

## **Kontakia**

*All Saints*

### **TONE 8**

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs, as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!

### ***Prokeimenon***

**TONE 8:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**Vs.** In Judah God is known; His Name is great is great in Israel.

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

### **The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2**

#### ***Epistle***

*Brethren:* what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

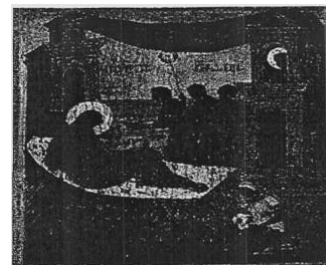
#### ***Alleluia***

*The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and He delivered them from all their troubles.  
v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, and the Lord will deliver them out of them all.*

### **Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38;; 19:27-30**

#### ***Gospel***

The Lord said to His disciples: “Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father Who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”



### ***Schedule***

#### **Monday, June 28, 2021**

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

6:00 P.M. Vespers Liturgy

#### **Saturday, July 3, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, July 4, 2021**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, July 10, 2021**

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Mtg.

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, July 11, 2021**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### **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

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

### **Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

**ALL SAINTS**

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“Through His incarnation the Lord has entered into the closest relation with man. It is marvellous! God Himself is united in one person with man. God became flesh – “the Word was made flesh (St. John 1:14).” God Himself partook of our carnal food and drink, was laid in a manger, lived in a house. He Who cannot be contained by the heavens walked upon the earth, upon the waters, upon the air. “He went up,” it is said, “toward heaven (Acts 1:10).” He was nailed to the tree, “He Who hangeth the earth upon nothing by His command (Canon of the Fifth Tone).” The whole earth, the waters, and the air – all are sanctified by the incarnate Son of God; therefore the earth is dear to Him – this temporary abode of men, this inn of the human race, this place of His habitation amongst men. But especially dear to Him are men themselves, whose souls and bodies He has received into unity with His own Person, and especially with true Christians. He is in them, and they in Him. What is above all desirable for man? The avoidance of sin, the remission and forgiveness of sins and the attainment of holiness. Wherefore? Because sins, such as, for instance, pride, evil behavior towards our neighbors, wicked suspiciousness, covetousness, avarice, envy, etc., separate us from God, the Source of life, withdraw us from fellowship with other men, and plunge us into spiritual death; whilst gentle, humble, and kind behavior to all, even to our enemies, simplicity, disinterestedness, contentedness with little and with the indispensable, generosity to everyone, goodwill and all other virtuous qualities, unite us to God, the Source of life, and to other men by endearing us to them. Grant then, Lord, that we may entirely flee from sin; that we”

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

Dan	Melanie & CTBB	Elijah
Diana	Paul	Sophia
Reader Peter	Anthony	Matushka Tanya
Patricia	Amy	Mary
Subdeacon Jason	Michael	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Layla	Joseph	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Mary Magdalene	Andrew	Archprst. John Zabinko (BP)
Katie	Magdalene	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)
Timothy	Subdeacon Charles	Matthew Zabinko
Debra	Deborah	Priest Josef (BP)
Lori	Michael	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Mark	Laverne	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Megan	Priest Matthew	Deacon Paul (BP)
Bella	Matushka Christine	Matushka Doreen (BP)
Lori	Abigail	Matushka Snezana (BP)
George	Aidan	Helen (BP)
Michael	Eve	Theodore (BP)
Patrick	Victor	Gabriel (BP)
Archpriest Christopher	Wilma	Elizabeth (BP)
Matushka Irene	Michael	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Karen	April	Paul
Joan	Joseph	Mary
Clarita	Michael	Nicholas
Scott	Barb	Andrew
Julie	Barbara	Anthony
Abigail	Mark	Christopher
David	Angela	Jackie
Adina		

**Those in the life to come**

Raymond  
Protodeacon Edwin  
Archpriest Thomas  
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS  
Archpriest Vladimir  
Irene

"may accustom ourselves to every virtue, through Thy grace. Yeah, Master, Lord, without Thee we, "being evil (St. Matthew 12:34)." Can do no good thing. We must not be exasperated, angry, and proud, as is habitual to our corrupt nature, against those who are angry, envious, or proud towards us, but we must pity them as overcome by the flames of hell, and by spiritual death; we must pray to God for them from the depths of our hearts, that the Lord may take away the darkness from their souls and enlighten their hearts by the light of His grace. We are darkened by our own passions, and do not see the foolishness, the monstrousness of them, and of our conduct; but when the Lord enlightens us by the light of His grace, then we, awaking as from a sleep, clearly perceive the monstrousness, the foolishness of our thoughts, feelings, words, and actions; our heart, which was hardened until then, softens; the evil passes away and is replaced by mercy, kindness, and indulgence. Therefore, in accordance with our Savior's words, we must also love our enemies: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you (St. Matthew 5:44)," for they, our brethren are also blind, have also gone astray." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**Troparia**

*Resurrection*

**TONE 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

*All Saints*

**TONE 4**

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*