

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.

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.

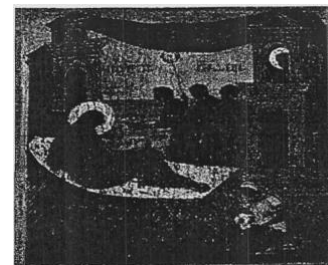
Alleluia

*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, and 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

Saturday, March 16, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirer's Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Forgiveness Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

12:30 P.M. Forgiveness Vespers

with rite of Forgiveness following

Monday - Thursday, March 18 - 21, 2024

7:00 P.M. Great Compline &

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 22, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 23, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirer's Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Orthodoxy Sunday

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. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Church, 4976

Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis,

MO 63108

Monday, March 25, 2024

Feast of Annunciation

6:00 P.M. Vespers with Divine

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 10, 2024

40th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Last Judgement; Martyrs Quadratus and those with him (Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, (another) Dyonysius, Victorinus, Victor, Nikèphorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nika (Victoria), Galla, Galina, Theodora, and many others at Corinth (258, 267-268); Martyrs Quadratus, Saturninus, Rufinus, and the rest, of Nicomedia (3rd Century); St. Anastasia the Patrician of Alexandria (567-568)

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Orthodox Christians are like a family, the children of Jesus Christ, and in a good family the mother is always held in high respect (the Mother of God), likewise the elder brothers enjoy the respect and esteem of the younger ones, and these latter imitate the former. Lutherans and Anglicans! Why is it not so with you? Why is not the Mother of God duly revered and solemnly honored and worshipped by you too? Why do you not solemnly honor and worship the holy angels and God's saints? Why do you not wish to imitate them? Or is it that you honor God alone and worship Him only? But you should remember that the Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy angels, and the saints are pure images of God - friends of God, as Abraham is called the friend of God. How can you, then, not worship the living images of God, the children and friends of God? The world is a house. The Builder and Master of this house is the Creator, and the Father of the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Subdeacon Paul	Teo	Wilma
Judith	Tomas	Michael
Peter	Archbishop NATHANIEL	April
Rebecca	Maryann	Joseph
Richard	Subdeacon Andrew	Michael
Patricia	Theresa	Barb
Ava	Lori Ann	Barbara
Antoinette	Reader Stephen	Mark
Michael	Shawn	Angela
Roger	Gabriella	Elijah
Marc	Theodore	Sophia
Kathryn	Catechumen Rebecca	Matushka Tanya
Sandra	Marie	Mary
Geraldine	Michael	Archpriest John
Delilah	Catechumen Mary	Matushka Margaret
Avrian	Alexandra	Matthew
Adrian	Mary Magdalene	Priest Josef
Raluca	Diana	Archpriest Michael
Bianca	Barbara	Reader Peter
Lacri	Elaine	Patricia
	Victor	Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Andrew	Matushka Olga	Francis
Ervin	Archpriest Thomas	Jean
Terry	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward
Veronica	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
Brenda	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
George	Archimandrite Innocent	John
<u>Priest Stephen</u>	Olga	

"Christian people living in it as God. The Mother in this house is the most holy Mother of the Lord. Always walk in the presence of your Father, in love and obedience to Him; likewise in the presence of our common Mother, the most holy Mother of the Lord, in holy love, reverence and obedience to Her. In your bodily and spiritual needs, in your sorrows, misfortunes, and sicknesses turn to Her with faith, hope, and love. Be holy, as the Lord God your Creator and Father is holy; as Our Lady, the Mother of God, and your Mother, too, in accordance with the Savior's words, "Woman, behold Thy Son; ... behold Thy Mother (St. John 19:26, 27)." In order that we should not doubt our right to call the most exalted Mother of the Most High God, the most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady, our Mother, Her eternal, Divine Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, has solved our doubt by directly allowing us, or those of us who are zealous after holiness, to call Her our Mother. "Behold thy Mother." For, in the person of St. John the Divine, this is also said to us Christians. Yes; She is indeed our most tender, most provident, and all holy Mother, guiding us, Her children, to holiness." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

TROPARIA

Resurrection

TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art Risen, granting 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.

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

KONTAKIA

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.