

Apostles

STONE 2

Illumined by divine light, O holy apostles, you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry. When you caught all the pagans you brought them to the Master and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

STONE 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

STONE 4: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 2:16 – 20

Epistle

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I though the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia

Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of truth, meekness, and righteousness.

v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

Luke 10:25 - 37

Gospel

At that time: a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, “Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ “So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”



Schedule

Friday, November 15, 2019

BEGIN ADVENT

Saturday, November 16, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 17, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

6:00 P.M. Vespers

For the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Saturday, November 23, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 24, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 30, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 1, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 14, 2018

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, November 10, 2019

21st Sunday After Pentecost; Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius and their companions (1st Century)

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“In accordance with God’s most wise order in this world, one thing precedes another, and one is changed into another: dishonor and honor, poverty and wealth, health and sickness. Before bestowing wealth upon anyone, God often tries him by extreme poverty, depriving, on the other hand, the rich of everything; before honor, by dishonor; and those raised to honor, by humiliation, so that we may learn to value God’s gifts, and not be proud in our prosperity, knowing that it is the gift of the Master, undeserved by us. It is necessary to rouse the heart to pray, otherwise it will become quite dry. The attributes of prayer must be: love of God, sincerity, and simplicity. We must pray in spirit, because God is a spirit, and not flesh; with truth, and not falsely, because God is the truth. The same may be said in regard to prayers to the saints. Do not call upon them only with the lips – for they have neither lips nor voice, nothing corporeal – but with your heart or soul burning within you. Then they will hear you: for everything seeks that which is akin to it. Yes; not flesh and blood will inherit the kingdom of God, but the pure spirit burning with love to God. “Quench not the spirit, (1 Thessalonians 5:19)” says the Word of God. Let every Christian, especially every priest and instructor of children remember this. We who are priests must especially burn with the spirit in our high service to God and mankind. How much we might have done for God, for men, and for ourselves, if we had applied ourselves to our work with faith and love,”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Christopher	Presbytera Aphtonomi	Michael
Devon	Richard	Barb
Marissa	Joyce	Barbara
Nathan	Peter	Mark
George	Rebecca	Angela
Patricia	Patricia	Elijah
Kaytlin	Paul	Sophia
Rob	Dorothy	Mary
Lisa	Priest Bob	Richard
Constance	Reader Stephen	Matushka Tanya
Katie	Nancy	Archpriest John
Timothy	Elizaveta	Matushka Margaret
Debra	Michaela	Matthew
Thomas	Terrence	Protopresbyter Radomir
Lynsey	Mary	Archpriest Joseph
Linus	David	Archpriest Moses
Huckston	Marie	Priest Josef
Truman	Reader George	Matushka Virginia
Jennifer	Michael	Archpriest Vladimir
Nathan	Rachel	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Brooks	George	Archpriest Gregory
Reagan	Catechumen Kristine	Deacon Paul
Priest Joel and Matushka	Janet	Matushka Melania
Tarasia and all the faithful	Catechumen Shannon	Matushka Victoria
of Annunciation Mission	Matushka Larissa	Deacon Mark
in St. James, MO	Zoe	Helen
Jill	Archpriest John	Theodore
Jenna	Victor	Paul
Theodora	Wilma	Mary
Nicole	Michael	Nicholas
Steve	April	Anne
Antoinette	Joseph	Andrew
Subdeacon Paul		Anthony
Judith		Christopher

Those in the life to come

Catechumen Shannon	Vasilios
Rich	Elsie
Dennis	Frank
Al	Archpriest Thomas

"zealously, warmly, energetically! And how little, dry, fruitless, will be our service if we do our work indolently, slothfully, coldly, without any zeal and energy! We shall have much to answer for before God, both for ourselves and for those intrusted to our care. Watch yourself when a poor man, needing help, asks it of you. The enemy will endeavor at that time to chill your heart, and fill it with indifference, and even scorn, towards him that is in want. Overcome in yourself these un-Christian and inhuman dispositions; incite your heart to compassionate love towards this man like unto you in all respects, to this member of Christ and your own -" for we are members one of another" (Ephesians 4:25) to this temple of the Holy Ghost, in order that Christ the Lord may love and help you too; and, whatever the needy may ask of you, fulfil his request according to your power. "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. (St. Matthew 5:42)" Pronounce the words of prayer with heartfelt firmness. When praying in the evening, do not forget to confess in prayer to the Holy Ghost with all sincerity and contrition, those sins into which you have fallen during the past day. A few moments of fervent repentance, and you will be cleansed by the Holy Ghost from every impurity; you will be whiter than snow, and tears purifying the heart will flow from your eyes; you will be covered with the garment of Christ's righteousness and united to Him, together with the Father and the Holy Ghost." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia *Resurrection* **TONE 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary **TONE 4**

Thy Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Apostles **TONE 3**

Holy Apostles, Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus and Tertius, entreat the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Kontakia *Resurrection* **TONE 4**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

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