

KONTAKIA

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

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

Friday, March 29, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, March 30, 2024

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Inquirer's Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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 Nativity of

the Virgin, Madison, IL

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 17, 2024

41st Sunday After Pentecost; Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise; St. Patrick of Armagh Enlightener of Ireland; St. Aleksy the Man of God

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"You see very clearly that it is extremely difficult, and without God's grace and your own fervent prayer and abstinence, impossible, for you to change for the better. You feel within yourself the action of a multitude of passions: of pride, malice, envy, greediness, the love of money, despondency, slothfulness, fornication, impatience, and disobedience; and yet you remain in them, are often bound by them, whilst the long-suffering Lord bears with you, awaiting your return and amendment; and still bestows upon you all the gifts of His mercy. Be then indulgent, patient, and loving to those who live with you, and who also, suffer from many passions; conquer every evil by good, and above all, pray to God for them that He may correct them - that He may turn their hearts to Himself, the source of holiness. Do not help the Devil to spread his kingdom. Hallow the name of your Heavenly Father by your actions; help Him to spread His Kingdom on earth. "For we are laborers together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9)." Be zealous of the fulfilment of His will on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive them that trespass against you with joy, as a good son rejoices when he has a chance of fulfilling the will of his beloved father. What pleasure and joy you feel when you find some necessary and valuable object which was"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

"lost! You are ready to leap with joy. Picture to yourself how pleasing to the Heavenly Father is the sight of His lost child, the sinner who is found; the sight of His lost sheep brought to life again; the sight of His lost and found piece of silver - that is, of the living image of God - man. It is impossible to describe this joy. The joy of the Heavenly Father over His lost and found prodigal son is so great that the loving and kind heaven is moved to joy. "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents (St. Luke 15:7)." My lost brothers and sisters! Return from the way of destruction to the Heavenly Father. "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (St. Matthew 3:2)." Everyone should know and remember the singleness of his soul, which is the breath of God. God is single, and the soul is single. And as the soul is single, it cannot love two opposite objects - God and anything worldly, man and anything material, very pleasing to our carnal man. In order to love God with all our heart we must absolutely count everything earthly as dross, and not be allured by anything; in order to love our neighbor as ourselves we must disdain money, must not be allured by any dainties, dress, distinctions, rank, praises, or human opinion. We must especially guard the singleness of the soul during public worship and prayer at home; during the reading of the Word of God and the writings of the Holy Fathers; and, in general, during every important matter. "No man can serve two masters (St. Matthew 6:24)."" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

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.

Those in the life to come

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