

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.

tone 3: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; / His understanding is beyond measure!
vs. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2

Brethren: Food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia

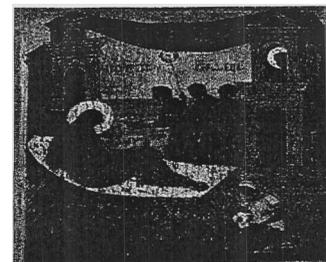
v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel

At that time, the Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirst or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



Schedule

Saturday, March 9, 2019

3:30 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Forgiveness Sunday

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Lunch -- Following Lunch at

about 1:00 P.M. Vespers with

Rite of Forgiveness

Monday, March 11 – Thursday,

March 14, 2019

7:00 P.M. Compline with Canon

of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 15, 2019

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 16, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Orthodoxy Sunday

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Assumption

Greek Church

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 22, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers followed by

Panikhida

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

Monday, March 25, 2019

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 3, 2019

*40th Sunday After Pentecost; 3rd Sunday of the
Triodion; Last Judgment; Martyr Eutropius*

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"It is in this reference to this mysterious space between birth and death that Father Alexander presents the following question in the opening pages of his book, a question which sets the stage for his discussion and for ours:

Of what life do we speak, what life do we preach, proclaim and announce when as Christians we confess that Christ died for the life of the world? What life is both motivation, and the beginning and the goal of Christian mission?

Father Alexander's question still resonates with us today, perhaps because it contains an echo of all the questions which Christ Himself posed to His disciples: *What would you that I do for you? Who do men say that I am? Can you drink the cup which I drink? Could you not watch for one hour?* Often these questions were asked in moments of tension or confusion at the hard sayings of Christ. When our Lord said that we can have no life in ourselves unless we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of man, some of the disciples, hearing this, went back, and walked no more with Him. When this happened, the Lord turned to the Twelve and presented yet another question:

WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

This is not merely a theoretical or rhetorical question but a challenge to those who would follow Christ. The Lord is asking if the Apostles are willing, not only to leave"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Archpriest Michael
*Kuzara repose of his
mother Evelyn*
Matushka Barbara
Kuzara
David
Reader George
Barbara Cuciureanu
Rosemary *Close friend of
Janet Finley*
Andrew *Craig Rydgig
travel*
Catechumen Kristine
Smith
Janet *Finley*
Subdeacon Paul
Judith
Peter
Rebecca
David *Brian Prince*
Adina *Prince*
Benjamin *Kelly*
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
Kenneth Herman
Government Duty Abroad
Elizabeth Lauren Herman
Alexandria Herman
Julia Herman
Sarah Herman
Barb
Barbara
Mark Succarotte
Angela Succarotte
Elijah Succarotte
Sophia Succarotte
Charles
Matushka Tanya
Succarotte
Mary Wierciszewski
Shane Thomas
Lynsey
Truman
Thomas
Huxton
Linus

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

“their nets, but to follow Him into the new life that He is offering them; whether they are willing to lose their earthly life so that they might gain the life of paradise; whether they will remain in their biological existence which ends in death or follow Him in to the resurrection. He is asking whether they are able to confront their own mortality by voluntarily following Him to the Cross and to death. It is Peter who offers an answer in the form of his own question: “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” The Apostle is clear: He believes in Christ, the Son of the living God, and there is none other to whom he can go to receive the words of eternal life. And yet that same Apostle would shortly deny that he even knew this man with a Galilean accent.

Of the rational beings created by Him and honored with the dignity of free-will, some are His friends, others are His true servants, some are worthless, some are completely estranged from God, and others, though feeble creatures, are His opponents.” ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER, 1.1

Is this not where we often stand in our own life? Sometimes we are with Peter in his moment of certainty and other times with him in his moment of doubt; sometimes we turn to God with deep prayer and other times we hide away in fear; sometimes we are strong in the practice of the virtues and other times we become enslaved to our own passions. The turmoil taking place in the depths of our heart is also reflected in the world around us, a world that is desperately seeking immortality but only ever attaining a false shadow of eternal life, mistaking the pleasures, luxuries, and comforts of this world for eternal joy, consolation, and love.” *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 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art Risen, granting the world great mercy!

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.

KONTAKIA

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

Last Judgment

TONE 1

When Thou, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed! Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge!

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Those in the life to come

Marline
Agnes *Fryntzko*
Evelyn
Aurelia *Zidaru*

Archpriest John
Domnu Paraianu
Archpriest Thomas