

Prokeimenon

TONE 4: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:24 – 26; 11:32 - 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 was among those who called on His Name.

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

John 1:43-51

Gospel

The following day 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 of 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, an 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 17, 2019

Orthodoxy Sunday

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. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Michael the Archangel, St. Louis, MO

Monday, March 25, 2019

Annunciation of the Theotokos

6:00 P.M. Vespers 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

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Sunday of the Cross

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss. Cyril & Methody, Granite City, IL

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

6:30 P.M. Joint Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Trinity Serbian, St. Louis, MO

Saturday, April 6, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 17, 2019

1st Sunday of Great Lent; Triumph of Orthodoxy; St. Alexis the Man of God; St. Patrick Bishop of Armagh Enlightener of Ireland

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“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. These experiences are available to us at every moment in the Church if we choose, not merely to “not go away,” but to actively pursue the Lord, to seek out the healing that He offers us, regardless of the difficulties (which are unavoidable) and no matter what the temptations (which are ever present) of a world which seeks to mask the ugliness of death through a false and superficial façade. To do this, we must lay aside our proud reliance on our own self-determination and strength and place all our trust in God's divine grace and in the community of the Church. We must, in a word, understand that we are already dead, having been buried with Christ in baptism. And yet, like Lazarus, we are alive once again, having been raised by Christ. Archimandrite Sophrony once said that there is no occupation or work that debases a man – only sin debases a man. He also said that all human beings are equal because the same life-giving commandments are given to each of them to fulfill. With these two insights, Father Sophrony points us to a higher criterion for valuing the worth of a human being: a heart which finds rest in and communion with, Christ in the”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Archpriest Jason
*Vansuch (cataract
Surgery)*
Magdalene Knipping
Andrew Tedford (family
traveling)
Katherine
Mary
Alexandra
Anna
James
Carrie
Karon
Deb
Taylor
Gentry
Tierny
Elizaveta
Michaela
Mark
Kirk
Sarah
Archpriest Michael
*Kuzara repose of his
mother Evelyn*
Matushka Barbara
Kuzara
David
Reader George

Barbara Cuciureanu
Catechumen Kristine
Smith
Janet Finley Kristine's
Sponsor
David Brian Prince
Adina Prince
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
Barb
Barbara
Mark Succarotte
Angela Succarotte
Elijah Succarotte
Sophia Succarotte
Charles
Matushka Tanya
Succarotte

Mary Wierciszewski
Shane Thomas
Jennifer & CTBB
Nathan
Brooks
Archpriest John Zabinko
MatshkaMargaretZabinko
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

Those in the life to come

Peter
Samya
Lou
Bruce

Marline
Agnes Fryntzko
Evelyn
Archpriest Thomas

“Holy Spirit.” *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 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy Most Pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou Who loves mankind.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

TONE 2

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

St. Patrick

TONE 3

Holy Bishop Patrick, Faithful shepherd of Christ's royal flock, Thou hast filled Ireland with the radiance of the Gospel: The mighty strength of the Trinity! Now that thou doest stand before the Savior, pray that He may preserve us in faith and love!

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

Kontakia

St. Patrick

TONE 4

From slavery thou didst escape to freedom in Christ's service: He sent thee to deliver Ireland from the devil's bondage. Thou didst plant the Word of the Gospel in pagan hearts. In thy journeys and hardships thou didst rival the Apostle Paul! Having received the reward for thy labors in heaven, never cease to pray for the flock thou hast gathered on earth, Holy bishop Patrick!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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 beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.