

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.

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

TONE 1

By Thy nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

Prokeimenon

TONE 1: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.
Vs. Rejoice in the lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

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.

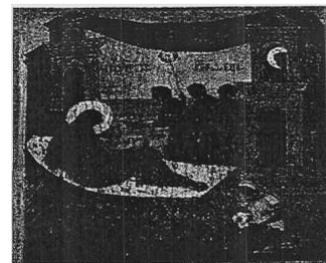
Alleluia

*God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me!
v: He magnifies the salvation of His King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

Luke 19:1-10

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

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:00 P.M. NO VESPERS

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Prodigal Son

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 17, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Soul Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the
Departed *followed by* Panikhida

4:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Last Judgment

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 25, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Sunday of Forgiveness

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

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, February 3, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, February 5, 2023

*34th Sunday After Pentecost; Publican & the
Pharisee; Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov;
Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily*

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" 'Charity suffereth long (1 Corinthians 13:4)' – that is, it does not immediately punish the one who sins, but patiently endures his lapses, teaching and correcting him; whilst the nature of malice is to immediately strike an antagonist, or to make him unhappy, pushing him to extremes. It is amazing how evil and impatient we are! If our brother has sinned, we are not sorry that he sins, we do not weep from brotherly love at his sinful insanity, at his passion, but we bear malice against him, we despise him for his sins; whilst meanwhile perhaps we ourselves are, or were, guilty of the same, and were indulgently forgiven our sins and, only thanks to the indulgence of our superiors, have at last somehow corrected ourselves of these failings, passions, and vices, and become good for anything. If we happen to be even now guilty of the same sins, only not so gravely as our erring brother, it signifies that we too are answerable for them. How, then, can we be otherwise than indulgent to our erring brethren? Thus in punishing others for sins and crimes, we must also remember our own weaknesses, our vices and passions, past and present, and punish our subordinates lovingly, pityingly, and patiently, and not angrily, not pitilessly, impatiently, hastily. "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the Devil, who are taken captive by him at his will (2 Timothy 2:25, 26)." It was not without reason that the Apostle placed long-suffering and mercy as the first"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Sarah	Ron	Michael
Timothy	Beverly	Barb
Crista	Dymphna & CTBB	Barbara
Jamie	Justin	Mark
Catechumen Rebecca	Hope	Angela
Marie	Nicholas	Elijah
Michael	Theodora	Sophia
Deacon Michael	Presbyteria Irené	Matushka Tanya
Reader Stephen	John	Mary
Nancy	Cyndi	Archpriest Moses
Debbie	Diana	Archpriest John
Andrew	Amy	Matushka Margaret
Nancy	Michael	Matthew
Charlotte	Joseph	Priest Joseph
Reader Michael	Andrew	Archpriest Michael
Michelle	Magdalene	Matushka Virginia
Mikaela	Barbara	Paul
Zachary	Elaine	Mary
David	Victor	Nicholas
Adina	Wilma	Andrew
Michael	Michael	Anthony
Candy	April	Christopher
	Joseph	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Bishop TIKHON	Archbishop PAUL
Archpriest Eugene	Adelia
Marvin	Michael
<u>Stephen</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	

"signs of our love for our neighbor: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind (1 Corinthians 13:4)"; for every man is infirm, weak, rash, easily inclined to every sin, but at the same time he may also easily think better of it, rise up, and repent under favorable conditions; and therefore it is necessary to be patient to his infirmities and sins, as we ourselves would wish others to be indulgent to our infirmities, and seeing them, be as though they did not see them and did not notice them. But in those cases, however, where the sin acts injuriously upon others, or when it is connected with the omission of the duties of our calling, or when it attains great dimensions, then an immediate strictness is necessary for restraining or putting a stop to it, or for removing the injurious person from the midst of well-intentioned people. "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person (1 Corinthians 5:13)." God did not spare for our sakes even His Only Begotten Son. How, then, after this can we drudge anything to our neighbor; either food, drink, clothing, or money for his various needs? The Lord gives much to some and little to others in order that we may provide for each other. The Lord has so ordered that if we willingly share the bountiful gifts of His mercy with others, then they serve to benefit our souls and bodies, by opening our hearts to the love of our neighbor, whilst our moderation in using them serves to benefit our body, which does not become satiated and overloaded by them. But if we use these gifts selfishly, avariciously, and greedily, for ourselves only, and grudge them to others, then they become injurious to our soul and body - injurious to the soul, because greediness and avarice close the heart to the love of God and our neighbor, and make us repulsive, self-lovers, increasing all our passions; and injurious to the body, because greediness produces satiety in us, and prematurely impairs our health" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

TONE 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; thou hast accepted in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.