

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; 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.

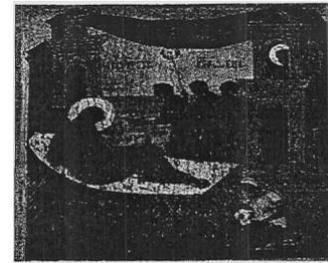
v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I trust!

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

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

Friday, April 9, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Small Compline and

Matins for the Departed

Saturday, April 10, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 11, 2021

St. John of the Ladder

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 16, 2021

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

7:30 P.M. Matins with Akathist

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 28, 2021

2nd Sunday of Great Lent; St. Gregory Palamas

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“It is madness for a Christian to be envious. In Christ we have all received infinitely great blessings; are all made godly; are all made inheritors of the unspeakable and eternal blessings of the kingdom of heaven. And we are also promised a sufficiency of earthly blessings, upon the condition of seeking the righteousness of God and the Kingdom of God. “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you (St. Matthew 6:33).” We are commended to be contented with what we have, and not be covetous. “Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have.” And it is added, “For He” (the Lord) “hath said, ‘I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee (Hebrews 13:5).’” Is it not, therefore, madness, after this, to envy your neighbor anything – for instance, his honors, his wealth, his luxurious table, beautiful clothing, his fine house, etc.? Is not all this mere dross in comparison to that which has been given us in the image and likeness of God, according to which we were created, in our redemption by the Son of God from our sins, from the curse and from death, in the bestowal on us again of the blessing of our Heavenly Father, and in the eternal heavenly joys united with it? Therefore let us strive to acquire mutual love, goodwill, and contentedness with what we have;”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS

Michael
Neil
Archpriest Vladimir
David
Clara
Archpriest Thomas

“friendship, hospitality, love for the poor, for the stranger, “and to attain to the summit of virtues,” humility, meekness, gentleness, and holiness. Let us respect the image of God in each other, the members of Christ, our God, His Body, God’s sons by adoption, the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, the dwellers with, and companions of, the angels in praising God. “That they may be one (St. John 17:22),” as our God, worshipped in the Holy Trinity, is Himself one, and has created our hearts “as one” for unity - that is, simple, single.” *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

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 lovest mankind.

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.”