

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 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.*

**Another, (St. Gregory) tone 1:** My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

### **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 has 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.*

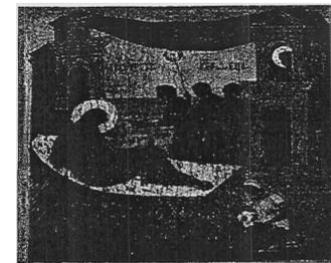
*v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I trust!*

*v: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.*

### **Mark 2:1-12**

*Gospel*

And again *Jesus* 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 15, 2020**

*Gregory Palamas*

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

#### **Saturday, March 21, 2020**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy followed by *Panikhida* for the departed

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, March 22, 2020**

*Sunday of the Cross*

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 Ss. Cyril & Methody, Granite City, IL

#### **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

*Feast of Annunciation*

6:00 P.M. Vespers Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

#### **Friday, March 27, 2020**

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

#### **Saturday, March 28, 2020**

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

*39<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent; St. Gregory Palamas; Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius, and two named Alexander at Caesarea in Palestine (303); Hieromartyr Alexander of Side, in Pamphylia; Martyr Nicander of Egypt*

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“Charity thinketh no evil (1 Corinthians 13:5).” To think evil is the work of the Devil: it is the Devil in the man who makes him think evil. Therefore, do not have any ill-feeling in your heart against your friend, and do not think evil, lest you become united to the Devil.

“Overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21) – that is, the evil which you see or suspect. Your spiritual wisdom and your exploit of Christian love consist in this.

“Our Father which art in heaven!” What an elevating, touching, soul-striking spectacle it is when these words are pronounced from the depths of the soul, truthfully, with one heart and mouth, either by a numerous congregation in church, or in the family circle, or in an assembly of school children, or in a company of soldiers! What an elevating spectacle it is when one sees that these words are realized in the people’s very lives, when all of them have a feeling of brotherly love towards each other, and live peaceably, the younger obeying the elder, the less wise the wiser, rendering each other their due, esteeming each other, “In honor preferring one another (Romans 12:10).” What a truly heavenly sight it is when, before sitting down to table, the numerous and various members of a family with one heart and mouth say: “Our Father,” acknowledging the one Heavenly Father as the All-Holy King desiring the fulfilment of His will alone upon earth, recognizing Him”

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

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

### ***Those in the life to come***

Nicu	Elizabeth Ann
Elinor	Archpriest John
Andrew	Mirza
Linda	Archpriest Thomas

“alone as the Nourisher of all! What an elevating sight it is when the master of the household ascribes the blessings of food and drink, not to himself, but to God, esteeming His gifts as common to all; when he makes himself equal with all the others, as though he himself were being regaled, and not regaling others! But what a striking and comforting spectacle it would be if the whole earth, all peoples, “with one heart and mouth,” were to exclaim: “Our Father which art in heaven! Hallowed by Thy name” - in us all! “Thy Kingdom come” - as it was in the beginning, before the Fall. “Thy will be done” - Thy merciful and perfect Will, as it is in heaven - eternally so on the earth, and may no self-will reign! “Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,” and so on. What would it be if all had such a mode of thought and desire! But some day this will be, for the time will come when all those living upon the earth shall be one fold and have one Shepherd. (St. John 10:16)” *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

## **TROPARIA**

### **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 Palamas*

### **TONE 8**

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.

## **KONTAKIA**

*2nd Sunday of Lent: 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 in number 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, joyful trumpet of theology, together we sing thy praises, O God-inspired Gregory. Since thou dost now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father, so that we may sing to thee: “Rejoice, preacher of grace.”