

*Martyrs*

**TONE 2**

Thou art numbered among the hosts of martyrs for thou wast illustrious in mighty contests. Galacteon, together with Episteme thy faithful wife and companion in struggle, unceasingly intercede to the one God for us all.

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

*Nativity of the Virgin Mary*

**TONE 4**

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.

*Prokeimenon*

**TONE 5:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation for ever!

**Vs.** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 6:11 – 18**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

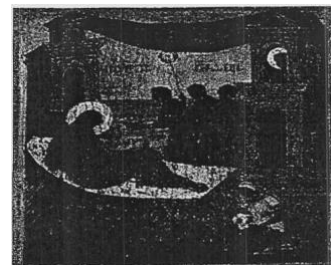
*Alleluia*

*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.*

**Luke 8:41 - 56**

*Gospel*

*At that time:* behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitude thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.



*Schedule*

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

5:00 P.M. OCMC Banquet at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

6:00 P.M. Vespers @ St. Michael the Archangel, St. Louis, MO

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

*Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at St. Michael the Archangel, St. Louis, MO

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

*Begin Nativity Fast*

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

*Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3<sup>rd</sup> Century); Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> Century)*

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*"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (St. Matthew 4:33)." How are we to seek first the kingdom of God? In the following manner; let us suppose that you wish to walk, or drive, or else go in a boat somewhere on any worldly, temporal business; before doing so, first pray to the Lord that He may correct the ways of your heart, and then also your present bodily way, or that He may direct the way of your life in accordance with His commandments; desire this with all your heart, and often renew your prayer concerning this. The Lord, seeing your sincere desire and endeavor to walk in accordance with His commandments, will, by degrees, correct all your ways. Further, for instance, if you wish, to get pure air into your room, or if you go for a walk in the fresh air, think of the pure and of the unclean heart. Many of us like to have pure air in the rooms (and this is an excellent habit), or are fond of walking in the fresh air, but they do not even think of the necessity of the purity of the spirit or heart (of, so to say, spiritual air, the breath of life); and living in the fresh air, they allow themselves to indulge in impure thoughts, impure movements of the heart, and even impurity of language, and most impure carnal actions. Again, when seeking material light, remember the spiritual light which is indispensable for the soul, and without which, it (the soul) remains in the darkness of the passions, in the darkness of spiritual death. "I am come a light into"*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Eugene	Rebecca	Diana
Deborah	Subdeacon Paul	Barbara
Mark	Judith	Elaine
James	Reader Stephen	Victor
Shawn	Theresa	Wilma
Heather	Subdeacon Andrew	Michael
David	Lori Ann	April
Constance	Julie	Joseph
Xenia	Joann	Michael
Hope	John	Barb
Brandyn	Mark	Barbara
Andrew	Popadia Joan ( <i>Moulton</i> )	Mark
Bridget	Reader George	Angela
Edmund	David	Elijah
Elizabeth	Shawn	Sophia
Priest Joseph	Gabriella	Matushka Tanya
Presbytera Irené	Catechumen Rebecca	Mary
Priest Achilles	Marie	Archpriest Moses
Margie	Michael	Archpriest John
Rodney	Patricia	Matushka Margaret
Erin	Alexandra	Matthew
David	Reader Michael	Priest Joseph
Gabriella	Michelle	Archpriest Michael
Abigail	Mikaela	Reader Peter
Madalyn	Zachary	Patricia
Peter	<b>John</b>	Matushka Virginia
	<b>Cyndi</b>	

*“the world,” says the Lord, “that whosoever believeth on Me, should not abide in darkness (St. John 12:46).” If you see the fury and hear the howling of the tempest, or read of shipwrecks, think of the storm of human passions causing daily groans and disturbance in the hearts of men, wrecking the spiritual ship of the soul or the ship of human society; and pray fervently to the Lord that He may subdue the tempest of sins, as He once subdued the tempest at sea by His word, and that He may root out our passions from our hearts, and re-establish in them unceasing tranquility. If you experience a feeling of hunger or thirst, and wish to eat and drink, think of the hunger or thirst of the soul (it thirsts after righteousness, for justification, Christ, for sanctification), which, if you do not satisfy, your soul may die from hunger, crushed by the passions, weakened and exhausted; and in satisfying your bodily hunger, do not forget to appease, above all and before all, your spiritual hunger, by conversing with God, by heartfelt repentance for your sins, by reading the story and precepts of the Gospel, and especially by the communion of the Divine Mysteries of the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are fond of dressing elegantly, or when you put on your clothes, think of the incorruptible garment of righteousness, in which our souls should be arrayed, or of Jesus Christ Who is our spiritual raiment, as it is said: “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).” A passion for dress often entirely thrusts out from the heart the very thought of the incorruptible raiment of the soul, and turns the whole life into vain care about elegance in dress. If you are a scholar, a student in any educational establishment, or an official in some ministry, an officer in any of the branches of the military service, or a technologist, a painter, a sculptor, a manufacturer, a mechanic - remember that the first science for each one of you is to be a true Christian, to believe sincerely in the Holy Trinity, to converse daily with God in prayer, to take part in the Divine service, to observe the rules and regulations of the Church, and to bear in your heart, before your work, during your work, and after your work, the name of Jesus, for He is our light, our strength, our holiness, and our help.” My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

### Those in the life to come

Ray	Archbishop PAUL
Donna	Archimandrite Innocent
Gavin	Cheryl
<u>Paul</u>	Nancy
Archpriest Thomas	Magdalene
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	