

## **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.

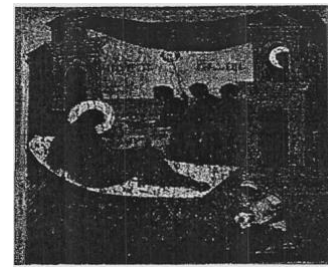
### **Alleluia**

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.  
v: For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

### **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**

#### **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

#### **Saturday, March 20, 2021**

9:00 Baptism Theodora Brannon

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, March 21, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

### **Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

*38<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Basil the Confessor of Decapolis; Prodigal Son*

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“The Lord has created me, has brought me from nonentity into being and after I had fallen, has restored me through His suffering and death; He has cleansed me, a sinner, has made me His son by adoption; He has promised me the inheritance of eternal bliss; He has enlightened me through the light of His Gospel; He punishes and forgives me like a father; He lights me with the sun; He gives me daily food and drink; and above all He gives me His sweetest and life-giving food - His Body and Blood; He has diffused air for me to breathe, and above all He has poured upon me His Holy Spirit. He clothes me in beautiful garments; above all, He inwardly clothes me with Himself, as it is said: “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).” He gives me rest in a spacious and clean dwelling, and promises me an eternal resplendent abode in the heavens; He endows me with health: above all, He gives me spiritual health in abundance, through prayer and especially through the Holy Sacraments and other means. What shall I render to Him for all this? What can I do for Him in return? I cannot do anything, except to be faithful to Him with all my might, through fulfilling His Commandments and by offering a firm and unchanging resistance to sin and the Devil. If it were not for Thy salvation, Lord, if it were not”

**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	Theodora	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Mackenzie	Dymphna	Archprst. John Zabinko (BP)
Maddie	Justin	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)
Sagan	Hope	Matthew Zabinko
Savanah	Nicholas	Priest Josef (BP)
Ben	Subdeacon Charles	Archpriest Peter (BP)
Abigail	Deborah	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Sophia	Michael	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Bella	Laverne	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Avery	Priest Matthew	Deacon Paul (BP)
Ellie	Matushka Christine	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Laren	Abigail	Helen (BP)
Melanie	Aidan	Theodore (BP)
Keith	Eve	Melinda Kuzara (BP)
Autumn	Victor	Paul
Robin	Wilma	Mary
Ruth	Michael	Nicholas
Alexandra	April	Andrew
Andrew	Joseph	Anthony
Amy	Michael	Christopher
Michael	Barb	Jackie
	Barbara	

**Those in the life to come**

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

"for Thy beneficence, we should have burned in the furnace of our own passions, Satan would have finally corrupted and tormented us, and we should not have found any comfort or joy in life. "If the Lord were not with us, we none could have withstood the enemy's attacks" "For they that overcome are thereby exalted (Antiphon of the Sixth Tone)." But now we are comforted by Thy mercy, by Thy grace, which Thou hast won for us by Thy sufferings, by Thy Blood, by Thy death for us. *Glory to Thee for this, Lover of men! But how will it be with those Christians who do not wish to know Thee, Thy Commandments, Thy teaching? Woe unto them!" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**TROPARIA**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

*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 5:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!  
*v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.*