

Cross

STONE 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation.

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

Kontakia

Cross

STONE 7

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has mysteriously been quenched by the wood of the Cross! The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, has come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into paradise."

In the place of the Trisagion (i.e. "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!") We sing:

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify! *(After each – we make a full prostration – head to the ground and stand back up)*

Prokeimenon

STONE 6: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!

vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call, O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 4:14 – 5:6

Brethren: Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia

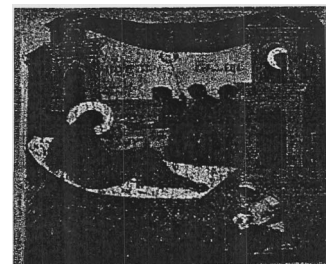
v: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v: God is our King before the ages: He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Mark 8:34-9:1

Gospel

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."



Schedule

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Sunday of the Cross

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss. Cyril & Methody, Granite City, IL

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

6:30 P.M. Joint Presanctified Liturgy at Holy Trinity Serbian, St. Louis, MO

Saturday, April 6, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 7, 2019

St. John of the Ladder

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.

Constantine & Helen, Swansea, IL

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00 A.M. Parish Clean-up

Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 14, 2019

St. Mary of Egypt

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at All Saints of

North America Antiochian,

Maryland Heights, MO

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 18, 2019

7:00 P.M. Holy Unction

Friday, April 19, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Lazarus Saturday

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 31, 2019

3rd Sunday of Great Lent; Veneration of the Precious Cross

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"The Church is CATHOLIC in that she reflects the unity of the Holy Trinity, three persons in an unconfused and undivided unity. We manifest this catholicity in a personal way by making ourselves worthy of the name of "Christian" through our life of prayer, repentance, and the acquisition of the virtues. We also manifest this catholicity in our efforts to live a genuine life in communion with our neighbors in a spirit of truth and of love.

Thou Who by the coming of the Comforter, Thy Spirit, didst make Thy sacred Disciples precious vessels: show me forth also as a receptacle of His coming.

In fulfillment of His promise, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and we participate in this APOSTOLIC calling by sharing in their ministry, that is, by sharing the Gospel with the world. But we cannot participate in this sacred work if we do not enter into the labors of purifying our hearts and preparing our entire being to receive the gifts of grace. Our evangelical work has less to do with programs and structures than with our efforts to become images of Christ and vessels of the Holy Spirit. These are the eternal and unchanging marks of the Church, but precisely because they are eternal and unchanging, it may not be evident to us how to incarnate them in our own context. To this end, I am proposing the following Four Pillars – not as replacements for the eternal features of the Church – but as concrete areas in which we, as clergy, monastics, and faithful of the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Reader George
David
Marie
Lori Anne
Shirley
Sharon
Bill
Terry
Michael
Donna
Joseph & Family
Michael ArP Nicholas
Michelle Elizabeth
Russel Joachim
Kimberly Simeon
Kieth Gabriella
Katherine Mary
Brant Sandra
Cassandra
Patricia
Subdeacon Paul
Judith
Peter
Rebecca
Tori
Barbara
Priest Andrew
Archpriest Jason
Vansuch (cataract Surgery)
Magdalene Knipping
Karon
Deb
Taylor
Gentry

Tierny
Elizaveta
Michaela
Mark
Kirk
Sarah
Archpriest Michael Kuzara
repose of his mother Evelyn
Matushka Barbara Kuzara
George Smith - traveling
Catechumen Kristine
Smith - traveling
Janet Finley Kristine's
Sponsor
Catechumen Shannon
Monroe
David Brian Prince
Adina Prince
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
Barb
Barbara
Mark Succarotte

Those in the life to come

Barbara
Carrie
Peter
Samya

Lou
Bruce
Marline
Agnes Fryntzko

Angela Succarotte
Elijah Succarotte
Sophia Succarotte
Charles
Matushka Tanya Succarotte
Mary Wierciszewski
Shane Thomas
Jennifer & CTBB
Nathan
Brooks
Archpriest John Zabinko
MatshkaMargaretZabinko
Matthew Zabinko
Protopresbyter Radomir
(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

Evelyn
Archpriest Thomas

“Orthodox Church in America, might apply ourselves so that, in some small way, we might give expression on this continent – even if imperfectly – to the fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith, incarnated and revealed by Jesus Christ, handed down by the Apostles, and preserved by the witness of the Martyrs and Saints throughout the ages. This faith and witness are pre-eminently a path towards the healing of broken human beings. If the Church is to be truly prophetic, then she needs to bring those broken human beings (first of all ourselves) to Christ. The Old Testament Prophets and Righteous Ones were sent as Physicians to offer healing to Israel, but they failed in this task because the disease was too great. Christ alone, by becoming man while remaining God, could serve as an effective Physician for humanity. This is the heart of the Divine Liturgy: Christ is offered and received as the “Physician of souls and bodies,” and our participation in the fullness of the sacramental life of the Church is the means by which we participate in this healing. Just as there are four writings from the Holy Evangelists but only one Gospel, so the following Four Pillars have meaning only within the boarder context of our common life and healing in Christ and in the Church. They are not precisely defined categories, but rather variations on a single theme: how to live our lives on earth in a manner which helps us to know God, to find healing for ourselves and to uncover the mystery of eternal life with those around us. Neither are the Four Pillars outlined below intended to be exhaustive, but rather to provide some concrete expressions of, and reflections on, our mission as the Orthodox Church in America. They are presented as a framework for our Apostolic work and it is my hope that the bishops, clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America will actively participate and collaborate in the filling in of this framework through our common efforts and united prayers to build the house of the Lord.

“Yea, O Master, Lord our God, the hope of all the ends of the earth, hear us sinners who make our supplications unto Thee, and send down Thy all-holy and adorable and almighty Spirit, and sanctify this temple and this altar, fill it with light everlasting; elect it for Thy dwelling place; make it the abode of Thy Glory. Adorn it with Thy divine and celestial gifts. Appoint it for a haven of the tempest-tossed, for a healing of passions, for a refuge of the weak, for an expelling of evil spirits. Let Thy eyes be open upon it day and night, and let Thy ears be heedful of the prayer of those who shall enter it in Thy fear and in devoutness, and shall call upon Thy all-honorable and adorable name; that whatsoever they shall ask of Thee, Thou will hear it in heaven above, and will show mercy and be gracious unto them.”” *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*

TROPARION TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted the world great mercy!