

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 2: The Lord is my strength and my song, He is become my salvation.

Vs. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 5:1 – 10

Epistle

Brethren: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character, and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Alleluia

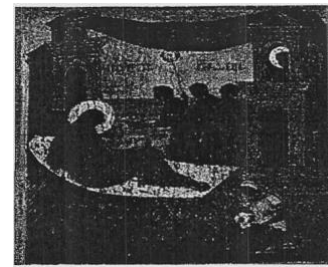
May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee!

Matthew 6:22-33

Gospel

Jesus said to His disciples: “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”



Schedule

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:30 A.M. Reader’s Service

Saturday, July 24, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 25, 2021

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 31, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 1, 2021

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Eve of the Feast of

Transfiguration

6:00 P.M. Vespers Liturgy

Saturday, August 7, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 8, 2021

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 14, 2021

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Mtg.

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 15, 2021

*Feast of the Dormition of the
Most Holy Theotokos*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 21, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 22, 2021

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 28, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Beheading of St. John the

Baptist

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, July 11, & 18, 2021

*Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-Praised; Equal to
the Apostles Blessed Great Princess Olga;
Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils*

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“*The Almighty Lord.* His omnipotence embraces all creatures, the highest and the lowest, intellectual and sentient angels and men, heaven and all that is therein, the earth and everything upon it, the sea and everything within it. His omnipotence absolutely embraces everything in general and every part of creation. Thus it embraces the heart of man and his thoughts; therefore it is said, “the king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord (Proverbs 21:1).” This is also why the Apostle says, “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God (Corinthians 3:5).” If God’s grace leaves my heart and my mind, I become as the dust carried away by the wind, without any moral stability, with an inclination to every possible evil; both my mind and my heart become empty, trivial, dark, and powerless. The Virgin Mary is the most merciful sovereign of all the sons and daughters of men, as the Daughter of God the Father, Who is love; the Mother of God the Word, of our love; the chosen bride of the Holy Ghost, Who is love consubstantial with the Father and the Word. How can we do otherwise than have recourse to such a sovereign and expect to receive all spiritual blessings from Her? Firmly purpose in your soul to hate every sin of thought, word, and deed, and when you are tempted to sin resist it valiantly and with a feeling of hatred for it; only beware lest your hatred should turn against the person of your brother who gave occasion for the sin.”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Sophia (<i>Masserang B'day</i>)	Michael	Archprst. John Zabinko (BP)
Kristine	Laverne	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)
Dan	Priest Matthew	Matthew Zabinko
Raymond	Matushka Christine	Priest Josef (BP)
Diana	Abigail	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Reader Nicholas	Aidan	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Reader Peter	Eve	Deacon Paul (BP)
Patricia	Victor	Matushka Doreen (BP)
Lori	Wilma	Matushka Snezana (BP)
George	Michael	Helen (BP)
Michael	April	Theodore (BP)
Patrick	Joseph	Gabriel (BP)
Melanie & CTBB	Michael	Elizabeth (BP)
Paul	Barb	Marie (BP)
Anthony	Barbara	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Amy	Mark	Paul
Michael	Angela	Mary
Joseph	Elijah	Nicholas
Andrew	Sophia	Andrew
Magdalene	Matushka Tanya	Anthony
Subdeacon Charles	Mary	Christopher
Deborah	Met. HERMAN (BP)	Jackie
	Archpriest Moses (BP)	

Those in the life to come

Raymond
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir

"Hate the sin with all your heart, but pity your brother; instruct him, and pray for him to the Almighty, Who sees all of us and tries our hearts and innermost parts. "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin (Hebrews 12:4)." It is impossible not to often fall into sin unless you have a hatred of it implanted in your heart. Self-love must be eradicated. Every sin comes from the love of self. Sin always appears, or feigns to be, to wish us well, promising us plenteousness and ease. "The tree was good for food, and it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise (Genesis 3:6)." This is how sin always appears to us."
My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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. *St. Euphemia*

TONE 3

Thou didst bring joy to the Orthodox and shame to the defenders of heresy, for thou didst confirm what the Fathers of the Fourth Council had correctly taught. Glorious martyr Euphemia, fair virgin of Christ, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy. *St. Olga*

TONE 1

Giving thy mind the wings of divine understanding, thou didst soar above visible creation seeking God the Creator of all. When thou didst find Him, thou didst receive rebirth through baptism. As one who enjoys the Tree of Life, thou hast remained eternally incorrupt, ever-glorious Olga.

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior praises Thee forever. *St. Olga*

TONE 4

Today let us praise God the Benefactor of all, who glorified divinely-wise Olga, that through her prayers, He may grant our souls remission of sins.

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

St. Euphemia

TONE 2

For the sake of Christ thy Bridegroom thou didst undergo struggles in both martyrdom and faith. Now intercede with the Mother of God that heresies and the insolent enemies of the Orthodox be placed underfoot. Thou didst receive and guard that which was defined by the six hundred and thirty God-bearing Fathers, all-praised Euphemia.