

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.

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

New Martyrs

TONE 3

Today the New Martyrs of Russia stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

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!

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

Another (New Martyrs) TONE 7: God is our refuge and our strength, our help in the afflictions that come heavily upon us.

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

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

v: 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!

v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them from all their troubles.

The Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew 15:21-28

Gospel

At that time: Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



Schedule

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

1:00 P.M. Annual Parish Meeting

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Forgiveness Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 26, 2025

31st Sunday After Pentecost; Venerable Xenophon and his wife Mary and their two sons Arcadius and John of Constantinople

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"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. "If I should say I know Him [the Father] not, I shall be a liar unto you; but I know Him (St. John 8:55)." The mere fact that he (this dreamer - the Devil) always destroys the soul proves that he is falsehood, death, and not truth, not life. We only know of one cause of death - the Devil. Amen. If we call upon the saints with faith and love, then they will immediately hear us. The faith is the connecting element on our part, and love on theirs, as well as ours; for they are in God, and we are in God Who is Love (1 John 4:16)." Why is long-continued prayer necessary? In order that by prolonged, fervent prayer we may warm our cold hearts, hardened in prolonged vanity. For it is strange to think, and still more so to require, that the heart, hardened in worldly vanity, could be speedily penetrated during prayer by the warmth of faith and the love of God. No; labor and labor, time and time are needed to attain this. "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force (St. Matthew 11:12)." The Kingdom of Heaven does not soon come into the heart when men themselves so assiduously flee from it. The Lord Himself expresses His will that our prayers"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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

"should not be short, by giving us for an example the importunate widow who often came to the judge and troubled him with her requests (St. Luke 18:2-6). Our Lord, our Heavenly Father knows, even before we ask Him, what things we have need of (St. Matthew 6:8), what we want; but we do not know Him as we ought, for we give ourselves up to worldly vanity, instead of committing ourselves into the hands of our Heavenly Father. Therefore in His wisdom and mercy He turns our needs into a pretext for our turning to Him. "Turn ye, My wandering children, even now unto Me, to your Father, with your whole hearts. If before you were far from Me, even now, at least, warm by faith and love to Me your hearts which were formerly cold." Worthy, sincere, and reverent service to the Lord in the temple, accompanied by lively faith, is a source of peace, joy, and blessedness to our souls. Thus a reverent priest celebrating the services, the sacraments, and the reading of the prayers, in his very duty itself finds the highest delight and blessedness for himself. The Word of the Lord is deed, life, being. From Him Who exists comes existence; from the Life, life; from the Truth, truth; whilst from the Devil, who fell through his illusive pride, who wished to appropriate to himself the impossible, and who fell away from life and truth, comes illusion, falsehood, and death from death." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia 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.

New Martyrs TONE 4

Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, praising her New Martyrs and Confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy until the end of the age.