

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

*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*

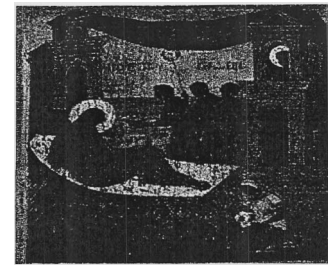
*v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!*

*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 10, 2019**

*Forgiveness Sunday*

*Lunch -- Following Lunch at*

*about 1:00 P.M. Vespers with*

*Rite of Forgiveness*

**Monday, March 11 – Thursday,**

**March 14, 2019**

*7:00 P.M. Compline with Canon*

*od St. Andrew of Crete*

**Friday, March 15, 2019**

*6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy*

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

*5:00 P.M. Vespers*

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

*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 Assumption*

*Greek Church*

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

*6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy*

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

*5:00 P.M. Vespers*

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

*St. Gregory Palamas*

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

*10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy*

**Monday, March 25, 2019**

*Annunciation of the Theotokos*

*6:00 P.M. Vesperal Liturgy*

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

*6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy*

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

*7:00 P.M. Vespers with Panikhida*

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

*Soul Saturday*

*10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

*41<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the*

*Triodion; Expulsion of Adam and Eve from*

*Paradise*

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“What is our own response to, our own commitment to, our own obedience to, the words of life offered by the Lord? When we are confronted by the deep questions of life – Who am I? – What is the purpose of my existence? – Who is my neighbor? – How should I live my life? – Do we run to the One who has the words of eternal life or do we fall back on our own human understanding? Do we have the courage to take up our Cross and follow Christ? Or are we sometimes tempted to also “go away?” To all such questions, Father Alexander suggests, “there exist no answers in the form of practical ‘recipes.’ ‘It all depends’ on thousands of factors – and to be sure all faculties of our human intelligence and wisdom, organization and planning, are to be constantly used.” But beyond these faculties, the primary factor that should define us as Christians is “our being real witnesses to the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit, to that new life of which we are made partakers in the Church.” Our present task is to ask ourselves whether we have become such witnesses – in the depth of our hearts, in our families, and in our communities. Do we see the Church, in the words of Father Alexander, as “the sacrament of the Kingdom – not because she possesses divinely instituted acts called ‘sacraments’ but because first of all she is the possibility given to man to see in and through this world the ‘world to come,’ to see and to ‘live’ it in Christ?” In the eyes of the world, the worth of a human life is often established by what one has accomplished to further civilization, by”

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

**Mark Kirk**  
**Archpriest Michael**  
*Kuzara repose of his mother Evelyn*  
**Matushka Barbara**  
*Kuzara*  
**David**  
**Reader George**  
**Barbara** Cuciureanu  
**Andrew** *Craig Rydgig travel*  
**Catechumen Kristine**  
*Smith*  
**Janet** *Finley Kristine's Sponsor*  
**Subdeacon Paul**  
**Judith**  
**Peter**  
**Rebecca**  
**David** *Brian Prince*  
**Adina** *Prince*  
**Benjamin** *Kelly Pastor*  
*Aaron Kelly father*  
**Nancy** *Rydgig*  
**Matushka Larissa** *Finley*  
**Zoe** *Finley*  
**Archpriest John**  
*Pawelchak*  
**Victor** *Len*  
**Wilma** *Len*

**Michael** *Len*  
**April** *Len*  
**Joseph** *Len*  
**Michael** *Len*  
**Pate**  
**Emilia**  
**Rylin**  
**Kenneth** Herman  
*Government Duty Abroad*  
**Elizabeth** Lauren Herman  
**Alexandria** Herman  
**Julia** Herman  
**Sarah** Herman  
**Barb**  
**Barbara**  
**Mark** Succarotte  
**Angela** Succarotte  
**Elijah** Succarotte  
**Sophia** Succarotte  
**Charles**  
**Matushka Tanya**  
Succarotte  
**Mary** Wierciszewski  
**Shane** Thomas  
**Lynsey**  
**Truman**  
**Thomas**  
**Huxton**  
**Linus**

**Jennifer & CTBB**  
**Nathan**  
**Brooks**  
**Archpriest John** Zabinko  
**MatshkaMargaret**Zabinko  
**Matthew** Zabinko  
**Protopresbyter Radomir**  
**Barbara** Rogers  
*(Bishop PAUL's list)*  
**Archpriest Joseph** Gibson  
**Archpriest John** Matusiak  
**Archprst Emilian** Hutnyan  
**Priest John** Jones  
**Priest Josef** von Klarr  
**Matushka Virginia** Lecko  
**Archpriest Vladimir** Lecko  
**Matushka Barbara** Kopka  
**Helen** Lis  
**Thomas** Hutnyan  
**Theodore** Geletka  
**Vasilios** (Donald) Zelle  
**Paul** Wanda  
**Mary** (Vicky Uram)  
**Nicholas** Zemcuznikov  
**Anne** Crowell  
**Andrew**  
**Anthony**  
**Christopher** Smith  
**Jackie**

“what fame one has brought to one’s name, or by what fortune one has amassed. Those of us who have not achieved such worldly glory may be disappointed when we reflect upon our own life, wondering if we have accomplished anything substantive or worthwhile. This is a false criterion by which to judge ourselves because it takes into account only the outward and visible expressions of a person’s achievements. In his biography of Saint Silouan, Archimandrite Sophrony introduces the entire work with the following line: “Outwardly, Blessed Staretz Silouan’s life presents little of interest.” He then quotes the one-paragraph notice from the Monastery Register relating to the life of the Elder and notes: “from ‘born’ to ‘died’ – how meager the picture! And yet, Father Sophrony went on to compose a 500-page book on the life, teachings, and prayers of this outwardly simple monk who yet contained in himself the grace of the Holy Spirit. In this, Saint Silouan stands a true image of his Lord, of Whom it was written both that “He had no form or comeliness, no beauty that we should desire Him (Isaiah 53:2)” and that “there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. (John 21:25)” It can be the same with our life in Christ and our life in the Church. Our earthly time may slip by quickly – hours, days, weeks, and years – but we nevertheless can experience the fullness and timelessness of Christ’s love, life, and light within all of those chronological intervals, even as we draw closer to our own death. A typical work week may bring little reward, but in Holy Week, we experience something truly eternal, triumphant, and life-giving as we walk with the Lord through His Passion, Crucifixion, and Death, and Burial. And then on Pascha and throughout Bright Week, time is further transfigured as we experience the glory of the single Eternal Day of Resurrection for eight earthly days.” *Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada*

### TROPARIA

*Resurrection*

**TONE 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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

**TONE 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### Those in the life to come

**Lou**  
**Bruce**  
**Marline**  
**Agnes** *Fryntzko*

**Evelyn**  
**Aurelia** Zidaru  
**Archpriest John**  
**Domnu** Paraianu

**Archpriest Thomas**