

"are many grains of sand upon the earth, but they are all from one same earth. There are also many men, but they all of them derive their origin from the one same Adam, and before all, from God." *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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

TONE 6

Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, thou dost teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart. Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!

Prokeimenon

TONE 8: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v: In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 13:11 – 14:4

Brethren: do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Alleluia

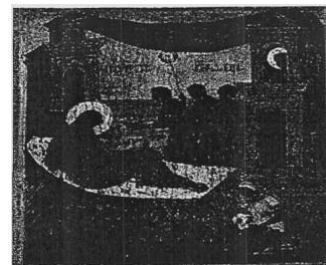
v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.

Matthew 6:14-21

Gospel

At that time, the Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



Schedule

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Sunday of Forgiveness

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

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

8:30 A.M. Pierogies

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Divine

Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Cheesefare Sunday; Expulsion of Adam from Paradise; St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza; Martyr Sebastian

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"As a passionate man is one spirit with the Devil - and this I and many others feel and experience - so a virtuous man is and remains one spirit with the Lord, and this he feels and experiences, saying: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me (Galatians 2:20)"; or, as it has been said by the Lord Himself: "He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood dwelleth in me, and I in him (St. John 6:56)"; or, again as the Apostle said: "Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you (2 Corinthians 13:5)?" Thus God's saints are one spirit with the Lord; likewise all those who live piously upon earth. This is a great mystery and a great honor for earthborn creatures. But, also, what shame and destruction it is to the sophisticated and disobedient! They are one spirit with the Devil, from whom, Christ our God, deliver us all! If the truth of something has been revealed in the Word of God, has been investigated and explained to us by the Divinely enlightened mind of the saints, whom God has glorified, and has been recognized by the heart in its light and life-giving effect, then it is a great sin and diabolical pride of the intellect and heart to doubt it and to be perplexed about it. I myself am every moment a debtor to the Lord, both spiritually and bodily; spiritually through my sins, and bodily through freely receiving His material gifts: food, drink, money, clothing, air, warmth, light, and in general the various comforts of life. How, then, can it be otherwise than a happiness to me to forgive the debts of my neighbor, both spiritual and material, when the Lord forgives me the innumerable multitude of my own debts? How can I"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

Jeffery	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Jenifer	Archpriest Vladimir
Archpriest Daniel	Archbishop PAUL
Eugen	Adelia
Bishop TIKHON	Michael
<u>Marvin</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	

"do otherwise than freely give the gifts that belong to the Lord when the Lord freely bestows upon me innumerable spiritual and material blessings - the light of the intellect and heart, peace and joy to the heart, a variety of knowledge, and everything else, down to the currents of air? It would be monstrous to do otherwise. We are all one body and members one of another, and are absolutely mutually indebted for something; as in the social body it is impossible to avoid others being indebted to us, or our being indebted to others. And it is impossible for us not to forgive each other's debts; as in the body some members naturally often live at the expense of the others - for instances, the stomach at the expense of the head, or of the hands and feet - so it is also amongst men. But the chief thing is to remember that we receive everything freely from God, that we are indebted to Him infinitely much, and that He lovingly forgives us our trespasses, on condition that we forgive them that trespass against us. Let us, therefore, willingly and heartily forgive our neighbors their trespasses against us; let us daily offer this sacrifice unto God and live in love. Let us renounce self-will and the tumult of passions, and entirely submit to the will of God. We are the image of God, and "God is love (1 John 4:8, 16)." Let us, therefore, live in love; let us strive for love with all our might. Lord help us! But let us count everything earthly - food, dress, money - as dross, and do not let us anger God through this dross, by bearing ill-will or enmity against each other. Is it possible that we should sell our Lord for food, for money? One thing only: either God or the flesh. We cannot acknowledge two gods, we cannot serve two. The flesh dictates its own laws to us entirely opposite to the laws of God: gluttony, intemperance, trust in food, drink, money, avarice, or grudging God's gifts to our neighbor; ill will to our neighbor, through food, drink money, contempt for him through the same hard-heartedness towards his misfortunes, and so on. What must we do, then, in order not to serve God hypocritically? We must crucify the flesh, with its passions and lusts, counting it as nothing, and everything that it values much, that it loves - pleasures, dress, money, houses, carriages - likewise as nothing, as dross, corruption, earth, as indeed they really are; but count love as the most precious thing in life, sacrificing everything to it, submitting everything to it, and neglecting everything for it. Everyone must know and believe that there is a spiritual, deadly serpent, called the Devil, or Satan, condemned by the Creator to everlasting torments, that can lead away into everlasting torment those who do not believe, are unrighteous and impenitent. Everyone must know and believe that the Savior was sent from God into the world in order to save men from the deadly shafts of this serpent - that is, from sin and everlasting death; and that this Savior bestows upon all His saving, healing remedies against the bites of this Serpent; faith, penitence, and the Holy Mysteries of His body and blood. There are many drops of rain, but all proceed from a single cloud; there are many rays of the sun, but all proceed from one sun; there are many leaves on a tree, but all are produced by a single tree; there"