

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

Pascha
TONE 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming “Rejoice” to the Myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon

TONE 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!

The Act of the Holy Apostles 6:1 – 7

Epistle

Now *In those days:* when the number of disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

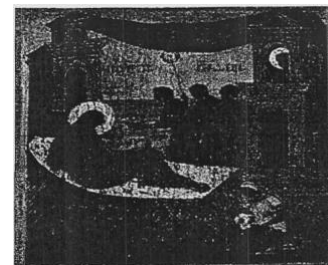
Alleluia

*Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.
v: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

Mark 15:43-16:8

Gospel

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went into Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



Schedule

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Sunday of the Myrrhbearers
Blessing of Motor Vehicles
following Liturgy

Saturday, May 25, 2024

No Inquirers' Encounter
NO VESPERS

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Sunday of the Paralytic
9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 1, 2024

3:30 P.M. Inquirers' Encounter
5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 8, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council
Meeting
3:30 P.M. Inquirers' Encounter
5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, June 9, 2024

*Sunday of the Healing of the Man
Born Blind*
9:00 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
11:00 A.M. Meeting of the
Society of Myrrhbearing Women

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Ascension of our Lord

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sundays, May 19 & 26, 2024

*Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women;
3rd & 4th Sundays of Pascha; Sunday of the
Paralytic*

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"If I despise, hate anybody, it signifies that I unlawfully exalt, unlawfully love myself - that is, my flesh. Our heart continually flatters us, secretly exalting ourselves and depreciating others. But we must constantly see our innumerable sins in order to judge ourselves, to weep over ourselves, as for the spiritually dead. Then we shall not have time to notice the faults of others, and to condemn our neighbor for them, or to despise them; but we shall esteem them, for we shall find that they are incomparably better than us in many things. Truly, the temple is heaven upon earth; for where the throne of God is, where the terrible mysteries are celebrated, where the angels serve together with men, where the Almighty is unceasingly glorified, there is truly heaven, and the heaven of heavens. And thus let us enter into the temple of God, and above all, into the Holy of Holies, with the fear of God, with a pure heart, laying aside all passions and every worldly care, and let us stand in it with faith and reverence, with understanding attention, with love and peace in our hearts, so that we may come away renewed, as though made heavenly; so that we may live in the holiness natural to heaven, not binding ourselves by worldly desires and pleasures. Fasting is a good teacher: (1) It soon makes everybody"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Clement	Lauren	Joseph
Paula	Lydia	Michael
Samantha	Janet	Barb
Jessica	Matushka Irene Reader	Barbara
Sarah	Stephen	Mark
Newly Illumined Rebecca	Paul	Angela
Marie	Shawn	Elijah
Michael	Gabriella	Sophia
Sandra	Catechumen Mary	Matushka Tanya
Bob	Alexandra	Mary
Linda	Mary Magdalene	Archpriest John
Kathy	Diana	Matushka Margaret
John	Barbara	Matthew
Eva	Julia	Priest Josef
David	Elaine	Archpriest Michael
Subdeacon Andrew	Victor	Reader Peter
Theresa	Wilma	Patricia
Lori Ann	Michael	Matushka Virginia
	April	

"who fasts understand that a man requires very little food and drink, and that in general we are greedy and eat a great deal more than is necessary - that is, than our nature requires. (2) Fasting clearly shows or discloses all the infirmities of our souls, all its weaknesses, deficiencies, sins, and passions; just as when muddy, standing water is beginning to be cleaned it shows what reptiles and what sort of dirt it contains. (3) It shows us all the necessity of turning to God with the whole heart, and of seeking His mercy, help, and salvation. (4) Fasting shows all the craftiness, cunning, and malice of the bodiless spirits, whom we have hitherto unwittingly served, and whose conning, now that we are enlightened by the light of God's grace, becomes clear, and who now maliciously persecute us for having left their ways. All natural bodies gravitate towards the center of the earth, and all human souls naturally yearn after their spiritual Center or Prototype - God; only sin has perverted, and still perverts this natural tendency Fire and smoke gravitate towards the elements akin to them." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Feast

tone 2

The Noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Feast

tone 2

The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is meet for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!

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

Feast

tone 2

Thou didst command the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ! By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother! Thou didst command them to preach to Thy apostles*: The Savior is Risen from the tomb!

Those in the life to come

Nadia Bakan	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
E.M. Subdeacon George	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
Shaanti	Archimandrite Innocent	John
<u>Presbytera Sylvia</u>	Olga	
Matushka Olga	Francis	
Archpriest Thomas	Jean	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Edward	