

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.

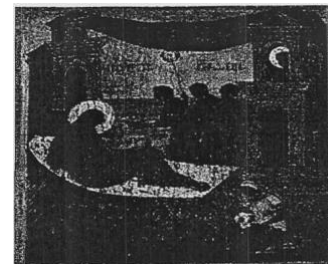
Alleluia

*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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Vigil – Annunciation

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Annunciation

6:00 P.M. Vespers with Divine

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Friday, March 26, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Small Compline and

Matins for the Departed

Saturday, March 27, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 28, 2021

St. Gregory Palamas

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of

St. Basil the Great

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 2, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Small Compline and

Matins for the Departed

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Soul Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Sunday of the Cross

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of

St. Basil the Great

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Great Lent; Orthodoxy Sunday; St. James the Confessor, Bishop of Catania; St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania; St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Lord! What shall I bring Thee? How shall I thank Thee for Thy continual great mercies to me and the rest of Thy people? For I am at every moment vivified by Thy Holy Spirit. Each moment I breathe the air Thou hast diffused - the soft, pleasant, healthful, strengthening air - I am lighted by Thy life-giving and joyful light, both spiritual and material; I am nourished and my thirst is quenched by the sweetest life-giving spiritual food and drink, by the Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, and with the sweetness of material food and drink besides. Thou clothest me with the brightest, most splendid royal garment - with Thyself - according to the Scripture - "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27)" - and with earthly garments also. Thou cleansest me from my transgressions, healing and cleansing me also from my evil, sinful passions. Thou takest away my spiritual corruption, through the power of Thy immeasurable holiness, wisdom, and might. Thou fillest me with Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of holiness and grace. Thou givest righteousness, peace and joy, expansion, power, boldness, courage, and strength to my soul. Thou bestowest precious health upon my body. Thou teachest "my"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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| George <i>Smith traveling</i> | Marie | Barb |
| Kristine <i>Smith traveling</i> | Sarah <i>Butchko traveling</i> | Barbara |
| Reader Peter | Michael <i>Butchko traveling</i> | Mark |
| Patricia | Emily <i>Butchko traveling</i> | Angela |
| Dan | Jacob <i>Butchko traveling</i> | Elijah |
| Kristen | Ann (<i>Charlotte</i>) <i>traveling</i> | Sophia |
| Elizabeth (<i>Megan</i>) | Theodora | Matushka Tanya |
| Andrew | Rachel | Mary |
| Amelia | Isaac | Met. HERMAN (BP) |
| Reader David | Dymphna | Archpriest Moses (BP) |
| Laura | Justin | Archprst. John Zabinko (BP) |
| Damon | Hope | Mat. Margaret Zabinko (BP) |
| Peter | Nicholas | Matthew Zabinko |
| Rebecca | Subdeacon Charles | Priest Josef (BP) |
| Marinette | Deborah | Archpriest Peter (BP) |
| Deborah | Michael | Matushka Virginia (BP) |
| Melanie & CTBB | Laverne | Archpriest Gregory (BP) |
| Paul | Priest Matthew | Deacon Paul (BP) |
| Anthony | Matushka Christine | Matushka Snezana (BP) |
| Janice | Abigail | Helen (BP) |
| Andrew | Aidan | Theodore (BP) |
| Amy | Eve | Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP) |
| Michael | Victor | Paul |
| Joseph | Wilma | Mary |
| Andrew | Michael | Nicholas |
| Magdalene | April | Andrew |
| David | Joseph | Anthony |
| Reader George | Michael | Christopher |
| | | Jackie |

Those in the life to come

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| Neil | <u>Maryann</u> |
| Archpriest Vladimir | Archpriest Thomas |
| David | Metropolitan THEODOSIUS |
| Clara | |
| Irene | |
| Archpriest John | |

"hands to war and my fingers to fight (Psalm 144:1)" against the invisible enemies of holiness and of the power of Thy glory; against the subcelestial spirits of evil. Thou crownest me with success in my works accomplished in Thy name. For all this I thank, glorify, and bless Thy most gracious, fatherly, almighty power; God, our Savior, our Benefactor. May the rest of Thy people know Thee as Thou hast revealed Thyself unto me, Lover of men. May they know Thee, Thy grace, Thy providence, Thy wisdom and power, and glorify Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. "The unspeakable bliss of them that behold the infinite goodness of Thy countenance (From the Russian Orthodox Church Morning Prayer: Prayer of St. Basil the Great)." Earthly bliss all passes away by itself, and also through vicissitudes of human life; whilst joys of heavenly bliss will never end - will be infinite. Is it not worth while, therefore, to despise all the enjoyments of this transitory world, and of this still more fleeting life, in order to strive with the whole heart after spiritual and unchangeable joys." *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!

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakia

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.