

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

Prophet Ezekiel

TONE 4

Thou hast been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel, proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lam and Creator, the Son of God who has ever revealed Himself.

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 3: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Vs. Clap your hand, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 6:18 – 23

Epistle

Brethren: having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia

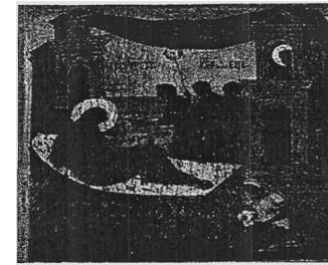
In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.

v: Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

Matthew 8:5-13

Gospel

At that time: when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.



Schedule

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

8:30 A.M. Perogies

Saturday, July 27, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 3, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 5, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy followed
by blessing of fruit

Saturday, August 10, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 11, 2024

9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

6:30 P.M. Vespers at Assumption
Greek Orthodox Church, Town &
Country

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Feast of the Dormition of the Most
Holy Theotokos

8:30 A.M. Orthros

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy at

Assumption Greek Orthodox

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, July 21, 2024

*4th Sunday After Pentecost; Prophet Ezekiel;
Venerable Symeon and John of Emessa*

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"It is better not to pass on the words of reproach that have been transmitted to us by anyone, but to keep silence concerning them, or transmit words of love and good-will, then our spirit will be tranquil. But to pass on words of animosity and envy is very hurtful; they often produce, in the impatient and self-loving men, to whom they refer, a spiritual tempest, rekindle extinct enmity, and occasion dissension. We must have Christian patience, and the wisdom of the serpent. Why is it that one evil word, one word of calumny, produces the most disagreeable impression upon us, agitates us to the depths of our souls, whilst, on the contrary, sometimes thousands of good words, for instance, concerning God and His works in the world, do not reach our hearts at all, and are lost in the air? The Devil comes and catches away the word, sown in the hearts of men. It is also he, on the other side, who sows and grows in our hearts the seeds of evil, and does not miss the slightest opportunity of implanting enmity and envy for our neighbor in our hearts. One glance of our neighbor at us, often quite innocent, but appearing suspicious to us, is sufficient to give rise to a feeling of enmity in us towards him. And, therefore, do not let us take to heart any evil occasioned to us, intentionally or unintentionally, by our neighbor, for we know the author of it, and"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Deborah	Ruth	Victor
Louis	Claudia	Wilma
Claudia	Constance	Michael
Gregory	David Sarah	April
Reader Stephen	Hope	Joseph
Donald	Brandyn	Michael
Elyssa	Subdeacon Andrew	Barb
Ben	Theresa	Barbara
Kelly	Lori Ann	Mark
Brad	Joseph	Angela
Helen	Demetrius	Elijah
Matushka Sandra	Marina	Sophia
Alexios	Sandra	Matushka Tanya
Martha	Eva	Mary
Kyra	Catechumen Mary	Archpriest John
Andrew	Alexandra	Matushka Margaret
Sergei	Mary Magdalene	Matthew
Archpriest Basil	Diana	Priest Josef
Phil	Barbara	Archpriest Michael
Steve	Julia	Reader Peter
Hilda	Elaine	Patricia
		Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Archpriest Alexis	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
Tom	Archimandrite Innocent	John
<u>Jessica</u>	Olga	
Matushka Olga	Francis	
Archpriest Thomas	Jean	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward	
Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy	

"that "the whole world lieth in wickedness (1 St. John 5:19)," from its beginning, but let us bear every affront offered us serenely, praying for those who offend us, as for our benefactors, for even in their affronts we may often hear words of good-will towards us, although not proceeding from a good heart. May the Lord teach them, and not impute their behavior unto us as sin to them, and let us be more careful, so as not to give place to the Devil. In this life we sin continually, and at the same time we are so self-loving, that we cannot endure our faults and sins to be reprov'd, especially before others; but in the future life our transgressions will be reprov'd before the whole world. Remembering this terrible judgment seat, let us bear reproof here humbly and gently, and let us correct ourselves of all our faults and sins; let us especially bear reproof from our superiors, and may the Lord teach them to reprove our faults, not maliciously, but lovingly, and in the spirit of meekness." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

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 Symeon & John

TONE 4

O God of our fathers, always act with kindness toward us; take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of Fathers Symeon and John.

Prophet Ezekiel

TONE 2

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Ezekiel, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: save our souls.

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!