

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.

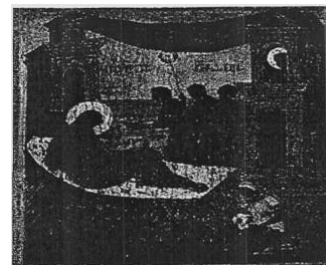
Alleluia

*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

Saturday, July 6, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 7, 2024

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 13, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 14, 2024

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 20, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, July 21, 2024

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Begin Dormition Fast

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sundays, June 30, 2024

All Saints; 1st Sunday After Pentecost

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"The whole world - heaven and earth, and all that is in them, the sea, and all that is therein - is the outpouring of God's infinite mercy, of His wisdom and infinite power and might and goodness to the creatures that He has created for joy and happiness, and especially of His goodness to the human race. The world is the mirror of the goodness, mind, wisdom, and power of God; and therefore we must not cling to the world, but to God. "Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever (Psalm 73:25, 26)." It is necessary for a Christian to fast, in order to clear his mind, to rouse and develop his feelings, and to stimulate his will to useful activity. These three human capabilities we darken and stifle above all by "surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life (St. Luke 21:34)." Through these we fall away from God, the Source of life, and fall into corruption and vanity, perverting and defiling the image of God within us. Surfeiting and sensuality nail us to the earth, and cut off, so to say, the wings of the soul. But look how high was the flight of the souls of the ascetics and abstinent! They soared in the heavens like eagles; they, the earth-born, lived by their intellect and heart in heaven, and heard there unspeakable words, and learned there Divine"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Claudia	Ioan	April
Constance	Katie	Joseph
David	Loreto	Michael
Sarah	Veronika	Barb
Hope	Tobi	Barbara
Brandyn	Sandra	Mark
Teresa	Eva	Angela
Subdeacon Andrew	Shawn	Elijah
Lori Ann	Gabriella	Sophia
Joseph	Catechumen Mary	Matushka Tanya
Demetrios	Alexandra	Mary
Marina	Mary Magdalene	Archpriest John
Peter	Diana	Matushka Margaret
Paul	Barbara	Matthew
Inez	Julia	Priest Josef
David	Elaine	Archpriest Michael
Barbara	Victor	Reader Peter
David	Wilma	Patricia
Adina	Michael	Matushka Virginia

"wisdom. And how a man lowers himself by gluttony and drunkenness! He perverts his nature, created after the image of God, and becomes like unto the beast, and even worse. O, woe unto us for our attachments, for our iniquitous habits! They hinder us from loving God and our neighbors, and from fulfilling God's commandments; they implant in us criminal carnal self-love, the end of which is everlasting destruction. Thus the drunkard does not grudge money for the sake of gratifying his flesh and stupefying himself, while he grudges giving a few pence to the poor; the smoker flings away tens and hundreds of roubles, and grudges pence to the poor, which might save his soul; those who love to spend enormous sums upon dress, furniture, and china, and pass by beggars coldly and contemptuously; those who like to fare sumptuously do not grudge spending tens and hundreds of roubles for dinners, while they grudge a few coppers to the poor. It is also necessary for a Christian to fast, because with the incarnation of the Son of God, human nature became spiritualized and made godly, and now we hasten towards the kingdom of God, which is "not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17)." "meats for the belly, and belly for meats; but God shall destroy both it and them (1 Corinthians 6:13)." To eat and drink - that is, to care for sensual pleasures - is only natural to heathenism, which, not knowing spiritual, heavenly delights, sets the whole life in the pleasures of the belly, in much eating and drinking. This is why in the Gospel the Lord so often reproves this destructive passion. Why, therefore, shall we darken and stifle our souls and kill their last spiritual powers? " 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.

Those in the life to come

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