

### Prokeimenon

**TONE 4:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!  
*v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!*

### **Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:24 – 26; 11:32 - 12:2**

*Brethren:* By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And 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 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 toned, 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*

*v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel was among those who called on His Name.  
v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

### **John 1:43-51**

### *Gospel*

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



### Schedule

#### **Sunday, March 1, 2020**

*Forgiveness Sunday*

Vespers following Coffee Hour;

Rite of Mutual Forgiveness

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,**

#### **Thursday, March 2-5, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Great Compline with

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

#### **Friday, March 6, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

#### **Saturday, March 7, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, March 8, 2020**

*Orthodoxy Sunday*

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Church, St.

Louis, MO followed by rite of

Triumph of Orthodoxy

#### **Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Divine

Liturgy

#### **Friday, March 13, 2020**

7:00 P.M. Vespers followed by

*Panikhida for the departed*

#### **Saturday, March 14, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

followed by *Panikhida for the*

*departed*

#### **Sunday, March 15, 2020**

*Gorgory Palamas*

### Nativity of the Virgin Mary

### Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

*36<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Expulsion of Adam  
and Eve from Paradise, Forgiveness Sunday*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

"What would it have been if God's preventive grace had not been bestowed upon us; if it did not unexpectedly, suddenly embrace all our being after we have sinned, and incline our hearts to repentance and tears? What if it had been left to us to obtain it by our own efforts only? How accursed would we men then have been! Few, very few, could have been delivered from the burden of their sins, for our nature is slothful in exerting itself to effort, especially in the spiritual life; and without help, without powerful facility and the delights of spiritual labors, it would have abandoned them, and would have thrown aside the work of its salvation. But now God, the Most Wise and Merciful Father, sometimes lightens and sweetens our spiritual burden, sometimes makes it heavier for our trial, to teach us patience, and to weaken our crafty, destructive flesh, wisely changing the one by the other; and the work of our salvation, thank God, is thus always made possible – not too difficult, and very often pleasant to us. How inexpressibly sad it is to see that on the Lord's festivals the enemy collects his tax – and an exceedingly great one it is – from Christians! And the greater the festival the heavier the tax that Christians pay the enemy; for what do we see on the festivals? Perfect idleness, unbridled passions, brawls, profligacy, thefts, amusements. My God! What gratification of the flesh! What zealous service to the Devil! Are these people really Christians, redeemed by the precious Blood of the Son of God? Are we living in Christian times and not in Pagan ones? Are these men"

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

Melissa	Kamari	Matushka Tanya
Michael	Michael	Archpriest John
Rachel	Alexander	Matushka Margaret
John	Christean	Matthew
Terry	Eric	Protopresbyter Radomir
Mary	Kristina	Archpriest Joseph
Elizaveta	Patricia	Archpriest Moses
Michaela	Vanca	Priest Josef
Linda	Irene	Matushka Virginia
Mark	Emily & Child to be born of	Archpriest Vladimir
Ellis Family	her	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Sandra	Michael	Archpriest Gregory
Becky	Jacob	Archpriest Myron
Ruth	David	Archpriest Philip
Jason	Marie	Priest Benjamin
Elijah	Reader George	Deacon Nicholas
Xander	George	Deacon Paul
Kevin	Catechumen Kristine	Deacon Paul
William	Janet	Deacon Gregory
Christine	Victor	Matushka Snezana
Andrew	Wilma	Matushka Melania
Sarah	Michael	Helen
Suzan	April	Theodore
Andrew	Joseph	Paul
Sarah	Michael	Mary
Elmer	Barb	Nicholas
Tim	Barbara	Anne
Janet	Mark	Andrew
Livinia	Angela	Anthony
Ian	Elijah	Christopher
Katrina	Sophia	Jackie
	Mary	

### ***Those in the life to come***

Linda	Richard	Archpriest Thomas
Elizabeth Ann	Hailee	
Archpriest John	Christopher	
Mirza	Priest Michael	

"How long shall we begin the celebration of the great saving events of the Orthodox faith with the Spirit and end them with the flesh? How long shall the enemy mock at the members of Christ, which Christians are? How long shall men of other faiths and religions point at us and say: "Look, these are the Christians who call themselves Orthodox. Look how they live! What sort of faith can they have in their 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.

*Sunday of Orthodoxy*

#### **TONE 2**

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

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

*Sunday of Orthodoxy*

#### **TONE 8**

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.