

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.

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 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.

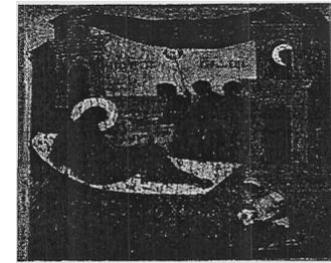
v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I trust!

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

Mark 2:1-12

Gospel

And again 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 20, 2022

St. Gregory Palamas

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.

Constantine & Helen Greek

Orthodox Church, Swansea, IL

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 25, 2022

Annunciation

4:00 P.M. 3rd, 6th, & 9th Hours

6:00 P.M. Vespers with Divine

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Synaxis of the Archangel

Gabriel

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 27, 2022

The Cross

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss. Cyril

and Methody, Granite City, IL

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 1, 2022

7:00 P.M. Vespers with

Panikhida

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Soul Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

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2nd Sunday of Great Lent; St. Gregory Palamas

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“God is an incomplex, most perfect Being, that is, the purest holiness, the purest good and truth; and in order to be in union with God, in order to be one spirit with Him (for we are from Him), we must acquire, through His grace, the most perfect simplicity of goodness, holiness, and love. All the saints who are in heaven were cleansed by the blood of the Son of God, through the Holy Ghost, and have not a shadow of sin in them. It was for this that they struggled in this life, that they mortified their flesh in order to cleanse themselves “from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1),” in order to become eternally united with that most glorious Being; it is for this reason also that the Holy Church with all her institutions now exists upon earth, the hierarchy, the Divine services, the sacraments, the rites; fasts were likewise appointed in order to cleanse and sanctify the children of God, in order to unite them with that most blessed Being, glorified in the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. You ask the Lord that you may love Him with a love, strong as death, or until death. Suppose, now, that the Lord sends you a terrible inward disease that may bring you nigh unto death itself. Do not, then, murmur against the Lord, but bear it bravely, thanking the Lord for His fatherly visitation, and this will show that what you call”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Clarita	Janet	Barb
Linda	Garret	Barbara
Walter	Daniel	Mark
Joan	Alexandria	Angela
Scott	Karen	Elijah
Melissa	Andrew	Sophia
Karen	Kevin	Matushka Tanya
Pamela	William	Mary
Brock	Kristine	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Jackson	Reader Nicholas	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Thomas	Diana	Archpriest John (BP)
Jane	Michael	Matushka Margaret (BP)
Justin	Catechumen Peter	Matthew (BP)
Joseph	Natalia	Priest Josef (BP)
Joyce	Theresa	Archpriest Michael (BP)
Candace	Subdeacon Andrew	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Maria	Lori Ann	Deacon Paul (BP)
Archbishop PAUL	Amy	Deacon Peter (BP)
Andrew (<i>Craig Rydgig</i>)	Michael	Deacon Michael (BP)
Larry	Joseph	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Franklyn	Andrew	Mary (BP)
Jacob	Magdalene	Zoe (BP)
Ann	Subdeacon Charles	Noah (BP)
Mark	Deborah	Marie (BP)
Alexander	Michael	Paul
Nicholletta	Victor	Mary
Christine	Wilma	Nicholas
Chelsea	Michael	Andrew
Farrah	April	Anthony
Nolan	Joseph	Christopher
Chuck (<i>Causey</i>)	Michael	Jackie
Amy		

Those in the life to come

Margarette	Archpriest Vladimir
Merle	Galina
Valery	
<u>Matushka Carol</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	

"your love for God is strong as death. And during the most violent fits of spasms of your illness trust in God, that He has the power to save you, not only from suffering, but even from death itself, should it please Him to do so. Do not spare, do not cherish your perishable body, but give it up willingly and wholly to the Lord, as Abraham gave his son Isaac as an holocaust, to the will of the Lord Who punishes you - not losing faith in God's goodness, not growing despondent, not foolishly accusing God of injustice for so severely chastising you - and you will thus offer a great sacrifice unto God, like Abraham or like the martyrs." *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 luminary 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."