

TONE 4 (*The Song of the Fathers*): Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

vs. For thou art just in all that thou hast done for us!

Another (*Martyrs*) **TONE 5**: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation for ever.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 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 also was among those who called on his name.*

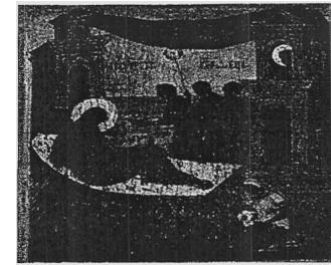
v: *They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

v: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give to Him glorious praise!*

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 1:43-51

Gospel

At that time, 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 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, and 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 9, 2025

Orthodoxy Sunday

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 23, 2025

The Cross

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 Ss. Cyril & Methody Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Granite City, IL

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Feast of Annunciation

6:00 P.M. Vespersal Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturov

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Great Lent; Orthodoxy Sunday;

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

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"You are ill, and your illness is very painful; you have become low-spirited and despondent; you are troubled and tossed with thoughts, each darker than the other; your heart and your lips are ready to murmur, to blaspheme God! My brother! Listen to my sincere advice. Bear your illness bravely, and do not merely not despond, but on the contrary, rejoice, if you can, in your illness. You would ask me what there is for you to rejoice at when you are racked all over with pain?

Rejoice that the Lord has sent you this temporary chastisement in order to cleanse your soul from sins.

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth (Hebrews 12:6)." Rejoice in the fact that now you are not gratifying those passions which you would have gratified had you been in good health; rejoice that you are learning the cross of sickness, and that therefore

you are treading the narrow and sorrowful way leading to the kingdom of heaven. Maladies in our eyes only appear painful, unpleasant, and terrible. It is seldom that any one of us during the time of sickness

represents to himself the profit which his illness brings to his soul; but in God's all wise and most merciful Providence, not a single malady remains

without some profit to our soul. Sicknesses in the hands of Providence are the same as bitter medicines for our soul, curing its passions, its bad habits and inclinations. Not a single malady sent to us shall return

void. Therefore, we must keep in view the utility of sicknesses, in order that we may bear them more easily and more calmly. "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin (1 Peter 4:1)," says the Holy"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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

"Scripture." 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!

Triodion

tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thy 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.

Martyrs

tone 1

For the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints, which they endured for Thee, O Lord, we entreat Thee to heal all our infirmities, O Lover of mankind.

Kontakia

Resurrection

tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

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

Martyrs

tone 6

Leaving all earthly armies, you cleaved to the Master in Heaven, O Forty prize-winners of the Lord; for passing through fire and water, O blessed Martyrs, as is meet, you received glory from Heaven, and a multitude of crowns.

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

Triodion

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 state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.