

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

Dormition of St. Anna

TONE 2

We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ, and with faith we ask their help, that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out: "Be with us, O God, who in Thy good pleasure glorified them."

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 4: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

Another (St. Anna) TONE 4: God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

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

Brethren: My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Alleluia

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

v: The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord.

Matthew 28:38-9:1

Gospel

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.



Schedule

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. Vesperal 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 (Strict Fast Day)

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 5, 2021

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Eve of Feast of Nativity

6:00 P.M. Vesperal Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, July 25, 2021

*5th Sunday After Pentecost; Dormition of
Righteous Anna*

(mother of the Theotokos)

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"If guardian angels did not preserve us from the snares of evil demons, O how often we should have fallen from one sin into another; how devils would have tormented us - they who delight in tormenting men - which indeed happens when the Lord allows the guardian angels to withdraw themselves from us for a time, and devils lay snares for us. Yes, the angels of peace, our true guides, the guardians of our souls and bodies, are ever with us if we do not voluntarily drive them away from us by the abomination of sensuality, pride, doubt, and unbelief. We somehow feel that they cover us with the wings of their immaterial glory, only we do not see them. Our good thoughts, inclinations, words, and deeds, all proceed from them. The enemy often wounds our souls by his malice and burns us. This wound spreads like a gangrene in the heart if we do not stop it in time by the sincere prayer of faith. And God wounds our souls by His love, but this wound is light, sweet, not burning, but warming and vivifying. Concerning penitence. Penitence should be sincere, perfectly free, and not in any way forced by any particular time and habit, or by the person before whom the sinner confesses. Otherwise it would not be true penitence. It is said: "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (St. Matthew 4:7)." Is at hand - that is, it has come by itself. It is not necessary to seek for it long - it seeks us, our free inclination; that is, you yourself must repent with heartfelt contrition. "They were baptized of him" (is said of those baptized of John) "confessing their sins (St Matthew 3:6)"; that is, they themselves"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

"acknowledged their sins. And as our prayer consists principally of penitence and asking forgiveness of our sins, it must absolutely be always sincere and perfectly free, not against our will, not forced out of us by habit and custom. Such also should be our prayer when it is one of thanksgiving and praise. Gratitude supposes the soul of the man benefited to be full of free, lively feeling flowing freely from the mouth, "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (St. Matthew 12:34)." Praise, too, supposes an ecstasy of wonder in the man who contemplates the infinite goodness, wisdom, and omnipotence of God in the moral and material world, and therefore it ought also to be a perfectly free and intelligent action. In general, prayer should be a free and perfectly conscious outpouring of the man's heart before God. "I have poured out my soul before the Lord (Prayer of Hanna, the mother of Samuel - 1 Samuel 1:15)." In order to purify and stimulate our prayer, the Lord allows the Devil to painfully inflame our inward parts, so that we, feeling a strange fire within us, and suffering from it, may endeavor to bring into our heart by means of humble prayer the fire of God, the fire of the Holy Ghost giving life to our hearts." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

Dormition of St. Anna

TONE 4

Divinely-wise Anna, thou didst carry in thy womb the pure Mother of God, who gave life to our Life. Therefore, thou art now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, where thou dost seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor thee, ever blessed one.

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

Those in the life to come

Galina
Raymond
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir