

### **Troparia**

*Resurrection*

#### **TONE 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

*Protection of the Mother of God*

#### **TONE 4**

On this day we, the Orthodox people, joyously keep festival, illumined by thy coming, O Mother of God; and, beholding thy most pure image, we cry out with compunction: "Cover us with thy Protecting Veil and deliver us from all evil, entreating thy Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

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

### **Kontakia**

*Resurrection*

#### **TONE 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

*Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*Protection of the Mother of God*

#### **TONE 3**

Today the Virgin stands in the church, and with hosts of Saints, and invisibly prays to God for us. Angels worship with Hierarchs, and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, for the Theotokos prays to the Pre-eternal God for us.

### **Prokeimenon**

**TONE 8:** Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

**Vs.** In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**Another (Song of the Theotokos) TONE 2:** My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

### **The Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

*Alleluia*

*Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

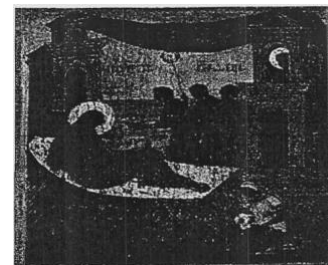
*v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

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

### **Luke 6:31 - 36**

*Gospel*

*The Lord said to His disciples:* "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



### **Schedule**

#### **October 2 – 4, 2023**

*Diocesan Assembly*

Burr Ridge, IL

#### **Thursday, October 5, 2023**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Friday, October 6, 2023**

*Feast of Glorification of St.*

*Innocent of Alaska*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at

*Nativity of the Virgin, Madison, IL*

#### **Saturday, October 7, 2023**

12:00 P.M. Annual Golf

Tournament at Acorn Golf Links,

Waterloo, IL

NO VESPERS

#### **Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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

#### **Monday, October 9, 2023**

*Glorification of St. Tikhon of*

*Moscow*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at St.

Thomas Romanian Orthodox

Church, 6501 Nottingham Ave,

St. Louis, MO 63109

#### **Saturday, October 14, 2023**

11:00 A.M. Parish Council

Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

#### **Sunday, October 15, 2023**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

## **Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

### **Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Protection of the  
Most Holy Theotokos*

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*"O, how dearly our Lord Jesus Christ valued our soul and its salvation by coming down upon earth, by taking upon Himself our soul and body, by His awful sufferings, and by dying for us! And how do I value my soul and its eternal salvation? O, I do not know how to value it, and have not until now learned how to answer the love of my Savior, having attached myself wholly to the earth, having given myself up wholly to slothfulness and various passions. How can the love of God, the kingdom of heaven, be in you when in your heart reigns earthly love - sensuality, cupidity, and pride? It is impossible, until you have "crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Galatians 5:25);" "for no man can serve two masters (St. Matthew 6:24);" and "whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God (James 4:4)." Love not," it is said, "the world, neither the things that are in the world. ... For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father ... And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17)." Our Lord God is pleased with us for our importunate request for His mercies, seeing in our importunity our faith and love to Him; whilst we sinners are angry with the poor, who daily and importunately ask alms of us - even with poor children, whose confidence in men is especially great, and whose belief in the goodness of others is boundless, because they themselves are simple, good, and meek. Being covetous, sensual, and proud, we often look contemptuously upon them, cry out at them - the meek lambs - get out of"*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Rhianna	Popadia Joan ( <i>Moulton</i> )	Diana
Nico	Priest Petros	Barbara
Nicholas	Reader George	Elaine
Aspasia	David	Victor
Alexander	James	Wilma
Thomas	Kim	Michael
Stanley	Judith	April
Stephanie	Subdeacon Paul	Joseph
Alexander	Peter	Michael
Nicoletta	Rebecca	Barb
Evie ( <i>McDonald</i> )	Michael ( <i>Zabinko</i> )	Barbara
Wayne	Theresa	Mark
Mary	Subdeacon Andrew	Angela
Terry	Lori Ann	Elijah
Michaela	Shawn	Sophia
Elizaveta	Gabriella	Matushka Tanya
Ron ( <i>Capek</i> )	Catechumen Rebecca	Mary
Paul	Marie	Archpriest Moses
Laura	Michael	Archpriest John
Ryan	Patricia	Matushka Margaret
Lauren	Reader Michael	Matthew
Andrew	Michelle	Priest Joseph
Bridget	Mikaela	Archpriest Michael
Charlotte	Zachary	Reader Peter
Arprst Christopher ( <i>Stade</i> )	<b>John</b>	Patricia
Priest Joseph ( <i>Strzelecki</i> )	<b>Cyndi</b>	Matushka Virginia

### Those in the life to come

Tiffany	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Magdalene	Archpriest Vladimir
Kathleen	Archbishop PAUL
Katherine	Archimandrite Innocent
Aileen	
<u>Matushka Katherine</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	

"temper, not wishing to understand that hunger, want of clothes, boots, urgent demand for the rent of their miserable lodgings, force them to beg importunately of us. Is it not they that cry unto the Lord against us in the words of the prophet David: "Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, and with the despitefulness of the proud (Psalm 123:4)?" And certainly, sooner or later, the voice of their complaint shall reach heaven. It has, perhaps, long ago reached the ears of the Lord God of Sabaoth, and will move Him to wrath against us and to righteous vengeance. Until now I have not become impoverished by being merciful to others, and shall not become impoverished to the last, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day (Hebrews 13:8)." It is not said without reason: "He that giveth to the poor shall not lack." Indeed, up till now the Lord has only increased my temporal blessings, and has not taken them away. I praise the bountifulness of the Lord, His rich Providence. Thou art the representative of faith and of the Church, O priest; thou art the representative of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself; therefore, thou must be an example of meekness, purity, valor, firmness, patience, of elevation of spirit. Thou art doing God's work, and must not lose courage before anybody; thou must not flatter anyone, nor be servile, and must consider thy work as higher than all human affairs. He who is accustomed to give account of his life at confession here will not fear to give an answer at the terrible judgment seat of Christ. It is for this purpose that the mild tribunal of penitence was here instituted, in order that we, being cleansed and amended through penitence here below, may give and answer without shame at the terrible judgment-seat of Christ. This is the first motive for sincere confession, and, moreover, it must absolutely be made every year. The longer we remain without confessing, the worse it is for us, the more entangled we become in the bonds of sin, and therefore the more difficult it is to give an account. The second motive is tranquility: the more sincere has been our confession, the more tranquil will the soul be afterwards. Sins are - secret serpents, gnawing at the heart of a man and all his being; they do not let him rest, they continually suck his heart; sins are - prickly thorns, constantly goading the soul; sins are --- spiritual darkness. Those who repent must bring forth the fruits of repentance. Consciousness, memory, imagination, feeling, and will are helps to penitence. As we sin with all the powers of our soul, so penitence must be from our whole soul. Penitence in words only, without the intention of amendment and without the feeling of contrition, may be called hypocritical. Should the consciousness of sins be obscured, it must be cleared up; should the feeling be smothered and dulled, it must be roused; should the will become blunt and too weak for amendment, it must be forced; "the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force (St. Matthew 11:12)." Confession must be sincere, deep, and full." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt