

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

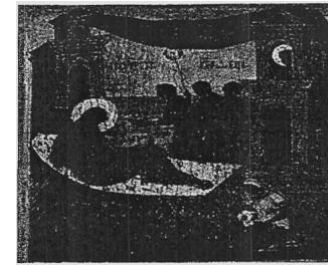
May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

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

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Thursday, June 29, 2023

*Feast of the Chief of the Apostles
Peter & Paul*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 1, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 2, 2023

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 8, 2023

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 9, 2023

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

8:30 A.M. Peroghies

Saturday, July 15, 2023

NO VESPERS

Sunday, July 16, 2023

9:30 A.M. Reader's Service

Saturday, July 22, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 23, 2023

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

St. Jacob of Alaska

9:30 A.M. Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, June 25, 2023

*3rd Sunday After Pentecost; Afterfeast of the
Nativity of the Forerunner; Virgin Martyr*

Febronia of Nisibis

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"How holy therefore must be our Lady, the Mother of God, with Whom God the Word Himself, the Light everlasting, was most truly united: "the true light, Which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world (St. John 1:8)," whom "the Holy Ghost came upon," and whom "the power of the Most High overshadowed (St. Luke 1:35)"! How holy and most holy must be our Lady, the Mother of the Lord, Who became the temple of God, not made with hands, and was entirely penetrated, in all Her thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds, by the Holy Ghost, and from Whose blood the Creator Himself made flesh for Himself? Truly She is most holy, firm, steadfast, immovable, unchangeable throughout all eternity in Her most high, divine holiness, for the all-perfect God, Who humanly became Her Son, made Her all-perfect by reason of Her most great humility, Her love of purity and the source of purity, God; Her entire renunciation of the world, and Her attachment with all Her thoughts to the heavenly kingdom, and especially by reason of the fact that She became His Mother, carried Him in Her womb, and afterwards in Her most-pure arms, nourished with Her most-pure milk, Him Who feeds all creatures, cared for Him, caressed Him, suffered and sorrowed for Him, shed tears for Him, lived Her whole life for Him, for Him alone was wholly absorbed in His Spirit and was one heart, one soul with Him, one holiness with Him! O highest unity of love and holiness of the most-pure Virgin Mary and Her Divine Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! Wonderful, too, are"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Timothy	Hope	Barbara
Debra	Nicholas	Mark
Mark	Theodora	Angela
Lori	John	Elijah
Kyle	Cyndi	Sophia
Megan	Diana	Matushka Tanya
Philip	Michael	Mary
Lori Ann	Joseph	Archpriest Moses
Yulia	Andrew	Archpriest John
Patrick	Magdalene	Matushka Margaret
Shawn	Barbara	Matthew
Gabriella	Rebecca	Priest Joseph
Catechumen Rebecca	Nancy	Archpriest Michael
Marie	Maria	Reader Peter
Michael	Elaine	Patricia
Patricia	Victor	Matushka Virginia
Reader Michael	Wilma	Paul
Michelle	Michael	Mary
Mikaela	April	Nicholas
Zachary	Joseph	Andrew
Dymphna & CTBB	Michael	Anthony
Justin	Barb	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Amy
Harold
Michael
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir
Archbishop PAUL

"God's saints by their entire love for the Lord, by the streams of blood and sweat they shed out of love for the Lord." 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.

Forerunner

TONE 4

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we cannot praise thee worthily, we honor thee in love at thy nativity, for by it thou hast ended thy father's silence and thy mother's barrenness, proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

Martyr

TONE 4

Thy lamb Febronia, calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou are merciful.

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.

Forerunner

TONE 3

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner, who is the fulfillment of every prophecy; for in the Jordan, when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the prophets, he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

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

Martyr

TONE 6

"Most sweet Jesus, my Bridegroom, it is not hard for me to follow Thee;" cried Febronia, "the sweetness of Thy love gives wings of hope to my soul, the beauty of Thy mercy has sweetened my heart; may I drain the cup of sufferings in imitation of Thee, so that Thou mayest count me worthy to be among the wise virgins: those who dance with Thee in Thy bridal chamber." Therefore, venerable passion-bearer, as we honor the struggles of thy labors we entreat thee: "Pray that we not find the doors of the bridal chamber locked to us."