

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

St. Neilos

TONE 8

O blessed Neilos, like firewood, thou didst cut away the branches of corporeal passions by thy prayerful vigil; and as one having boldness before the Lord, deliver me from every possible danger that I may cry to thee: "Hail, O Father revered by all the world."

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 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 Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 2:4 – 10

Epistle

Brethren: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Alleluia

He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

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

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. 3rd & 6th 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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 25, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30 P.M. Vespers at St. Nicholas

Greek Orthodox Church, St. Louis

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Feast of St. Nicholas

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, November 12, 2023

23rd Sunday After Pentecost; St. John the Merciful

Patriarch of Alexandria; Venerable Nilus the

Faster of Sinai; Prophet Ahijah (1 Kings 11:29 –

960 B.C.);

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"It is a wonderful thing that, however much we trouble about our health, however much care we take of ourselves, whatever wholesome and pleasant food we eat, whatever wholesome drinks we drink, however much we walk in the fresh air, still, notwithstanding all this, in the end we are subjected to maladies and corruption; whilst the saints, who despised their flesh, and mortified it by continual abstinence and fasting, by lying on the bare earth, by watchfulness, labors, unceasing prayer, have made both their souls and bodies immortal. Our well-fed bodies decay and emit an offensive odor after death, whilst theirs remained fragrant and flourishing in life as well as after death. It is a wonderful thing; we, by building up, destroy our body; whilst they, by destroying, built up theirs; they, by only caring for the fragrance of their souls before God, obtained the fragrance of their bodies also. Brethren! Understand the problem, the purpose of your life. We must mortify our body with its many passions, or our carnal passions, through abstinence, labor, prayer, and not animate it and its passions through dainties, satiety, and slothfulness. It is well in every respect to give to the poor, besides obtaining mercy on the terrible day of judgment. Even here, while on earth, those who give alms often obtain great mercies from their neighbors, and that which others only obtain for large sums of money is given to them freely. Indeed, will not the Lover of mankind, the most-righteous and the most-bountiful heavenly Father,"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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

"Whose children are compassionated by the merciful, reward them here also, in order to encourage them to still greater works of mercy, or to the continuance of their previous works of mercy, as well as to the amendment of the unmerciful, who mock at the merciful? He will reward them both worthily and righteously. How many trifling and incessant pretexts the hater of mankind offers us for hating our neighbor, so that we are almost constantly angry with others, almost constantly bearing malice against others, and living in accordance with his infernal all-destructive will. But do not let us chase his phantoms; let us put aside all enmity, and love everyone, for love is of God. Lord, Thou continually conquerest hell in me, in accordance with my prayer; and if I am not yet in hell, it is through Thy mercy, Conqueror of hell, my Lord! Glory to Thee our Benefactor, our Savior! How would it have been with us without Thee? We should truly have been like the beasts, and should have exterminated each other. As it is with separate individuals, so it is also with nations. If separate individuals and nations lived in accordance with Thy Gospel, then there would not be any enmity, dissension, wars. When shall we fully acknowledge the necessity for our temporal and eternal good - to live in accordance with the Gospel? But now how few there are who even read the Gospel!" My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

St. John

TONE 8

By endurance thou didst gain thy reward, venerable Father; thou didst persevere in prayer unceasingly; thou didst love the poor and provide for them in all things. Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

St. Neilos

TONE 8

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou hast illumined the whole universe! Our Father Neilos, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race; He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

St. John

TONE 2

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the poor and in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful. Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy memory, O namesake of mercy.