

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

Greatmartyr Catherine

**TONE 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*

**TONE 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**

**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.

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

**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.*

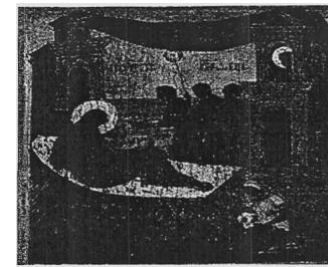
*v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.*

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

**The Gospel according to Apostle and Evangelist St. 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**

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

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

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

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

Family Life Center

**Friday, December 6, 2024**

*Feast of St. Nicholas the*

*Wonderworker*

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy at St.

Nicholas Family Life Center

6:00 P.M. Holy Unction at St.

Thomas the Apostle Romanian

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

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

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

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

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

*Sunday Before Nativity*

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

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Greatmartyr*

*Catherine of Alexandria*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

*""Our God doeth wondrous things (Psalms 72:18; 76:15)."" He is all-good and almighty, most wise, the God of mercy, bounties, and love to men. "There is none like unto Thee, O Lord (Psalm 36:8)!"*

*Reverently pronounce also the Name of the Most Pure Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Ever-Virgin Mary, Who gave birth to Him for our salvation; through Her, by the Lord's grace, we were found worthy of innumerable blessings; of the forgiveness of sins, of sanctification, of enlightenment, of renewal, deliverance from eternal death, of elevation to heaven, of becoming the sons of God, of being made godly, and of inheriting life eternal. Reverently pronounce the names of Christ's Apostles, who were His eye-witnesses and His servants, who carried His Divine teachings throughout all the world, who implanted and spread throughout the earth the saving faith and Church of Christ - faith in renewal and salvation; also the names of the martyrs, who were born by their blood into eternal life, of the venerable Fathers, who, by the mortification of their flesh, mortified in themselves the sins and passions, and attained blessed renewal and eternal life; also the names of the unmercenary, who, by their disinterestedness, obtained for themselves the priceless treasures of the spirit and of eternal life; and the names of all the Saints. This"*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Mary Ellen	Jane	Wilma
Christopher	Reader Simeon	Michael
Daniel	Newly Illumined Anna	April
Tanya	Elizabeth	Joseph
Trayvon	Edmund	Michael
Subdeacon Andrew	Catechumen Athanasius	Barb
Theresa	Alex	Barbara
Lori Ann	Julia	Mark
Michaela	Martha	Angela
Joseph	David	Elijah
Jill	Adina	Sophia
Ben	Reader Stephen	Kathy
Kelly	Priest Andrew	Matushka Tanya
Elyssa	Popadija Joan	Mary
Mike	Eva	Archpriest John
Eric	Catechumen Mary	Matushka Margaret
Michelle	Alexandra	Matthew
Yulia	Mary Magdalene	Priest Josef
Mark	Diana	Archpriest Michael
David <i>Brannon</i>	Barbara	Reader Peter
David <i>Butchko</i>	Elaine	Patricia
Reader George	Victor	Matushka Virginia
Marie		

### Those in the life to come

Archbishop PETER	<u>Charles</u>	Jean
Agnes	Matushka Olga	Edward
Ann	Archpriest Thomas	Cheryl
James	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	<b>Nancy</b>
Monk Nicodemus	Archpriest Vladimir	Magdalene
Mary <i>Brzuchalski</i>	Archbishop PAUL	John
Archpriest Peter	Archimandrite Innocent	
Archpriest Dionysius	Olga	
Thomas <i>Moyer</i>	Francis	

*"very flesh which we cherish, rest, gratify, and adorn so much, is - the enemy of our souls, a very crafty and dangerous enemy; it continually resists the love of God, the will of God, the commandments of God, and longs to fulfill its own will, and nearly always succeeds in doing so; unless the Lord God, in His merciful and wise providence for our salvation, opposes a powerful obstacle to this. We must ever crucify this flesh with its passions and lusts, and not cherish it; we must mortify it by fasting, by watchfulness, prayer, work; and exercise the soul by reading the Word of God, by pious meditation and prayer. I feel bright, warm, and tranquil, when I turn with my whole soul to the mental sun, the Sun of righteousness, to Christ my God. Then the ice of my heart melts, all its darkness, impurity, and corruption, vanish; spiritual death flees, heavenly life reigns in its stead, and nothing earthly occupies me any longer." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

### Troparia

*Resurrection*

#### **TONE 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

*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 5**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!