

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

St. Gregory of Nyssa

**tone 1**

Thou didst keep watch with the eyes of thy soul, holy bishop, revealing thyself as a watchful pastor for the world. With the staff of thy wisdom and thy fervent intercession, thou didst drive away all heretics like wolves. Thou didst preserve thy flock free from harm, most wise Gregory!

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Theophany*

**tone 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*

**tone 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!*

**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.’*

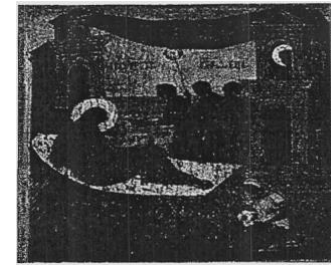
**Matthew 4:12-17**

*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*

**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

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Annual Meeting to follow*

*Divine Liturgy*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; After the Theophany; Afterfeast of Theophany; St. Gregory of Nyssa; Blessed Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of St. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa; St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov (1894)*

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“When you are praying, watch over yourself so that not only your outward man prays, but your inward one also. Though you be sinful beyond measure, still pray. Do not heed the Devil's provocation, craftiness, and despair, but overcome and conquer his wiles. Remember the abyss of the Savior's mercy and love to mankind. The Devil will represent the Lord's face to you as terrible and unmerciful, rejecting your prayer and repentance; but remember the Savior's own words, full of every hope and boldness for us: “Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out (St. John 6:37);” and “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden” - with sins and iniquities, and the wiles and calumnies of the Devil - “And I will give you rest (St. Matthew 9:28).” Man! The Creator's omnipotence, wisdom, and mercy, which were poured out upon the visible and invisible world, are ready to be bestowed, in all their infinity, upon you also, if you endeavor to be a true child of the Heavenly Father, if you fulfil His commandments to love God and your neighbor. Give yourself up, then untiringly, and with all your might, to good works and deeds. Every person that does any evil,”

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

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

**Those in the life to come**

Archpriest Rodion	Odesa	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Eugene	Dorina	
Nadine	Steven	
Harry	Richard	
Marioara	<u>Kim</u>	
Valentin	Archpriest Thomas	

"that gratifies any passion, is sufficiently punished by the evil he has committed, by the passion he serves, but chiefly by the fact that he withdraws himself from God, and God withdraws Himself from him: it would therefore be insane and most inhuman to nourish anger against such a man; it would be the same as to drown a sinking man, or to push into the fire a person who is already being devoured by the flame. To such a man, as to one in danger of perishing, we must show double love, and pray fervently to God for him; not judging him, not rejoicing at his misfortune." *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.

*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. Gregory of Nyssa*

**TONE 4**

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; thy poverty enriched thee. Hierarch Father Gregory, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

**KONTAKIA**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race; He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.