

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!

Another (St. Raphael) TONE 1: My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

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!

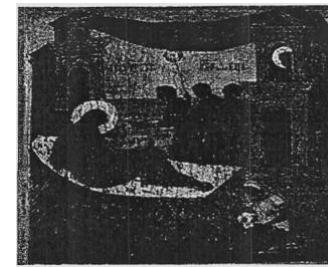
v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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, and 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 to one 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, 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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 20, 2022

St. Gregory Palamas

10:00 A.M. Hierarchical Divine

Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, February 27, 2022

36th Sunday After Pentecost; Last Judgment;

Rest of St. Raphael of Brooklyn

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"How many times already, O Master, Lord Jesus, hast Thou renewed my nature, heedlessly corrupted by my sins! There is no measure and number to this. How many times hast Thou saved me from the furnace burning within me, from the furnace of many and diverse passions, from the abyss of despondency and despair! How many times hast Thou renewed my depraved heart, when only I have called upon Thy Name with faith! How many times hast Thou accomplished this through the life-giving Holy Sacrament! O Lord! In truth there is no number and measure of Thy mercies unto me, a sinner. What shall I offer to Thee, or what can I render unto Thee for Thine innumerable benefits to me, Jesus, my life and my lightness? May I be prudent in my ways, according to Thy grace; for "blessed are those that are undefiled in the way (Psalm 119:1; 18:21 and others)," as Thou hast said, through the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our forefather, David. I will endeavor to be faithful unto Thee, to be humble, meek, not irritable, gentle, forbearing, industrious, merciful, generous, not covetous, obedient. Almsgiving is good and salutary when to it is united the amendment of the heart from pride, malice, envy, slothfulness, indolence, gluttony, fornication, falsehood, deceitfulness, and other sins. But if the man is not careful to amend his heart, trusting only to his"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Andrew (<i>Craig Rydgig</i>)	Deacon Michael	Michael
Larry	Leonard	Barb
Franklyn	Kyle	Barbara
Jacob	Cecily	Mark
Ann	Damien	Angela
Mark	Damaris	Elijah
Alexander	Reader Nicholas	Sophia
Nicholletta	Diana	Matushka Tanya
Christine	Presbyteria Rene	Mary
Chelsea	Priest Joseph	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Farah	Ioannis	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Nolan	Ioannis	Archpriest John (BP)
Chuck (<i>Causey</i>)	Michael	Matushka Margaret (BP)
Garret	Catechumen Peter	Matthew (BP)
Daniel	Natalia	Priest Josef (BP)
Alexandria	Theresa	Archpriest Michael (BP)
Karen	Subdeacon Andrew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Andrew	Lori Ann	Deacon Paul (BP)
Kevin	Deborah	Deacon Peter (BP)
William	Timothy	Deacon Michael (BP)
Kristine	Amy	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Christopher	Michael	Mary (BP)
Mary	Joseph	Zoe (BP)
Melissa	Andrew	Noah (BP)
Michael	Magdalene	Marie (BP)
Tatiana	Subdeacon Charles	Paul
Devin	Deborah	Mary
Patricia	Michael	Nicholas
David	Victor	Andrew
Adina	Wilma	Anthony
Tory	Michael	Christopher
Matushka Ann	April	Jackie
	Joseph	

Those in the life to come

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

"alms, then he will obtain but little benefit from them, for he builds with one hand and destroys with the other. The children Paul and Olga, by the infinite mercy of the Lord, in accordance with mine unworthy prayer, have been cured of the spirit of infirmity by which they were attacked. In the case of the child Paul, his malady passed away through sleep, and the child Olga became quiet in spirit, and her little face grew bright instead of dark and troubled. Nine times I went to pray with bold trust, hoping my trust might not be shamed; that to him that knocketh it would be opened; that even on account of my importunity, God would fulfil my requests; that if the unjust judge at last satisfied the woman who troubled him, then still more the Judge of all, the most righteous Judge, would satisfy my sinful prayer for the innocent children; that He would consider my labor, my intercession, my prayerful words, my kneeling, my boldness, my trust in Him. And the Lord did so; He did not cover me, a sinner, with shame. I came for the tenth time to their home, and the children were well. I gave thanks unto the Lord and to our most speedy Mediatrix." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection

TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

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.

St. Raphael

TONE 1

Thy proclamation has gone forth throughout North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the church. Hearing thy voice, they responded to thy teaching, and through thy writings thou hast instructed them in piety. Now guided by thy example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise unto Christ our God. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who, through thee, grants healing to all!

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.