

Kontakia

Resurrection

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.

Venerable Macarius

TONE 4

The Lord truly placed thee in the house of abstinence, as a star enlightening the ends of the earth, Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.

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 5: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation for ever!

Vs. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 3:12 – 16

Brethren: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Alleluia

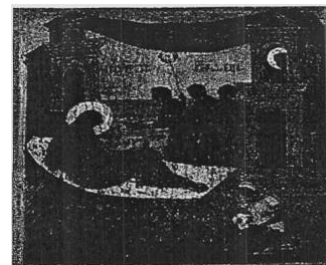
v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v: For Thou hast said: 'Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.'

The Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist 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 25, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 1, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple; Annual Parish Meeting

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 8, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Publican & Pharisee: Beginning of Lenten Triodion

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Prodigal Son

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 22, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Last Judgment

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 19, 2025

30th Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Love. With love for God and your neighbor in your heart you will possess all things and will lack nothing; for where love is, there is God; and God is everything to us, and chiefly our life, peace, sweetness, and blessedness. It is strange and pitiable to see through what vain causes the Devil deprives us of love for God and our neighbor; through earthly dust, in the strict sense of the word - the countless dust which we trample under feet; through money, food, and drink, dress, houses, honors, through all these things which pass away, together with their mother, the earth, and with our own much cared for bodies, which are also nothing but dust. Remember the Love that laid down His life for men, and do not spare your very life itself for your brother, but unmercifully crucify your carnal man, who turns you away from sacrificing yourself for your brother. Greedy, covetous miser! Is it money, is it bread that has given you life? Is it not God? Is it not His word which gave being and life to you and all other creatures? Does not the Son of God uphold "all things by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3)?" Do money and bread, water and wine alone support your life? Does not man live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (St. Matthew 4:4)?" Are not money and bread mere dust? Is not bread the least of the things necessary for"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Anastasia	Jake	Barbara
Amy & CTBB	Cecelia	Elaine
Deborah	Gabriella & CTBB	Victor
David	Shawn	Wilma
Archbishop ANASTASIOS	Michaela	Michael
Paul	Joseph	April
Janet	Reader Simeon	Joseph
Kristine	Anna	Michael
George	Elizabeth	Barb
Nancy	Edmund	Barbara
Terry	Catechumen Athanasius	Mark
Mark	Alex	Angela
Amy	Julia	Elijah
Candice	Martha	Sophia
Marty	Kendra	Kathy
James	David	Matushka Tanya
Jonathan	Adina	Mary
Jessica	Reader Stephen	Archpriest John
Elizabeth	Priest Andrew	Matushka Margaret
Marvin	Popadija Joan	Matthew
Elizabeth	Eva	Priest Josef
Michael	Catechumen Mary	Archpriest Michael
Ann	Alexandra	Reader Peter
Joselynn	Mary Magdalene	Patricia
Theresa	Diana	Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Elizabeth	Archpriest Vladimir	Cheryl
Robert	Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Max	Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
<u>Steve</u>	Edward	John
Matushka Olga	Francis	
Archpriest Thomas	Jean	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Olga	

"supporting our life? Everything was created and is supported by the word. The word is the source and preservation of life. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost - God in the Trinity - is glorified by all His creatures, by the angelic assemblies unceasingly singing the Thrice Holy hymn, and by the holy Church of Christ, the holy apostles, martyrs, prelates, reverend fathers, the righteous, and all the saints - by the whole visible world, by all living Christians, by the whole world. The truth of the Trinity of the Godhead surrounds us upon all sides, like the air that we breathe, and with which we are wholly penetrated. Is it possible, after this, to have any doubt in the Divinity of the Son, or of the Holy Ghost? How many works do we see accomplished in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? How many powers of the Holy Ghost have we experienced, and still experience upon ourselves? The Holy Ghost is the spiritual air of reasonable creatures. What ordinary air is in relation to physical bodies, such is the Holy Ghost to reasonable and free creatures. He fills, enlivens, and enlightens them, endues these with wisdom, and strengthens them. The Son of God is to us "the way, the truth, and the life (St. John 14:6);" the rest - ("I will give you rest (St. Matthew 11:28)."); the joy - ("I will see you again and your heart shall rejoice (St. John 16:22)"). We have experienced and experience this in ourselves. Shall we listen, after this, to him who would suggest the contrary? Is it not the inward whispering of the evil spirit, of that dark spirit breathing falsehood, malice, despondency, straitness, and fire, which vanishes like smoke or dust at the name and before the cross of the Lord? Shall we listen to this dreamer, and shall we be disturbed by his snares? Be firmly assured that he is the complete denial of truth." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

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. *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. *Venerable Macarius*

TONE 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Macarius. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer: healing the sick and the souls drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him who gave thee strength! Glory to Him who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him who through thee grants healing to all!