

## **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*

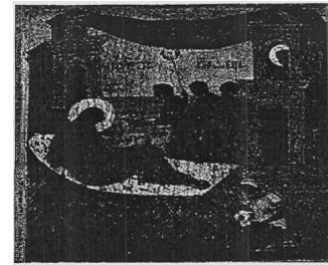
v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call on 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 26, 2022**

5:00 P.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

### **Friday, March 18, 2022**

7:00 P.M. Vespers with

Panikhida

### **Saturday, March 19, 2022**

3:30 P.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Vespers

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

### **Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

*35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Prodigal Son; St.*

*Leo Bishop of Catania*

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“A certain person who was sick unto death from inflammation of the bowels for nine days, without having obtained the slightest relief from medical aid, as soon as he had communicated of the Holy Sacrament, upon the morning of the ninth day, regained his health, and rose from his bed of sickness in the evening of the same day. He received the Holy Communion with firm faith. I prayed to the Lord to cure him. “Lord,” said I, “heal Thy servant of his sickness. He is worthy, therefore grant him this. He loves Thy priests, and sends them his gifts.” I also prayed for him in church, before the altar of the Lord, at the Liturgy, during the prayer: “Thou Who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplication unto Thee,” and before the words: “Lord, our life! It is as easy for Thee to cure every malady as it is for me to think of healing. It is as easy for Thee to raise every man from the dead as it is for me to think of the possibility of the resurrection from the dead. Cure, then, Thy servant Basil of his cruel malady, and do not let him die; do not let his wife and children be given up to weeping.” And the Lord graciously heard, and had mercy upon him, although he was within a hair’s-breadth of death. Glory to Thine omnipotence and mercy, that Thou, Lord, hast vouchsafed to hear me! The heart can change”

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

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

**Those in the life to come**

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

“several times in one moment - to good or evil, to faith or unbelief, to simplicity or cunning, to love or hatred, to benevolence or envy, to generosity or avarice, to chastity or fornication. O, what inconstancy! O, how many dangers! O, how sober and watchful we must be! Do not rejoice when your countenance is bright from pleasant food and drink, because then the inward face of your soul is hideous and deadly, and at the time the words of the Savior Christ are applicable to you: “For ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which, indeed, appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones (St. Matthew 23:27, 28)” - that is of hypocrisy and iniquity.” *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.*

*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.*