

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.

TONE 3: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; / His understanding is beyond measure!

vs. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2

Brethren: Food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia

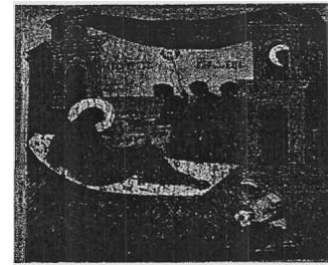
v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel

At that time, the Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirst or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



Schedule

Friday, March 12, 2021

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, March 13, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Forgiveness Sunday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Followed immediately by

Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 15 –

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:00 P.M. Great Compline with

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 19, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Divine

Liturgy

Saturday, March 20, 2021

9:00 Baptism Theodora

Brannon

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Vigil – Annunciation

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Annunciation

6:00 P.M. Vespers with Divine

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Friday, March 26, 2021

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 7, 2021

39th Sunday After Pentecost; The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus; Venerable Paul the Simple, disciple of St. Anthony the Great; St. Emilian of Rome; Last Judgment

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"What would it be, my Lord and God, Jesus Christ, if they light of Thy Godhead were to shine forth from Thy most pure Mysteries, when they rest upon the Holy Altar, or on the holy disk during the Liturgy, or in the tabernacle, or in the pyx (vessel used by the priest to bring Holy Communion to the sick), when the priest carries them upon his breast going to or coming from a sick person? Before such a light, all those who saw it would prostrate themselves to earth in fear, for even the angels cover their faces from fear of Thine inaccessible glory! But meanwhile, how indifferently some people behave towards these most heavenly Mysteries! How carelessly some persons celebrate the terrible service of the Holy Mysteries! I must always remember my relation to God, on one side, as that of a creature to the Creator, as that of a work of art to the Artist, of a potter's vessel to the Potter; on the other side, as that of an image to its Prototype, that of a child to its Father, of one saved to the Savior, of one loaded with benefits to the Benefactor; of one who is under the law to the Law-Giver, of one who has entered into the Testament to the Giver of"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Damon	Michael	Barbara
Peter	Joseph	Mark
Rebecca	Andrew	Angela
Marinette	Magdalene	Elijah
Deborah	David	Sophia
Clarita	Reader George	Matushka Tanya
Elizabeth	Marie	Mary
Melanie & CTBB	Michael	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Paul	Theodora	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Anthony	Dymphna	Archprst. John Zabinko (BP)
Janice	Justin	Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP)
Andrew	Hope	Matthew Zabinko
Mackenzie	Nicholas	Priest Josef (BP)
Maddie	Subdeacon Charles	Archpriest Peter (BP)
Sagan	Deborah	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Savanah	Michael	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Ben	Laverne	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Abigail	Priest Matthew	Deacon Paul (BP)
Sophia	Matushka Christine	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Bella	Abigail	Helen (BP)
Avery	Aidan	Theodore (BP)
Ellie	Eve	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Laren	Victor	Paul
Melanie	Wilma	Mary
Keith	Michael	Nicholas
Autumn	April	Andrew
Robin	Joseph	Anthony
Ruth	Michael	Christopher
Amy	Barb	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Clara	Archimandrite Alexander
Irene	<u>Cynthia</u>
Archpriest John	Archpriest Thomas
Maryann	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Protopresbyter Daniel	
Jason	

"the Testament, of one who is betrothed to the Bridegroom, or of a bride to the Bridegroom, of a member, of a citizen of the great city to its Chief, of one looking for the ages to come to the Father of those ages, of an accused to the Judge." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection

tone 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, 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.

KONTAKIA

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

Last Judgment

tone 1

When Thou, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed! Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge!

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.