

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 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

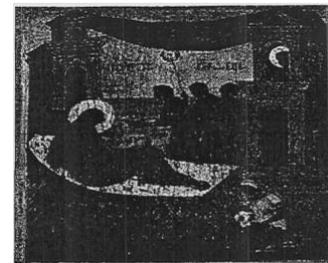
v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel was among those who called on His Name.

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 8, 2020

Orthodoxy Sunday

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

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Gregory Palamas

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

6:30 P.M. Joint Presanctified Divine Liturgy at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Swansea, IL

Friday, March 20, 2020

7:00 P.M. Vespers followed by *Panikhida* for the departed

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 8, 2020

38th Sunday After Pentecost; 1st Sunday of Great Lent; Triumph of Orthodoxy; St. Theophylactus Bishop of Nicomedia; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy

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"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?" What knowledge of their religion can they have? What kind of priests must they have? How badly they must teach the people religion! How little can they explain to them the meaning of the festivals, their object, and the purpose for which they were instituted! How little can they teach them to live according to the faith! My God! What a reproach to our Orthodox faith and to us pastors! And yet, perhaps, is not what they say of us pastors just? It is a great deal our fault that Christians do not spend the festivals as they ought. We do not unmask them, do not forbid them; we do not implore them with all forbearance and instruction to spend the festivals, and in general to live in a more Christian-like manner. We do not speak strongly enough against idleness, drunkenness, profligacy; we do not thunder in God's Church, in God's words, against these vices, which have taken such a terrible hold of Christians. We do not always exclude from the Holy Cup, as an example to others, those persons who are known for their drunkenness and adultery, and we thus allow these contagious and abominable vices to spread further and further; or at confession we impose too light penances upon those who deserve the severe punishment of the Church, and we do not watch as we"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

Elinor	Mirza	Archpriest Thomas
Linda	Richard	Agnes
Elizabeth Ann	Hailee	Richard
Archpriest John	Christopher	

"should the fulfilment of even those penances which we lay upon them. Then, Righteous God! Neither the pastors nor the flock can justify themselves before Thee. "They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one (Romans 3:12)." What will it come to at last with the existing disorder of our life? Iniquity spreads over the earth; the kingdom of the enemy grows wider. Thy Kingdom diminishes; there are but few of Thy chosen in whose hearts Thou resteth. Many are slaves of the Devil, in whose hearts the destroyer from time immemorial dwells like a thief. What wilt Thou do unto us, Lord? The blood of Thy testament cries out from the earth, but the voice of Thy Gospel does not penetrate into the hearts of Christians. Thy commandments are neglected, the Church's ordinances are trampled under foot. What wilt Thou do unto us, O Lord? Lord! send zealous workers into Thy vineyard, who "seek not their own (1 Corinthians 13:5)," but who seek Thee, Christ. Give them the zeal of the prophets, the power and wisdom of the Apostles, so that they may day and night unwearingly labor in the fields of the hearts of men. It is said that we soon grow weary of praying. Wherefore? Because we do not vividly represent to ourselves the Lord, Who is at our right hand (Psalm 16:8). Look upon Him unceasingly with the eyes of your heart, and then, even if you stand praying all night, you will not grow weary. What do I say - all night? You will be able to stand thus praying two and three nights without growing weary. Remember the Stylites. They stood for many years in a prayerful disposition of soul on pillars or columns, and mastered their flesh, which was the same as yours, and which was also inclined to slothfulness. And you feel oppressed by a few hours' public prayers, even by one hour's prayers." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

TONE 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

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.