

TONE 4 (The Song of the Fathers): Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

vs. For thou art just in all that thou hast done for us!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 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 stoned, 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

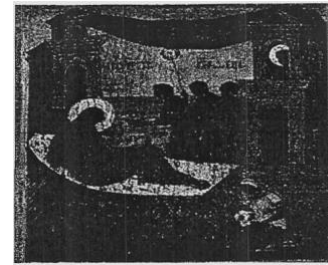
v: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 1:43-51

Gospel

At that time, 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 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, and 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

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Triumph of Orthodoxy

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Assumption

Greek Church – 1755 Des Peres

Road, Town & Country, MO

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

8:30 A.M. Peroghies

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Divine

Liturgy

Friday, March 10, 2023

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

7:00 P.M. Vespers for the

Departed

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Soul Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Followed by Panikhida

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, March 12, 2023

St. Gregory Palamas

8:15 A.M. Church School

8:45 A.M. Choir Rehearsal

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers *Nativity of the*

Virgin Mary, Madison (we are

hosting the St. Louis Area

Orthodox)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, March 5, 2023

*1st Sunday of Great Lent; Triumph of Orthodoxy
(the restoration of the Holy Icons); Martyr Conon
of Isauria*

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"For what purpose does the Lord add day after day, year after year, to our existence? In order that we may gradually put away, cast aside, evil from our souls, each one his own, and acquire blessed simplicity; in order that we may become, for instance, gentle as lambs, simple as infants; in order that we may learn not to have the least attachment to earthly things, but like loving, simple children, may cling with all our hearts to God alone, and love Him with all our hearts, all our souls, all our strength and all our thoughts, and our neighbor as ourselves. Let us hasten, therefore, to pray to the Lord, fervently and tearfully, to grant us simplicity of heart, and let us strive by every means to cast out the evil from our souls – for instance, evil suspiciousness, malevolence, malignity, malice, pride, arrogance, boastfulness, scornfulness, impatience, despondency, despair, irascibility and irritability, fearfulness and faint-heartedness, envy, avarice, gluttony, and satiety; fornication, mental and of the heart, and actual fornication; the love of money, and in general the passion for acquisition; slothfulness, disobedience, and all the dark horde of sins. Lord, without Thee we can do nothing! Bless us Thyself in this work, and give us the victory over our enemies and our passions. So be it! Let us put away from us our spiritual short-sightedness, and let us cease concentrating all our attention upon temporal, earthly things; let us foresee with our mental vision the future, everlasting life, and rise in our hearts to our heavenly country. Indeed, it is wonderful short-sightedness for the immortal soul only to look upon the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Janet	Timothy	Elaine
Don	Crista	Victor
Mark	Jamie	Wilma
Christine	Catechumen Rebecca	Michael
Ian	Marie	April
Alexander	Michael	Joseph
Nicoleta	Reader Michael	Michael
Terry	Michelle	Barb
Carole	Mikaela	Barbara
Neil	Zachary	Mark
Pamela	David	Angela
Raymond	Adina	Elijah
Abba Thomas	Ron	Sophia
Sarah	Beverly	Matushka Tanya
Infant Miles	Dymphna & CTBB	Mary
Cody	Justin	Archpriest Moses
Tiffany	Hope	Archpriest John
Haylee & CTBB	Nicholas	Matushka Margaret
Lori Ann	Theodora	Matthew
Brian	Presbytera Irené	Priest Joseph
Subdeacon Gregory	John	Archpriest Michael
Subdeacon Andrew	Cyndi	Matushka Virginia
Donovan	Diana	Paul
August	Amy	Mary
Shawn	Michael	Nicholas
Gabriella	Joseph	Andrew
Dana	Andrew	Anthony
Andrea	Magdalene	Christopher
	Barbara	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Jeffery
Jennifer
Archpriest Daniel
Eugen
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir

"present, visible things, generally relating to the senses, and flattering our carnal nature, and not contemplate the life of the world to come - the blessings which "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man," but which the Most Merciful and most Wise "God hath prepared for them that love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9)." Of what do we deprive ourselves through this voluntary short-sightedness! Like flies we adhere to earthly sweets, and do not wish to rise up, to tear ourselves away from them. Blessed is he who despises the joys of this world; there shall be no end to his bliss. As in the earthly life there are poor and rich, so also in the spiritual life; in the spiritual order, there are also poor and rich. As the poor ask charity of the rich and well-to-do, and cannot live without their help, so also in the spiritual order the poor must have recourse to the spiritually rich. We are the spiritually poor, whilst the saints, or those who shine even in this present life by their faith, and piety, are the spiritually rich. It is to them that we needy ones must have recourse. We must beg for their prayers that they may help us to become simple as infants; that they may teach us spiritual wisdom, how to conquer sins, how to love God and our neighbor. And therefore pray for me, saints of God - prophets, apostles, martyrs, prelates, venerable and righteous men - that I may become like unto you! When you pray to the Lord, represent to yourself vividly to whom you are praying. You are praying to the unoriginated endless King of all creatures, to the All-holy, All-merciful, Almighty, Most-wise, Omnipresent, All-righteous God, Whom millions of millions of angels of various orders revere, Whom the armies of martyrs, the companies of prophets and apostles, the assemblies of prelates, venerable and righteous men praise. When you pray to the Holy Virgin, Our Lady, also represent to yourself Her unprecedented holiness, Her greatness, mercy, wisdom, Her helpfulness to all, and the humble worship rendered unto Her by the assemblies of angels and men." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

Triodion

TONE 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thy 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.