

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

Kontakia

Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

TONE 6

Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, thou dost teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart. Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!

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

v: In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans 13:11 – 14:4

Brethren: do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Alleluia

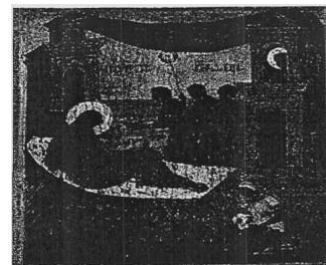
v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.

Matthew 6:14-21

Gospel

At that time, the Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



Schedule

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Forgiveness Sunday

1:00 P.M. Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 3 – Thursday, March 6, 2025

7:00 P.M. Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 7, 2025

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Orthodoxy Sunday

BEGIN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Town & Country, MO

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 16, 2025

St. Gregory Palamas

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 21, 2025

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Soul Saturday

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 2, 2025

36th Sunday After Pentecost; Forgiveness Sunday;

Expulsion of Adam & Eve from Paradise;

Hieromartyr Theodotus Bishop of Cyrenia

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"The mode of curing spiritual sicknesses (the passions) entirely differs from the mode of curing of bodily sicknesses. In the latter case, attention must be fixed upon the malady; the tender part must be treated by softening means - warm water, compresses, etc. But it is not so in the case of spiritual sicknesses; so if you have fallen spiritually sick, do not pay attention to it, but strike the malady, crucify it; do not in any wise indulge it, do not cherish it, do not warm it, do quite the reverse to that which it asks you to do. If you feel hatred for your neighbor, crucify this passion quickly, and immediately begin to love your neighbor; if you have fallen into avarice, try to quickly become generous; if you have grown envious, try to quickly become benevolent; if you have fallen into pride, quickly humble yourself to the ground; if you have fallen into covetousness, praise those who are disinterested, and endeavor to become like them; if you are tormented by the spirit of enmity, strive after peace and love; if you are overcome by gluttony, quickly strive to be abstinent and keep fast. The whole art of curing the diseases of the spirit consists in not paying attention to them, and in not in the least indulging them, but to immediately cutting them off. In reference to the fulfilment of that which you ask of God in prayer, believe that it is as easy, and even incomparably easier, for the Lord to fulfill each of your words than it is for you to pronounce the words, and that if there is the word, there is also the deed; for with the Lord there is no word without the deed; no"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Hope	Margaret	Mary Magdalene
Subdeacon Paul	Amy	Diana
Judith	Sage	Barbara
Peter	Kristine	Elaine
Rebecca	George	Wilma
Tomas	Jake	Michael
Rachel	Cecelia	April
Katie	Gabriella & CTBB	Joseph
Veronika	Shawn	Michael
Peter	Reader Simeon	Barb
Shawn	Anna	Barbara
Selaphiel	Elizabeth	Mark
Margaret	Edmund	Angela
James	Catechumen Athanasius	Elijah
Macarius	Alex	Sophia
Christiana	Julia	Kathy
John	Martha	Matushka Tanya
Gregory	Kendra	Mary
Archpriest James	David	Archpriest John
Myer Family	Adina	Matushka Margaret
Kelly	Reader Stephen	Matthew
Elyssa	Priest Andrew	Priest Josef
Marie	Popadija Joan	Archpriest Michael
Craig	Eva	Reader Peter
Ruth	Catechumen Mary	Patricia
Greg	Alexandra	Matushka Virginia

"word shall return unto Him void (Isaiah 55:11), according to His word. Remember constantly during prayer that God is That Which Is, and that from Him everything proceeds both the thought concerning anything, and the word concerning anything and everything that He is all wise, almighty, and all gracious. How much people lose during their conversation at home for giving life to it through not speaking about God! How animated, how fruitful and varied their conversation would become through this! Rivers of saving words would flow out of the bellies of believers (St. John 7:28). How edifying, how soothing such conversation would be! What true bliss it would afford! Whilst now that they do not speak of God in the home circle, but only speak of worldly vanity, the conversation soon becomes exhausted, people soon feel dull, and then kill the precious time in stupid games or dancing. The enemy of mankind has observed this weakness in men to occupy themselves with vain, worldly conversation, and, in general, to spend their time in vain amusements. He has derived and derives an immense advantage from this weakness; he has instituted theaters, circuses - the true realization of vanity, the true derision of worldly vanity; and foolish persons inclined to vanity, to slothfulness, indolence, willingly frequent these theaters and circuses, not finding any better occupation which would afford tranquility and pleasure to their souls. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12:13)."" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!

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.

Those in the life to come

Joan McGarry	<u>Joe</u>	Matushka Olga	Francis
Victor		Archpriest Thomas	Jean
Judy		Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Olga
Nicholas		Archpriest Vladimir	Cheryl
Aleksandra		Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Olivia		Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
Archbishop ANASTASIOS		Edward	John