

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

Greatmartyr Catherine

STONE 2

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs form a great choir in praise of the most wise Catherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

STONE 4

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."

Prokeimenon

STONE 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!

Another (song of the Theotokos) STONE 3: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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!

v: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

Luke 13:10 - 17

Gospel

At that time: Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.



Schedule

Friday, November 29, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, November 30, 2019

10:00 A.M. Liturgy

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, 2019

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 15, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Church School Yolka following the Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 22, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

6:00 A.M. Matins

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, November 24, 2019

23rd Sunday After Pentecost; Greatmartyr

Catherine of Alexandria

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Spiritual poverty consists in esteeming oneself as though not existing, and God alone as existing; in honoring His words above everything in the world, and in not sparing anything to fulfil them, even one's own life; in considering God's will in everything, both for ourselves and others, entirely renouncing our own will. The man who is poor in spirit desires and says with his whole heart: "Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy Will be done in earth as it is in heaven." It is as though he himself disappears; everywhere and in everything he wishes to see God - in himself and in others. "Let everything be Thine, not mine." He wishes to contemplate God's holiness in himself and in all - His kingdom, also His Will; also to see Him alone entirely filling the human heart, as it should be, because He alone is All-merciful and All-perfect, All-creating; whilst the enemy - the Devil and his instruments, and those who oppose God- are thieves in the kingdom of God, and adversaries of God. To him who is poor in spirit the whole world is as nothing. Everywhere he sees God alone giving life to everything, and ruling everything; for him there is no place without God, no moment without God; everywhere and at every minute he is with God, and as though with Him alone. He who is poor in spirit does not dare and does not think of trying to comprehend the incomprehensible, to discover God's mysteries, to philosophize on the highest; he believes in the single word of the Lord, the Life-giver, knowing that every word of His is truth, spirit, and eternal life; and in the words of His Church, ever instructed in all truth by the Holy Ghost, he believes"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Zoellner family	Elizaveta	Matushka Tanya
Buchheit family	Michaela	Archpriest John
Christopher	Terrence	Matushka Margaret
Devon	Mary	Matthew
Marissa	David	Protopresbyter Radomir
Nathan	Marie	Archpriest Joseph
George	Reader George	Archpriest Moses
Patricia	George	Priest Josef
Kaytlin	Catechumen Kristine	Matushka Virginia
Rob	Janet	Archpriest Vladimir
Lisa	Larissa	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Constance	Zoe	Archpriest Gregory
Katie	Archpriest John	Archpriest Myron
Priest Joel and Matushka	Victor	Deacon Paul
Tarasia and all the faithful of Annunciation Mission in St. James, MO	Wilma	Matushka Snezana
Jill	Michael	Matushka Melania
Jenna	April	Matushka Victoria
Theodora	Joseph	Deacon Mark
Nicole	Michael	Helen
Steve	Barb	Theodore
Presbyteria Aphtonomi	Barbara	Paul
Patricia	Mark	Mary
Paul	Angela	Nicholas
Dorothy	Elijah	Anne
Reader Stephen	Sophia	Andrew
Nancy	Mary	Anthony
	Richard	Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

Regina	Al	Ruth
Catechumen Shannon	Vasilios	Gerry
Rich	Elsie	Steve
Dennis	Archpriest Thomas	

"as a child believes his father or mother, not requiring proofs, but perfectly relying upon them. He who is poor in spirit considers himself the very last and the most sinful of all, reckons himself worthy of being trampled under foot by everyone. How vividly God's Saints represented God to themselves! - the Saints who through the Holy Ghost compiled prayers for their own and our guidance. In what fear and trembling they stood before God in prayer, but also with what love and hope! Every word of their prayers says: "God is with us; and God within us hears each of our words, sees every thought, every wish, every tear." Sometimes we stand praying in church or at home, in a state of spiritual and bodily prostration; then powerless, cold, unfruitful is our soul, like some heathen, unfruitful temple; but as soon as we make an effort, and force our heart to sincere prayer to God, turn our thoughts and heart towards Him with living faith, our soul immediately becomes vivified, warm, and fruitful. What sudden tranquility, what lightness, what emotion, what inward holy fire, what tears for our sins, what a sincere feeling of sorrow that by them we have displeased the Most-merciful Master; what light in the heart and mind, what an abundant stream of living water is diffused in the heart, flowing freely from the tongue, or from the pen and pencil, if we are writing, upon the paper! The wilderness of the soul blossoms like a lily at the coming of the Lord into the heart. O, why do we not turn our hearts oftener towards the Lord? How much peace and comfort ever lie concealed in Him for us! "Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee! (Psalm 31:19)"" *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!

Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple

TONE 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation." *Greatmartyr Catherine*

TONE 4

By thy virtues as by rays of the sun thou didst enlighten the unbelieving philosophers, and like the most bright moon thou didst drive away the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night; thou didst convince the queen, and also chastise the tyrant, God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine. Thou didst hasten with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest Bride-groom Christ, and thou wast crowned by Him with a royal crown; standing before Him with the angels, pray for us who keep thy most sacred memory.

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.