

Kontakia

John the Baptist

ZONE 6

The river Jordan trembled and was driven back filled with fear at Thy coming in the flesh, while John drew back in awe as he fulfilled the ministry of a prophet. The ranks of angels stood amazed, when they beheld Thee in the flesh being baptized in the streams. And we, who were in darkness, are filled with light as we praise Thee, who have appeared to enlighten all.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theophany

ZONE 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, has shown on us who with understanding praise Thee. Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light unapproachable.

Prokeimenon

ZONE 1 (Sunday After): Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Another (Forerunner) ZONE 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall set his hope on Him.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Ephesians 4:7 – 13

Brethren: But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore He says:

"When He ascended on high,

He led captivity captive,

And gave gifts to men."

(Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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 will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Matthew 4:12-17

Gospel

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,

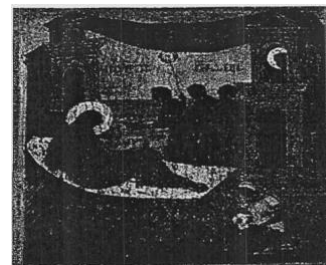
Galilee of the Gentiles:

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death

Light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



Schedule

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 P.M. Resume Book Group
Walking With Moses

Saturday, January 13, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council
Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 20, 2024

*Hierarchical Visit of His
Eminence DANIEL of Chicago
and the Midwest*

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 21, 2024

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Followed by Luncheon with His
Eminence Archbishop DANIEL*

Saturday, January 27, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, February 1, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Friday, February 2, 2024

*Feast of the Meeting of our Lord
in the Temple*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 3, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 7, 2024

*31st Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday After the
Theophany; Synaxis of Holy Prophet Forerunner
and Baptist John*

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Christian! Remember and always bear in your thoughts and heart the great words of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father Which art in heaven [remember, who is our Father? - God is our Father, our love; who are we? We are the children of God and brothers amongst ourselves; in what love ought the children of such a Father to live amongst themselves? "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham (St. John 8:39)"; what works then, ought we to do?]" Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. Give us this day our daily bread [our bread, common to all and not for oneself alone: self-love must be banished from the hearts of God's children; we are one]. And forgive us our trespasses [you wish that God should forgive you trespasses, therefore look upon it as customary to forgive the sins of those who trespass against you, knowing that love is long-suffering and compassionate]. Lead us not into temptation [and you, yourself, must not give way to temptation: "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. The Lord is thy defense upon thy right"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Subdeacon Andrew
Theresa
Lori Ann
Lainey
Reader Stephen
Shawn
Gabriella
Catechumen Rebecca
Marie
Michael
Patricia
Alexandra
John

Cyndi
Diana
Barbara
Elaine
Victor
Wilma
Michael
April
Joseph
Michael
Barb
Barbara
Mark

Angela
Elijah
Sophia
Matushka Tanya
Mary
Archpriest Moses
Archpriest John
Matushka Margaret
Matthew
Priest Joseph
Archpriest Michael
Reader Peter
Patricia
Matushka Virginia

"hand (Psalm 121:3, 5).", but deliver us from evil [do not willingly give yourself up to evil and the Lord will not give you up to it]: for Thine is the kingdom [acknowledge the one King, God, and serve Him alone], the power [trust in His almighty power] and the glory [be zealous for His glory with all your might and during all your life], for ever [He is the eternal King, whilst Satan's kingdom shall soon pass away, being rapacious and false]. Amen." This is all true. Remember this prayer above all, and repeat it oftener in your mind, thinking over the meaning of each word, of each expression, and each petition in it. Brothers and sisters! You were born again (after you were born of your parents) by water and the Spirit, you then became the children of God - say, do you live worthily of this high calling? Do you live as the children of God ought to live? Is it evident from your behavior and actions that your "conversation is in heaven (Philippians 3:20)? Is it evident that you await your Lord again from heaven, as He promised us in His holy Word? Do you despise earthly things, and do you aspire with your whole heart after heavenly things? Do you not love this adulterous and sinful world? "If any man love the world, the love of the Father, is not in him (1 John 2:18)." "The friendship of the world is enmity with God (St. James 4:4)." "for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father (1 John 2:16)." This world has crucified and crucifies until now the Son of God, brothers and sisters! Watch over yourselves, do you live in accordance with the Gospel? Do you not live contrarily to it? Read oftener the first chapters of the Gospel according to St. Matthew." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

Theophany

TONE 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

John the Baptist

TONE 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou hast been shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold. Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

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

Those in the life to come

Vanessa
Archpriest Michael
Matushka Olga
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir
Archbishop PAUL

Archimandrite Innocent
Olga
Francis
Jean
Edward
Nancy
Magdalene