

## **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: He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

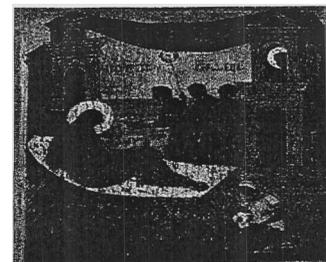
v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God in Him will I trust!

v: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

## **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, March 2, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

*Last Judgment*

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

3:30 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

*Forgiveness Sunday*

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Lunch -- Following Lunch at

about 1:00 P.M. Vespers with

Rite of Forgiveness

**Monday, March 11 – Thursday,**

**March 14, 2019**

7:00 P.M. Compline with Canon

of St. Andrew of Crete

**Friday, March 15, 2019**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

*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 Assumption

Greek Church

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday, March 22, 2019**

7:00 P.M. Vespers followed by

Panikhida

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

*39<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Triodion; Prodigal Son; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Finding of the Honorable Head of St. John the Baptist*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

“ARE WE WILLING

to eat the flesh of the Son of Man and to drink His blood so that we might receive His Life and share that life with the world?

*Will Ye Also Go Away?*

*We live in a death-denying culture*

*Secularism is an “explanation” of death in terms of life.*

*The only world we know is this world, the only life given to us is this life – to think a secularist – and it is up to us men to make it as meaningful, as rich, as happy as possible. Life ends with death.* FR. ALEXANDER SCHMEMMANN

All human beings share the common biological state of coming into existence at conception and departing this world at death. The time in between these two dramatic moments is what we refer to as “our life,” and it is this brief time which has been given to us to do with as we choose, making use of our God-given freedom and our humble obedience to the life-giving commandments. For many human beings, the choice is often understood as a straightforward one: *life*, which is to be clung to as desperately as possible, or *death*, which is to be avoided as long as possible. The whole drama of human existence often unfolds between these two realities of life and death. Christianity offers a more challenging, and yet”

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

**David**  
**Reader George**  
**Barbara** Cuciureanu  
**Rosemary** Close friend of  
*Janet Finley*  
**Andrew** Craig Rydgig  
*travel*  
**Ruth** Jenny A parishioner  
from Assumption Greek  
Church  
**Jacob**  
**Chrysovalantou**  
**Devon**  
**Catechumen Kristine**  
*Smith*  
**Janet** *Finley*  
**Subdeacon Paul**  
**Judith**  
**Peter**  
**Rebecca**  
**David** *Brian Prince*  
**Adina** *Prince*  
**Benjamin** *Kelly*  
**Nancy** *Rydgig*  
**Matushka** *Larissa Finley*  
**Zoe** *Finley*  
**Archpriest John**  
*Pawelchak*  
**Victor** *Len*  
**Wilma** *Len*

**Michael** *Len*  
**April** *Len*  
**Joseph** *Len*  
**Michael** *Len*  
**Pate**  
**Emilia**  
**Rylin**  
**Kenneth** Herman  
*Government Duty Abroad*  
**Elizabeth** Lauren Herman  
**Alexandria** Herman  
**Julia** Herman  
**Sarah** Herman  
**Barb**  
**Barbara**  
**Mark** Succarotte  
**Angela** Succarotte  
**Elijah** Succarotte  
**Sophia** Succarotte  
**Charles**  
**Matushka** **Tanya**  
Succarotte  
**Mary** Wierciszewski  
**Shane** Thomas  
**Lynsey**  
**Truman**  
**Thomas**  
**Huxton**  
**Linus**  
**Jennifer & CTBB**

**Nathan**  
**Brooks**  
**Archpriest John** Zabinko  
**Matshka** Margaret Zabinko  
**Matthew** Zabinko  
**Protopresbyter Radomir**  
**Barbara** Rogers  
*(Bishop PAUL's list)*  
**Archpriest Joseph** Gibson  
**Archpriest John** Matusiak  
**Archprst Emilian** Hutnyan  
**Priest John** Jones  
**Priest Josef** von Klarr  
**Archpriest William** Bass  
**Matushka** Virginia Lecko  
**Archpriest Vladimir** Lecko  
**Matushka** Barbara Kopka  
**Helen** Lis  
**Thomas** Hutnyan  
**Theodore** Geletka  
**Vasilios** (Donald) Zelle  
**Paul** Wanda  
**Agnes** Fryntzko  
**Mary** (Vicky *Uram*)  
**Nicholas** Zemcuznikov  
**Anne** Crowell  
**Andrew**  
**Anthony**  
**Christopher** Smith  
**Jackie**

### Those in the life to come

**Aurelia** Zidaru  
**Archpriest John**  
**Domnu** Paraianu  
**Michael**

**Brandon**  
**Archpriest Thomas**  
**Mary** *Macek*  
**Richard** *McBain*

**Timothy** *McBain*  
**Dorothy** *McBain*

“more hopeful, option: *life through death*, in which both the beginning and ending reality come together in an incomprehensible, yet ultimately life-giving, manner.

“*By struggling to find the right relation to suffering, to our own death, we shall simultaneously find God, and not simply find Him, but acquire Him and indeed conquer Him completely.*” -Archimandrite Aemilianos” *Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada*

## **TROPARIA**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Th Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, 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.

*Forerunner*

**TONE 4**

The head of the Forerunner rose from the earth as a star, Brilliant with rays of healing and immortality. It gath the choirs of angels in heaven, and assembles the human race on earth to sing with one voice the glory of Christ ou God.

## **KONTAKIA**

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

*Forerunner*

**TONE 3**

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of Grace, thy head has blossomed from the earth as a sacred rose. We are e being healed, for as of old, thou dost preach repentance to the world.

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

*Prodigal Son*

**TONE 3**

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou ha 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.”

*Prokeimenon*

**TONE 6:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

*v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**Another (Forerunner) TONE 7:** The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall set his hope on Him.