

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

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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 7: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

v: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Another (Feast) TONE 4: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Ephesians 6:10 – 17

Finally, my *Brethren*: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

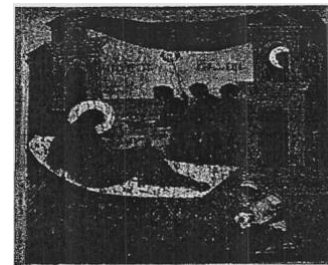
v: To declare thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.

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The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:35-43

Gospel

Now when Jesus drew near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



Schedule

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:00 P.M. Parish Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 10, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 14, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 14, 2024

32nd Sunday After Pentecost; Leavetaking of Theophany; Holy Fathers Slain at Sinai and

Raithu

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"Save us, Thy race, Our Lady! Save us, we who are of one blood with Thee! Save us Mother of life and Mother of us all, although we are not worthy to call Thee our Mother! Cleanse, sanctify, strengthen and save us through Thy prayers! For what purpose do I require property? In order to have means of subsistence for myself, my family and my relatives, and in order to help the poor, and not for the purpose of hoarding it. Measure bountifully so that God may measure bountifully to you in accordance with your gift. Besides, all our property or all our means of existence are God's and not ours, and God is the Master of life. He cares for the support of our life, through ourselves or through others or directly. "Let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life to Christ our God (From the Litany of the Orthodox Church)." We say we must live, and our life is God, therefore God gives and will give all our means of existence. In many worldly magazines, and newspapers, the number which has so greatly increased, there breathes an earthly spirit, frequently impious, whilst the Christian, in his hope, is a citizen not only of the earth, but also of heaven, and, therefore, he ought also to meditate upon heavenly things. The heathen writings of antiquity were, it would seem, often better and"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Matushka Magdalena
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

"purer (Cicero, for instance), higher in their foundation and motive, than some writings of Christian peoples. The Personal Word of the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, is continually and greatly offended by Christian people, who are gifted with speech, and ought to be Godlike, both in their speech and writings, whilst now their words are often wasted in vain and even to tempt the Christian, who is turned aside by worldly writings from reading the Word of God and the writings of the Holy Fathers. The editors and publishers of worldly magazines and newspapers ensnare and entice the flock of Christ by the increase of flattering words. O Word of God! What answer shall we give at Thy terrible Judgment? Where do we now find in houses the reading of the divinely inspired Psalter, which instils such great faith in God, such strong trust in God in misfortunes, sicknesses and sorrows, and such ardent love for God? Where is the reading of the divinely inspired Psalms, which was the favorite reading of our forefathers, not only of the common people, but also of nobles and princes? Such reading is not to be found nowadays; and owing to this in many persons there is no faith, no trust in God, and no love for God and their neighbor, but unbelief, despair, and hatred. There is no ardent prayer, no purity of morals, no spirit of contrition for sins and of devotion, no righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The greater number of Christians are penetrated by the spirit of the world, by the spirit of magazines, newspapers, and in general of worldly writers, who themselves, in their turn, are penetrated by a heathen and not a Christian spirit, by the spirit of the denial of the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, by the spirit of self-exaltation, of the exaltation of their own proud and presumptuous intellect, and by the spirit of worldly vanity." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art Risen, granting the world great mercy!

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.

Those in the life to come

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

Archimandrite Innocent
Olga
Francis
Jean
Edward
Nancy
Magdalene