

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

tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

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

Prophet Malachi

tone 4

Endowed with the gift of prophecy, O Malachi, thou didst clearly proclaim the saving coming of Christ to the world. His brightness has brought light to the whole universe.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Forefeast of Theophany

tone 4

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I come to save Adam, the first-formed man!"

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!

Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Timothy 4:5 – 8

My son Timothy: be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Alleluia

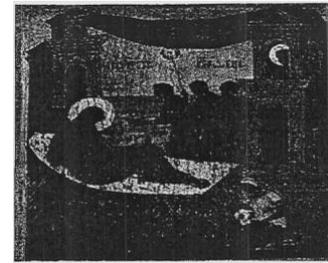
v: O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!

v: That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

Mark 1:1 - 8

Gospel

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Schedule

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; Great Blessing of Waters

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Great Compline with Matins)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:15 P.M. Blessing of Waters at Wilmore Park, St. Louis

Friday, January 8, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, January 9, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Mtg.

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 15, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, January 16, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 17, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 22, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, January 23, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 24, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 29, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

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Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 3, 2021

30th Sunday After Pentecost; Before the Theophany; Forefeast of Theophany; Holy Prophet Malachi (400 B.C.); Venerable Genevieve of Pairs (5th Century)

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"Our various earthly service to our king and country is an image to our principal service to our King of Heaven, which must continue eternally. It is Him that we must truly serve before all, as His faithful servants through creation, redemption and His providence. Do the servants of the earthly country think of this? But we must think of it. Earthly service is a test, a preparatory service for the heavenly one: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things: I will make thee ruler over many things (St. Matthew 25:21)." Do not be unsparing judges of those who labor unto God and who fall in life into contradiction to themselves - that is, to their piety; they are placed in contradiction to themselves by the Devil, their wicked adversary: he catches at their heart with his teeth, forcing them to do contrary things. Do not only do your work when you wish to, but do it especially then, when you do not wish to. Understand that this applies to every ordinary worldly matter, as likewise, and especially, to the work of the salvation of your soul - to prayer, to reading God's word and other salutary books, to attending Divine service, to doing good works, whatever they may be, to preaching God's word. Do not obey the slothful, deceitful, and most sinful flesh; it is"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Michael	Adina	Sophia
Patricia	David	Matushka Tanya
Nicu	Reader George	Mary
Mariana	Marie	Protopresbyter Michael
Anna	Michael	Protopresbyter Radomir
Diana	Dymphna & CTBB	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Clifton	Justin	Archpriest James
Subdeacon Andrew	Hope	Arprt Joseph (BP)
Theresa	Nicholas	Archpriest Emilian (BP)
Priest Patrick	Subdeacon Charles	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Bruce	Deborah	Arprst John Zabinko (BP)
Heather	Michael	Mtk Mrgaret Zabinko (BP)
Joe	Laverne	Matthew Zabinko
Roger	Priest Matthew	Priest Josef (BP)
John	Matushka Christine	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Karen	Abigail	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Dennis	Aidan	Archpst Christopher (BP)
Sandie	Eve	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Amy	Cynthia	Archpriest Myron (BP)
Michael	Victor	Deacon Paul (BP)
Joseph	Wilma	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Andrew	Michael	Helen (BP)
Constance	April	Theodore (BP)
David	Joseph	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
John	Michael	Paul
Courtney	Barb	Mary
Magdalene	Barbara	Nicholas
David	Mark	Andrew
Adina	Angela	Anthony
Ioan	Elijah	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Nadine	Richard
Marioara	Kim
Valentin	Archbishop DAVID
Odesa	<u>Ann Crowell</u>
Dorina	Archpriest Thomas
Steven	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS

"eternally ready to rest and lead us into everlasting destruction through temporal tranquility and enjoyment. "In the sweat of thy face," it is said, "Shalt thou eat bread (Genesis 3:19)." O miserable soul, "carefully cultivate the talent granted unto thee (Kontakion at Matins on Holy Thursday)," sings the Church. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force (St. Matthew 11:12)," says our Lord and Savior. When your heart is disturbed in spirit by any passion, and you are deprived of peace, and are filled with agitation, and words of displeasure and animosity to your neighbor fall from your tongue, do not linger in this condition, so destructive to you, but immediately bend your knees and confess your sin before the Holy Ghost, saying from the depths of your heart: "I have offended Thee, Holy Ghost, by the spirit of my passion, by the spirit of evil and disobedience to Thee;" and afterwards say, from your whole heart and with the feeling of the omnipresence of the Spirit of God, the prayer to the Holy Ghost: "O Heavenly King, the Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and make Thine abode in me and cleanse me from all impurity, and save, O Blessed One, my passionate and sensual soul" - and your heart will be filled with humility, peace, and devotion. Remember, that by every sin, by every attachment to anything carnal, you offend the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of peace and love, the Spirit Who draws us from the earthly to heavenly things, from the visible to the invisible, from the corruptible to the incorruptible, from the temporal to the eternal, from sin to holiness, from vice to virtue. O All Holy Spirit, our Ruler, our Instructor, our Comforter! Keep us through Thy power. Holiness of the Father, Spirit of our Heavenly Father, implant in us, nurture in us, the Spirit of the Father, so that we may be His true children in Jesus Christ our Lord." *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.

Forefeast of Theophany

TONE 4

The river Jordan was turned back by the mantle of Elisha, after Elijah had been taken up to heaven. The waters were parted in two, and the stream became a dry path. This was truly a type of baptism, by which we pass over the stream of life. Christ has shone forth in the Jordan to sanctify the waters.