

St. Paul & St. John

TONE 4

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of the venerable Paul and John!

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.

St. Paul

TONE 3

Today we gather and praise thee with hymns as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun; for thou dost shine on those in the darkness of ignorance, leading all mankind to the heights, venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers and ascetics.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

TONE 4

By thy Nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

Prokeimenon

TONE 6: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

Vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 1:15 – 17

Epistle

My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. in Him will I trust!

Luke 18:18 - 27

Gospel

At that time: A certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”



Schedule

Saturday, January 21, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Panikhida – Peter Macek Anniv.

Saturday, January 28, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Panikhida – 40 Day Christopher
(Nathan) Monroe*

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

TBD Panikhida – 40th Day of

Rest of Christopher (Nathan

Sr.) Monroe

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Thursday, February 2, 2023

*Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord
in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40)*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 4, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 5, 2023

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

12:30 (Approx.) Parish Annual
Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 15, 2023

*31st Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Paul of
Thebes; St. John the Hut-Dweller*

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"What a high dignity, honor, and happiness it is to pray for men, for this precious possession and inheritance of God! With what gladness, boldness, zeal, and love we must pray to God, the Father of mankind, for His people, redeemed unto Him by the blood of His Son! "These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb (Revelation 14:4)." Hear, O priests of God! To you it often happens to converse with God by means of a set form of prayer. Do not let your tongue speak falsely, your lips saying one thing and having another in your heart, or saying and not feeling what you say. If you are praying for anyone, do not let there be any diabolical craftiness and duplicity in you, but pray to the Almighty God, "Who trieth the very hearts and reins (Psalm 7:10)," with your heart as well as your lips. And in order that you may always pray sincerely to the Lord God, despise everything earthly; be without partiality for all the goods and delights of this seductive, corrupt, and fleeting world - food, drink, pleasures, money, dress, and various ornaments and distinctions, the comfort of your temporary abode - consider all this as dross, corruption, and water; be temperate; love God with all your heart, undividedly - not only superficially or anyhow - love him with all your mind and all your strength, and not slightly, so that nothing could tear you away from the love of God: neither sorrow, nor oppression, nor persecutions and misfortunes, nor death, nor life, nor anything else; and love your neighbor as your own self, magnanimously bearing with his faults, infirmities, errors, the outbreak of his passions. Remember it is a great matter to"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Charlotte	Ron	Michael
Devon	Beverly	Barb
Marissa	Dymphna & CTBB	Barbara
Nathan	Justin	Mark
George	Hope	Angela
Kristine	Nicholas	Elijah
Reader Michael	Theodora	Sophia
Michelle	Presbyteria Irené	Matushka Tanya
Mikaela	John	Mary
Zachary	Cyndi	Archpriest Moses
Peter	Natalia	Archpriest John
Rebecca	Peter (<i>Altan Wuliji</i>)	Matushka Margaret
Subdeacon Paul	Diana	Matthew
Judith	Amy	Priest Joseph
John	Michael	Archpriest Michael
Kathy	Joseph	Matushka Virginia
David	Andrew	Paul
Mary	Magdalene	Mary
Ioan	Victor	Nicholas
David	Wilma	Andrew
Adina	Michael	Anthony
Amy	April	Christopher
Michael	Joseph	Jackie
Candy		

Those in the life to come

Stephen	Archbishop PAUL
Christopher	Adelia
Lilliana	Michael
<u>Vladimir</u>	Galina
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	

"converse with God, Who continually sees us, continually hears us, trying our hearts and reins. Do not let your heart lie; do not let it be cold towards God and your neighbor during the time of prayer for your neighbor. Remember God shall judge you for everything, for every idle or insincere word. And meanwhile the enemy from time immemorial, the father of lies, the Devil, does not slumber, and endeavors to harden by every means your passionate heart and to make it insensible, false, and crafty; endeavors to drive away from your heart faith and hope in God, together with love for Him and love and sympathy for your neighbor, and to occupy you solely with worldly, temporal interests. Watch, watch yourself, the thoughts of your heart, O priest of God, and do not bind yourself by worldly carnal desires and pleasures. Let your happiness be the one God and the human soul; be soul-loving, and not money-loving or sensual. Lord, accomplish all this Thyself, for without Thee we can do nothing (St. John 15:5). So be it! So be it! The most merciful and bountiful Lord is everything to all and to me, a miserable sinner, and I have nothing of mine own (the renunciation of every possession). I ought to reverently thank God for everything - for the currents of air, light, water, for every mouthful of food, for clothes. Everything, even our bodies themselves, are indeed only earth and water. Amen. We are all one, and must love one another as ourselves. The selfish grudging of anything to another, and the vexation at giving, the impulse to grudge, proceed from the Devil. Every attachment to earthly things is an enticement of the Devil and of our own self-love." 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!

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.