

Martyr Pancratius

TONE 4

Thy holy martyr Trophimus and his companions, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

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, 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!

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

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 15:1 – 7

Epistle

Brethren: We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “*The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.*” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience comfort you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia

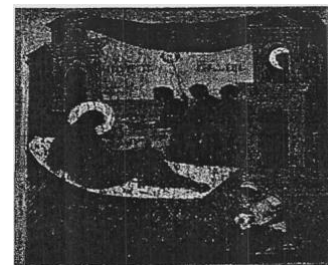
He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

Matthew 9:27-35

Gospel

At that time, Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and ever disease among the people.



Schedule

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

St. Jacob of Alaska

9:30 A.M. Liturgy

Saturday, July 29, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 30, 2023

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Begin Dormition Fast

Saturday, August 5, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Transfiguration

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 12, 2023

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 14, 2023

Eve of the Feast of Dormition

6:30 P.M. Vespers *at Assumption*

Greek Orthodox Church, Town & Country, MO

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

8:30 A.M. Orthros followed by

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, July 23, 2023

7th Sunday After Pentecost; Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"The Lord is so holy, so simple in His holiness, that one single evil or impure thought deprives us of Him, of the sweet and most sweet, of the pure and most pure peace and light of our souls. Hence it follows that the saints are all light; they are all one fragrance, like the light of the sun, like the purest air. Lord, grant this simple holiness to me also! The Lord, before His incarnation, let mankind experience all the bitterness of sin, all their powerlessness to eradicate it; and when all longed for a Deliverer, then He appeared, the most wise, all-powerful Physician and Helper. When men hungered and thirsted after righteousness, as it grew weaker, then the everlasting righteousness came. For all the many and various snares of the enemy, there is but one name - the Devil. My soul, be persuaded of this and do not be fainthearted, do not despond in the misfortunes occasioned by the enemy and in the storms wrought by the enemy. "Thine is the power (The Russian Orthodox Church Service Book);" that is, Thou holdest all and everything in Thy power and under Thine authority, even the spirits of evil. "Thine is the Kingdom." Thou art King over all, even over the spirits of evil. "Thine is the strength." Thou maintainest all through Thy strength, and "Thine is the glory," for Thou hast created everything for Thy glory. As God is everything good to us, so the Devil is every evil, every abomination of sin. A simple heart, taught by God, knows how to unite itself to God, and how to avoid every connection with the Devil. It is sometimes necessary to ask a person who prays for himself, or for others, the following question in order to rouse his slumbering"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Constance	Subdeacon Andrew	Elaine
Shantay	Theresa	Victor
Tamara	Yulia	Wilma
Charlotte	Patrick	Michael
Sarah	Shawn	April
Rachel	Gabriella	Joseph
Millie	Catechumen Rebecca	Michael
Abigail	Marie	Barb
Patricia	Michael	Barbara
Laura	Patricia	Mark
Cayden	Reader Michael	Angela
Carter	Michelle	Elijah
Leean (Mary)	Mikaela	Sophia
Matthew	Zachary	Matushka Tanya
Mary	Virginia	Mary
Hunter	Dymphna	Archpriest Moses
Adrick	Justin	Archpriest John
Alexander	Hope	Matushka Margaret
Irene	Nicholas	Matthew
Kim	Theodora	Priest Joseph
Kim	John	Archpriest Michael
Kristine	Cyndi	Reader Peter
David	Diana	Patricia
Adina	Michael	Matushka Virginia
Dana	Joseph	Paul
Ioan	Andrew	Mary
Nico	Magdalene	Nicholas
Steve	Barbara	Andrew
Philip	Rebecca	Anthony
Lori Ann	Nancy	Christopher
	Maria	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Patricia
Wade
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir
Archbishop PAUL

"heart and conscience: "Are you in need of that for which you are apparently asking, and do you really desire to obtain it? Do you sincerely desire, for instance, amendment and holiness of life for yourself and others?" There is only one God of my heart, my Lord and my God, and He is everything to me, as He is also everything to the whole world, visible and invisible, which was created by Him from nothing. Therefore, I ought not to cling to anything but to my God; I ought to part from everything that I have without regret, as from the dust which we trample under feet, and ought only to have in my heart love for God, and my brethren who are received in Christ into union with the Divine nature. "Ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (Peter 1:4)." "Now are we the sons of God (1 John 3:2)." Whilst malice is the child of the Devil, may it never, neither pride nor self-exaltation, and envy, touch our heart, even for a single moment! It is a remarkable phenomenon in nature that, if you put a plant into a large, wide pot or tub, it grows very much at the roots; they thicken, they give out many ramifications, but the tree itself does not grow much in height, and only yields few and small leaves and flowers. But if it is placed in a small pot, then the roots are small, but the plant itself grows rapidly in height and yields beautiful leaves and flowers (if it is the nature of the plant to produce flowers). Is it not the same with man? When he lives in full liberty, in abundance and prosperity, then he grows in body and does not grow in spirit, does not bring forth fruits - good works; whilst when he lives in straitness, in poverty, sickness, misfortune, and afflictions, lives in straitness, in poverty, sickness, misfortune, and afflictions, in a word, when his animal nature is crushed, then he grows spiritually, bears flowers of virtue, ripens and brings forth rich fruits. This is why the path of those who love God is a narrow one." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

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.