

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.

tone 3: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; / His understanding is beyond measure!
vs. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2

Brethren: Food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

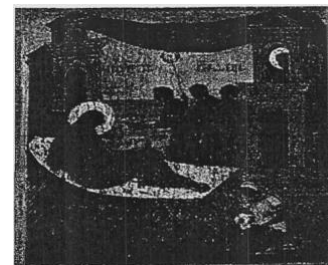
Alleluia

*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!*

Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel

At that time, the Lord said, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, abut the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it tone of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirst or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



Schedule

Saturday, February 25, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Sunday of Forgiveness

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Followed immediately by Vespers of Forgiveness; rite of mutual Forgiveness – Coffee Hour

Monday – Thursday, February 27 – March 2, 2023

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

Friday, March 3, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 4, 2023

St. Theodore Saturday

Transfer of Feast of St. Raphael of Brooklyn

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at St.

Michael the Archangel, St. Louis

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Triumph of Orthodoxy

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Assumption

Greek Church – 1755 Des Peres Road, Town & Country, MO 63131

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

8:30 A.M. Pierghies

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Meatfare Sunday; Sunday of the Last Judgment; Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia

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"Trample the flesh under foot - that is, its passions. Put it and everything carnal on a level with the dirt, and do not care for it. Lord, Thine is the power; help us! When we count everything carnal and sinful as nothing, then the Lord will be everything to us. The Lord shall then reign in our hearts, upon the ruins of our earthly attachments. Through our attachment to the flesh, its lusts, or through excessive estimation of the flesh and of everything carnal, the Devil reigns in our hearts, fulfilling his impious will, driving God's kingdom from our hearts, and destroying the work of Jesus Christ, our elevation into heaven. This is true! "Despise the flesh, for it passeth away (Troparion to a Saint, a reverent holy Father)." But in the present time men of this world set all value upon the flesh and carnal things, and none on the spirit and spiritual things, such as faith and virtue. The Lord does not dwell in the heart in which reign greediness and attachment to earthly blessings, to earthly pleasures, money, etc. This is daily proved by experience. In such a heart dwell cruelty, pride, presumption, scornfulness, malice, vengeance, envy, avarice, vanity, and boastfulness; theft, deceitfulness, hypocrisy, and dissimulation; craftiness, flattery, cringing, fornication, profane speaking, violence, treachery, and perjury. We are all one through unanimity and love, and through spiritual regeneration, and the heavenly Father is everything to all of us. "Our Father, Which art in heaven." We are one brotherhood, with one spirit. "Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ. he is none of His (Romans 8:9)." Let us"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Brian	Zachary	April
Subdeacon Gregory	David	Joseph
Subdeacon Andrew	Adina	Michael
Donovan	Ron	Barb
August	Beverly	Barbara
Shawn	Dymphna & CTBB	Mark
Gabriella	Justin	Angela
Dana	Hope	Elijah
Andrea	Nicholas	Sophia
Timothy	Theodora	Matushka Tanya
Crista	Presbytera Irené	Mary
Jamie	John	Archpriest Moses
Catechumen Rebecca	Cyndi	Archpriest John
Marie	Diana	Matushka Margaret
Michael	Amy	Matthew
Deacon Michael	Michael	Priest Joseph
Reader Stephen	Joseph	Archpriest Michael
Nancy	Andrew	Matushka Virginia
Debbie	Magdalene	Paul
Andrew	Barbara	Mary
Nancy	Elaine	Nicholas
Reader Michael	Victor	Andrew
Michelle	Wilma	Anthony
Mikaela	Michael	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Jeffery	Archpriest Thomas
Jennifer	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Daniel	Archpriest Vladimir
Eugen	Archbishop PAUL
Bishop TIKHON	
Archpriest Eugene	
<u>Marvin</u>	

"understand this. We are the Church of Christ, of which the Head is Christ Himself, Who is meek and humble, inexhaustible in His mercies to us, if only we live in mutual love. We are the flock; He is the Shepherd. We are the members; He is the Head. How can the members be proud of anything, when they receive everything from the Head? If we are in lively, active union with the members of Christ here, if we love them in deed and in truth, then God's saints will be in lively active communion with us, and whatever we ask them they will obtain for us from Christ our God, for Whose sake they sacrificed all that was dear to them. Do we who have received life from God, the Life of all, bring to Him as an offering our life, the fruits of our life, as did our forefathers, the prophets, apostles, martyrs, prelates, venerable and righteous men, and all the saints? Do we even think of this daily? Do we not only live for ourselves? Do we live in accordance with the commandments and ordinances of the Life-Giver? If not, what prevents our doing so! The love of ourselves, self-love. Let us offer our self-love as a sacrifice of love to the Lord, for what are we of ourselves? Sin, corruption. You are daily asked for alms, and you ought daily to give willingly, without anger, harshness, and murmuring. You do not give your own, but you give that which belongs to God, to God's children, who bear the cross, and have scarcely where to lay their heads. You are only a steward of God's property; you are the daily servant of the least of Christ's brethren; and therefore you must fulfil your duty meekly, humbly, and unwearyingly. You will thus be serving Christ, the Judge and Recompenser - a great honor, a high dignity! Do good work with gladness. Money comes to you easily, without great labor; and you should distribute it easily, without thinking much about it. Your labors are generously rewarded; be generous to others. They are not rewarded in accordance with their merit; do not give to others in accordance with their merits, but for their need's sake." 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.

KONTAKIA

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

Last Judgment

TONE 1

When Thou, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed! Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge!

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