

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.

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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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 4: O Lord, how manifold are The works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

The 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

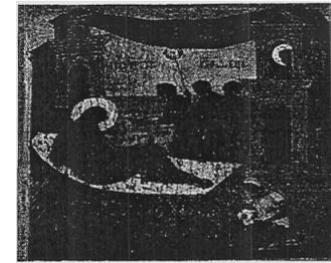
v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

Luke 18:9-14

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

Friday, February 26, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, February 27, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 28, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 5, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Soul Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 7, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 12, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, March 13, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Forgiveness Sunday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Followed immediately by

Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 15 –

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:00 P.M. Great Compline with

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 19, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Divine

Liturgy

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Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, February 21, 2021

37th Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Timothy of Symbola in Bythinia; Publican & Pharisee

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"The world is in a state of slumber, of sinful sleep. It sleeps. God rouses it by wars, by deadly epidemics, fires, destructive storms, earthquakes, inundations, bad harvests. "We sing the angelic hymn to Thee, O Mighty One! Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God! Through the Mother of God have mercy upon us (From the Troparia to the Holy trinity in the Morning Prayers)." You thus praise God together with the angels (speaking of a priest). You are one assembly, one church, one family of God's with them by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore you ought also to live like the angels, in constant watchfulness over yourself and the souls of the spiritual children entrusted to your care. You must unceasingly praise and thank the Lord; you must be always striving after holiness; you must live in abstinence and fasting, in all humble-mindedness, obedience, and patience. May it be thus with you, by the Lord's grace! What shall I bring to Thee, Lord, for all Thy mercies which Thou continually bestowest so bountifully upon me? My faith alone, for I have not works that shall justify me; I have done no good thing before Thee. But even my faith is also Thy gift. Receive Thine own of Thine own offered Thee, for everything is Thine, and we are all Thine. Thou art our most perfect Prototype. "Of Thine unspeakable glory I an image am, and though I""

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Marinette	Joseph	Mark
Clarita	Andrew	Angela
Elizabeth	Magdalene	Elijah
Melanie & CTBB	David	Sophia
Paul	Reader George	Matushka Tanya
Anthony	Marie	Mary
Janice	Michael	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Andrew	Dymphna & CTBB	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Mackenzie	Justin	Archprst. John Zabinko (BP)
Maddie	Hope	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)
Sagan	Nicholas	Matthew Zabinko
Savanah	Subdeacon Charles	Priest Josef (BP)
Ben	Deborah	Archpriest Peter (BP)
Abigail	Michael	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Sophia	Laverne	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Bella	Priest Matthew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Avery	Matushka Christine	Deacon Paul (BP)
Ellie	Abigail	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Laren	Aidan	Helen (BP)
Melanie	Eve	Theodore (BP)
Keith	Victor	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Autumn	Wilma	Paul
Robin	Michael	Mary
Ruth	April	Nicholas
Alexandra	Joseph	Andrew
Andrew	Michael	Anthony
Amy	Barb	Christopher
Michael	Barbara	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Irene	Cynthia	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest John	Peggy	Maven
Maryann	Mary	Mary
Protopresbyter Daniel	Archpriest Joseph	Olga
Jason	<u>Archpriest Daniel</u>	Archpriest Paul
Archimandrite Alexander	Archpriest Thomas	Agnes

“‘bear offenses’ scars, compassionate Thy creature, Lord, and cleanse me in Thy tenderness, and the desired Fatherland give Thou to me, a citizen of Paradise me making once again (Troparion from the Burial Service).” Take from us carnal passions, “so that we, trampling upon all carnal lusts, may follow a spiritual manner of life, both thinking and doing always such things as shall well please Thee (From the Prayer said by the Priest during the Liturgy before the Gospel).” Lord! As it is natural to the Prototype to attach, to assimilate to Itself Its images, to abide and to live in them, so, likewise, it ought to be natural to those who are created after Thine image to yearn with all their love, with all their ardor, after their Prototype, and to attach themselves to It. But our greedy, sensual flesh, gross and inert, withdraws us from Thee. Fasting and abstinence are necessary for us whilst we crave after sensual gratifications. Strengthen us in abstinence. When Christ is in our heart, we are contented with everything: what has been discomfort to us becomes the greatest comfort, what was bitter to us becomes sweet, poverty becomes wealth, our hunger is satisfied, and our sorrow turns into joy! But when Christ is not in the heart, then the man is not contented with anything, and he does not find happiness in anything: neither in health nor in comfort, nor in ranks and honors, nor in amusements, nor in rich palaces, nor in a luxuriously served table covered with all kinds of viands and drinks, nor in rich attire - in nothing. Ah! How necessary for the man is Christ, the Life-giver and Savior of our souls! How necessary it is for Christ’s sake - in order that He should dwell within us - for us to hunger and thirst, to sleep less, to dress more simply, and to bear everything with a quiet, peaceful, patient, meek spirit. The wicked fowler of our souls - the Devil, seeks at every moment to ensnare our souls; trying how he can wound us by some sin, by some passion; how he can implant some sinful habit or passion more firmly within us, so as to make the salvation of our soul as difficult as possible, so as to produce in us a coldness towards God, towards holy things, towards the Church, towards eternity, and towards mankind.” *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.