

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

Monk Martyr & Confessor Stephen

TONE 8

Lovers of the feasts, from the heart with hymns let us praise in faith godlike Stephen the lover of the Trinity, for he honored the fair icon of the Master and of His Mother. Now let us rejoice together and cry out to him with love: "Rejoice, ever glorious Father."

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

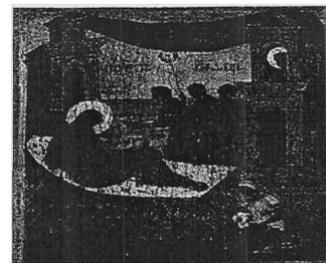
He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

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

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, December 4, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 5, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 11, 2021

3:00 P.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 12, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 19, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 24, 2021

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

5:00 P.M. Vigil of Christmas

(Compline & Matins)

Saturday, December 25, 2021

The Nativity in the flesh of our

Lord God and Savior Jesus

Christ

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Eve of the Feast of Theophany

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, November 28, 2021

23rd Sunday After Pentecost; Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end (Psalm 102:27)," is said of the unchangeableness of God. O, if you, men, were always the same - today, tomorrow, the day after tomorrow and so on - and if you did not change in a thousand ways like a kaleidoscope! O, if you too were always equally peaceful, kind, simple, amiable, patient, industrious, benevolent, and generous! But you can be such if by hearty faith and love you unite yourself to the Unchangeable. "For I am the Lord, I change not (Malachi 3:6)." "I preserve My servants from falling into evil, for I am the source of mercy, benefiting those who serve Me worthily (canon of the Archangel)." Peace is the integrity and health of the soul; to lose peace is to lose spiritual health. Reverence with all the powers of your souls all the sacraments and say to yourself in respect to every sacrament before the celebration or the communion of it: "This is god's mystery. I myself am only the unworthy witness or partaker of it." Otherwise, our proud intellect even wishes to search out God's mystery, and if unable to penetrate it, rejects it as not coming under the small measure of our intellect. If a single word of an earthly king causes great deeds to come to pass in his kingdom - he speaks and the work begins and is accomplished - then will not the word of the Lord of all material and spiritual, visible and"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Mark	Emily	Michael	Christopher
Kelly	Reader Nicholas (<i>travel</i>)	April	Jackie
Ava	Diane (<i>travel</i>)	Joseph	
Reader Peter (<i>travel</i>)	Ray	Michael	
Patricia (<i>travel</i>)	Jane	Barb	
Andrew (<i>travel</i>)	Sandy	Barbara	
Bridget (<i>travel</i>)	Nancy	Mark	
Susan	Stephanie	Angela	
Janice	Julie	Elijah	
Richard	Catechumen Peter	Sophia	
Geraldine	Natalia	Matushka Tanya	
Jimmie	Hope	Mary	
Sandra	Justin	Met. HERMAN (BP)	
Delilah	Dymphna	Archpriest Basil (BP)	
Cheryl	Nicholas	Archpriest Andrew (BP)	
Sarah	Theodora	Archpriest Moses (BP)	
Joyce	Theresa	Archprst John Zabinko (BP)	
David	Subdeacon Andrew	Mat. Margaret Zabinko(BP)	
Adina	Lori Ann	Matthew Zabinko	
Judah	Deborah	Priest Josef (BP)	
Karen	Timothy	Arprst. Michael <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)	
Helen	Amy	Archpriest Gregory (BP)	
Stephanie	Michael	Deacon Paul (BP)	
David	Joseph	Deacon Peter (BP)	
Hanna	Andrew	Matushka Virginia (BP)	
Jacob	Magdalene	Marie (BP)	
Leah	Subdeacon Charles	Zoe (BP)	
Emily	Deborah	Paul	
Neil	Michael	Mary	
Ben	Laverne	Nicholas	
Sam	Victor	Andrew	
Elizaveta	Wilma	Anthony	

Those in the life to come

Tyler
Brian
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir

"invisible creatures, be created? Shall he speak and it not be done? O, Almighty Power, able to accomplish everything in one single moment, do not leave us on account of our sins, and above all on account of our incredulity and despair, to be tormented by our own infirmities, lest we be destroyed like earthen vessels. Grant that we may believe with all our hearts in Thine Almighty Power; that we may not doubt in the fulfilment of our every right request. All visible nature, all its parts, great and small, down to the very smallest, at every instant remind us that everything has proceeded from the Lord, and exists and moves by Him - that everything is or comes into being through Him, and at each moment obeys Him." *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!

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.

Monk Martyr & Confessor Stephen

TONE 4

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, all-blessed one; again thou didst bravely prepare for combat and slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Stephen of eternal memory.

Kontakia

TONE 6

Resurrection

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.