

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

St. Ephraim the Syrian

TONE 2

Ever anticipating the hour of Judgment, thou didst lament bitterly, venerable Ephraim. Through thy deeds thou hast been a teacher by example; therefore, universal Father, thou didst rouse the slothful to repentance.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Theotokos

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 1: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

Vs. Rejoice in the lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Colossians 3:4 – 11

Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Alleluia

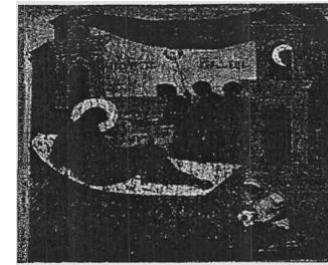
God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me!

v: He magnifies the salvation of His King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:35-46

Gospel

At that time: one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?’ If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.



Schedule

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 17, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 24, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 28, 2024

34th Sunday After Pentecost; New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia; St. Ephraim the Syrian

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Our heart is incomplex, single, and therefore cannot "serve two masters; God and mammon (St. Matthew 6:24)" - that is, riches. This means that it is impossible to serve God truly and at the same time to be attached to earthly things, for all such things relate to mammon. Besides, it is unworthy of a man to serve riches, for they are earth and dust. All earthly things, if our heart attaches itself to them make it gross and earthly, turn us away from God, from the Mother of God, and all the saints, from everything spiritual, heavenly, and eternal, and from love for our neighbor, and bind us to that which is earthly, perishable, and temporal. To complete that which has been said, it must be added that the spirit of attachment to earthly things, of sparing and grudging earthly things, is the spirit of the Devil, and the Devil himself dwells in the man though his attachment to earthly things. He often enters into our heart as an insolent conqueror, through some momentary attachment to earthly things, not immediately renounced, darkening, crushing, and deadening our soul, and making it incapable of any work for God, infecting it with pride, blasphemy, murmuring, contempt for holy things and its neighbor, opposition, despondency, despair, and malice. It was for our sakes that the Lord was incarnate, suffered, was crucified, died, and rose from the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Matushka Magdalena	Alexandra	Barb
Dorothy	Cyndi	Barbara
Elijah	Emily	Mark
David	Samuel	Angela
Adina	Benjamin	Elijah
Ioan	Sarah	Sophia
Subdeacon Andrew	Avery	Matushka Tanya
Theresa	Alan	Mary
Lori Ann	Jerry	Archpriest John
Lainey	Mary	Matushka Margaret
Reader Stephen	Diana	Matthew
Shawn	Barbara	Leonard
Gabriella	Elaine	Dorothy
Catechumen Rebecca	Victor	Priest Joseph
Marie	Wilma	Archpriest Michael
Michael	Michael	Reader Peter
Patricia	April	Patricia
	Joseph	Matushka Virginia
	Michael	

Those in the life to come

John	Archpriest Thomas	Jean
Michael	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS;	Edward
Archpriest Moses	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
Priest Emanuel	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
George	Archimandrite Innocent	
<u>Priest Stephen</u>	Olga	
Matushka Olga	Francis	

"dead. It was for our sakes also that He adorned His Mother, the Most Pure Virgin Mary, with all virtues, and endued Her with all Divine powers, so that She, the most merciful and the most perfect, should be, after Himself, everything to us. And therefore let not God's grace, with which Our Lady is filled, be fruitless for us. Let us all come with boldness and trust to the Virgin's wonderful ever-helpful, and most pure protection. If sins trouble us, let us pray to Her, that She may cleanse us with the hyssop of Her prayers from every impurity of the flesh and the spirit. From what do blasphemy and contempt of the spiritual Word proceed? From the pride of our heart; from the presumption and satiety of our intellect." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Nativity of the Theotokos

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. Ephraim the Syrian

TONE 8

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou hast illumined the whole universe! Our Father Ephraim, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!