

TONE 3

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

Prokeimenon

TONE 1: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

vs. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Another (St. Alexis) TONE 7: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord and shall set his hope on Him.

The Act of the Holy Apostles 9:32 – 42 *Epistle*

Now *In those days:* it came to pass, as Peter went through all the parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then she gave her hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Alleluia

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

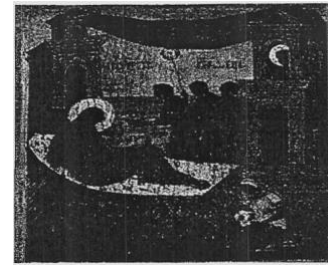
v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments.

John 5:1-15

Gospel

At that time, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.



Schedule

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:30 A.M. Peroghies (Sauerkraut)

Saturday, May 13, 2023

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Samaritan Woman

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 20, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Blind Man

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Blessing of Motor Vehicles

following Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:00 P.M. Vesperal Divine

Liturgy

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Feast of Ascension of our Lord

Friday, May 26, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, May 27, 2023

St. John the Russian

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Fathers of the First Ecumenical

Council

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, May 7, 2023

4th Sunday of Pascha; The Healing of the Paralytic at the Sheep's-gate pool; Repose of St. Alexis Toth Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Christ, the Son of God, the Most Holy God, "is not ashamed to call us sinners brethren (Hebrews 2:11);" therefore do not at least be ashamed to call brothers and sisters poor, obscure, simple people, whether they be your relatives according to the flesh or not, do not be proud in your intercourse with them, do not despise them, for we are all actually brothers in Christ - we were all born of water and the Spirit in the baptismal font and became children of God; we are all called Christians, we are all nourished with the Body and Blood of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the sacraments of the Church are celebrated over all of us, we all pray the Lord's prayer: "Our Father . . ." and all of us equally call God our Father. We do not know any other relationship besides the spiritual, the highest, the eternal relationship, which was given to us by the Lord of our life, the Creator, and the Regenerator of our nature, Jesus Christ, for this relationship is alone true, holy, lasting, whilst earthly relationship is untrue, changeable, inconstant, transitory, corruptible as our flesh and blood are corruptible. And therefore be simple in your intercourse with your fellow-men, as an equal with equals, and do not exalt yourself above anyone, but, on the contrary, humble yourself. "For everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted (St. Luke 18:14)." Do not say: I am educated and he or she - is not, he or she is a simple uneducated peasant; the gift of God is given to you, an unworthy one: do not turn it into an occasion for pride, but into an occasion for humility,"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Karen	Nicholas	Barb
Norma	Theodora	Barbara
Peter	Presbyteria Irené	Mark
Rebecca	John	Angela
Nicholas	Cyndi	Elijah
N. Illum. Mary Magdalene	Diana	Sophia
Archpriest Christopher	Amy	Matushka Tanya
George	Michael	Mary
Yulia	Joseph	Archpriest Moses
Patrick	Andrew	Archpriest John
Shawn	Magdalene	Matushka Margaret
Gabriella	Barbara	Matthew
Catechumen Rebecca	Rebecca	Priest Joseph
Marie	Nancy	Archpriest Michael
Michael	Maria	Matushka Virginia
Reader Michael	Elaine	Paul
Michelle	Victor	Mary
Mikaela	Wilma	Nicholas
Zachary	Michael	Andrew
Dymphna & CTBB	April	Anthony
Justin	Joseph	Christopher
Hope	Michael	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Child of God Luke	Archbishop PAUL
Jeff	
Daniil	
<u>Dale</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	

"for "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more (St. Luke 12:48)." Do not say: I am of noble birth, and he is of the low birth - earthly nobility, without the nobility of faith and virtue, is - an idle name. What is there in my nobility, when I am as much a sinner as others, or perhaps even worse? And we must love our neighbor, not in our way, but in God's way, that is, not according to our will, but in accordance with the Will of God. Our will is only to love those who love us, and to despise, hate, and persecute our enemies or those who are displeasing to us from some reason or other. But God desires that we should love these still more, because they are sick; so that we ourselves, being also sick with self-love, scorn and malice, should cure ourselves by love and humility, applying this same all-healing plaster also to the wounds of their hearts. In curing the spiritual maladies of others, we must not in any case be arrogant nor bear malice, nor become angry and get out of temper, nor think of our own advantage instead of our neighbor's, and serve our own self-love and, in general, our own passions. "Charity is not provoked" by the thoughtless or arrogant behavior of its neighbor, "but suffereth long, and is kind .. Vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up - thinketh no evil (1 Corinthians 8:4-5)," does not take account of every word and screens everything. Yes, this is right: for what you screen by indulgence, often easily passes away of itself. And therefore he who strives to cure others, must himself be in good health, so that he may not be told: "Physician, heal thyself (St. Luke 4:23)." If the man, whom you strive to heal, notices that you yourself are evil, angry, and do not love him, then he will inwardly despise and hate you, and you will not produce any effect upon him by anything, for evil is not amended by evil, but by good. "Overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21)," first root out in yourself that which you wish to root out in others." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

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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! *Saint Alexis*

TONE 4

O righteous Father Alexis, our heavenly intercessor and teacher, divine adornment of the Church of Christ! Entreat the Master of All to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, to grant peace to the world and to our souls, great mercy!

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

Kontakia

Saint Alexis

TONE 5

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis, a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America, a model of patience and humility, a worthy shepherd of the Flock of Christ. He called back the sheep who had been led astray and brought them by his preaching to the Heavenly Kingdom!

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