Great Compline with

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

*Orthodoxy Sunday*

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Church, St.

Louis, MO followed by rite of

Triumph of Orthodoxy

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Divine

Liturgy

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

### **Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

*35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Prodigal Son; Martyrs Pamphilius, Valens, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel at Caesarea in Palestine; St. Nikolai, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan*

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“A man who is wrathful with us is a sick man; we must apply a plaster to his heart - love; we must treat him kindly, speak to him gently, lovingly. And if there is not deeply-rooted malice against us within him, but only a temporary fit of anger, you will see how his heart, or his malice, will melt away through your kindness and love - how good will conquer evil. A Christian must always be kind, gracious, and wise in order to conquer evil by good. If anyone has offended you, do not bear malice, and when he who has offended you looks kindly upon you and turns to speak to you, do not let your heart incline to evil, but talk pleasantly and good humoredly to him, as if nothing had happened between you; learn to conquer evil by good, malice by kindness, meekness, and humility. Do not say in your heart to him who has offended you: “What! he speaks to me, after having offended me, counting his offence against me as nothing! I do not consider him worthy of speaking to me; I reject, despise him; let him learn what it is to offend me.” Do not be proud and bear malice. Do not say thus, lest the Lord be angered by your hard-heartedness. All the material world is as nothing before God; only spiritual beings - that is, angels and men - are something. Only those creatures have a lasting existence who are near to God, and have His image and likeness; the remainder pass away like

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

Suzan	Aaron	Matthew
Andrew	Irene	Protopresbyter Radomir
Sarah	Emily & Child to be born of her	Archpriest Joseph
Elmer	Michael	Archpriest Moses
Tim	Jacob	Priest Josef
Janet	David	Matushka Virginia
Livinia	Marie	Archpriest Vladimir
Ian	Reader George	Archpriest Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Katrina	George	Archpriest Gregory
Kamari	Catechumen Kristine	Archpriest Myron
Michael	Janet	Archpriest Philip
Alexander	Victor	Priest Benjamin
Christean	Wilma	Deacon Nicholas
Eric	Michael	Deacon Paul
Kristina	April	Deacon Paul
Patricia	Joseph	Deacon Gregory
Vanca	Michael	Matushka Snezana
Antoinette	Barb	Matushka Melania
Magdalene	Barbara	Helen
Reader Simeon	Mark	Theodore
Sarah	Angela	Paul
Ava	Elijah	Mary
Subdeacon Paul	Sophia	Nicholas
Judith	Mary	Anne
Peter	Matushka Tanya	Andrew
Rebecca	Archpriest John	Anthony
Priest Stephen	Matushka Margaret	Christopher
Matushka Anne		Jackie
Luke		

### ***Those in the life to come***

Mirza	Priest Michael
Richard	Archpriest Thomas
Hailee	Archpriest Paul
Christopher	

"shadows - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away (St. Matthew 24:35)." We must always remember that the Devil is continually trying to choke our soul with the dust of hell, of which there is already too much within us, and which is small and various; and thus, whether your heart be obscured by animosity, or impatience, or irritability, or by grudging your material possessions to your brother or yourself - that is, avarice - or by love of gain, or love of money, or by the quarrelsome and offensive words of others, or by despondency and despair, or by envy, doubt, or incredulity, or by open unbelief, or by vanity, or by slothfulness in prayer or in any good work, and in general in the performance of your duty, say to yourself with firm assurance: "This is the dust of the Devil; this is the darkness of hell." By faith and hope in the Lord, by continual watchfulness over yourself, you will be able, with God's help, to escape from this dust, and darkness. "E that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not (1 John 5:18)."" *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!

*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.

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

### **KONTAKIA**

*Prodigal Son*

#### **TONE 3**

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hast given me. Therefore, I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: "I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants."

*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 2:** The Lord is my strength and my song, / He is become my salvation.  
*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.*