

Now and ever and unto the 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 5: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us / from this generation forever!

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 1:10 – 2:3

Brethren, God says to the Son: “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they shall be changed. But you are the same, and Your years will not fail.” But to which of the angels He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed by those who heard Him?

Alleluia

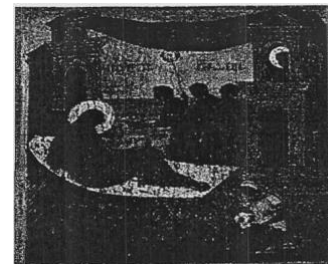
v: He that dwells in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I trust!

Mark 2:1-12

Gospel

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, and took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”



Schedule

Sunday, March 12, 2023

St. Gregory Palamas

5:00 P.M. Vespers *Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Madison (we are hosting the St. Louis Area Orthodox)*

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 17, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy
Commemoration of Repose of St. Nikolai of Zicha

Saturday, March 18, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 19, 2023

The Cross

8:15 A.M. Church School

8:45 A.M. Choir Rehearsal

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Town Hall Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers *St. Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO, 6501 Nottingham Ave, 63109*

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 24, 2023

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

7:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline and Matins)

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 12, 2023

2nd Sunday of Great Lent; St. Gregory Palamas; St. Gregory Dialogus Pope of Rome; Venerable Symeon the New Theologian; Righteous Phineas the grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500 B.C.)

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"We must constantly bear in remembrance and strive to live in accordance with the mystery of our redemption by Christ, His sufferings, His death on the cross, and His resurrection and ascension, and His second coming; we must honor above all the holiness of the Mother of God as the living ark and temple of the Godhead, and ask Her, after the Lord Himself, for cleansing and holiness, and steadfastness in faith and love. Avoid flattery, audacity, and taking the law into your own hands. Our soul has a passion for doing this when others do something differently to what we would like them to, or do not do what we would like them to. Bear with this; think how it would be if others revenged themselves upon you immediately after you had done something not in accordance with their will, or after you had not fulfilled that which you might and ought to have done. "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise (St. Luke 6:31);" or keep the rule: "We forgive them that trespass against us." Man is duty personified. We must here remember that our heart is extremely capricious, evil, and foolish. Sometimes we take a violent dislike to a person without any cause or reason and nourish malice in our heart against him, and are ready to offend him without any cause. We must despise the natural and unjust malice of the heart, and pray to God to drive away from our heart this stench of the abyss of hell. Let us remember what we are commanded: "These things I command you that ye love one another (St. John 15:17)." The life of the heart is"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Janet	Andrea	Victor
Don	Timothy	Wilma
Mark	Crista	Michael
Christine	Catechumen Rebecca	April
Ian	Marie	Joseph
Alexander	Michael	Michael
Nicoletta	Reader Michael	Barb
Terry	Michelle	Barbara
Carole	Mikaela	Mark
Neil	Zachary	Angela
Pamela	David	Elijah
Raymond	Adina	Sophia
Abba Thomas	Ron	Matushka Tanya
Sarah	Beverly	Mary
Infant Miles	Dymphna & CTBB	Archpriest Moses
Cody	Justin	Archpriest John
Tiffany	Hope	Matushka Margaret
Haylee & CTBB	Nicholas	Matthew
Lori Ann	Theodora	Priest Joseph
Brian	Presbytera Irené	Archpriest Michael
Subdeacon Gregory	John	Matushka Virginia
Subdeacon Andrew	Cyndi	Paul
Donovan	Diana	Mary
August	Amy	Nicholas
Shawn	Michael	Andrew
Gabriella	Joseph	Anthony
Dana	Andrew	Christopher
	Magdalene	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Jeffery
Jennifer
Archpriest Daniel
Eugen
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir

"love, whilst malice and enmity against our brother are its death. The Lord keeps us on the earth in order that love for God and our neighbor may wholly penetrate our heart. This is what He expects from us all. This is, indeed, the purpose of the world's standing. My daily greatest misfortune is my sins, wounding and gnawing at my heart. But against this misfortune there is also a daily greatest Deliverer and Savior, Jesus Christ. He daily benefits me, invisibly, bountifully. Poor sinners! Learn to know this Savior as I know Him, by His grace, by His gifts." 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.

St. Gregory

TONE 8

O light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, O wonderworker Gregory, boast of Thessalonika and herald of grace, always intercede for all of us that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKIA

Triodion

TONE 4

Now is the time for action! / Judgment is at the doors! / So let us rise and fast, / offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: / "Our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea; / but forgive us, O Master of All, / so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns."

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

St. Gregory

TONE 8

Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, radiant and harmonious trumpet of theology, we praise thee in song, O divinely-speaking Gregory. As a mind standing before the Primal Mind, guide our minds to Him, Father, so that we may cry aloud to thee: "Rejoice, herald of grace."