

Now and ever and unto 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 7: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Vs. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Another (Fathers) TONE 4: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

The Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:1 – 10

Epistle

Brethren: we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: *“In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.”* Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and by good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Alleluia

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

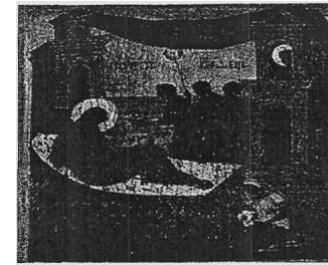
v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.

v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Luke 8:5 - 15

Gospel

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that *‘Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’* Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among the thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.



Schedule

Friday, October 18, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Soul Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

8:30 A.M. Peroghies

Saturday, October 26, 2024

9:00 A.M. Parish Clean-up

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 2, 2024

NO VESPERS

Sunday, November 3, 2024

10:00 A.M. Readers' Service

Friday, November 8, 2024

6:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Michael

the Archangel in St. Louis, MO

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Feast of the Archangels

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

Michael the Archangel in St. Louis,

MO

Ethnic Eats

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, October 13, 2024

*16th Sunday After Pentecost; Fathers of the 7th
Ecumenical Council*

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“Christian love prefers rather to endure all the outward discomforts of life, narrowness, want of fresh air, losses, than to allow impatience, vexation, irritation, anger, murmuring, through these outward and similar discomforts, against those who inconvenience us by living at our expense and at the expense of our tranquility, either through need or out of caprice. Love endures everything and bears everything to its own detriment, to the detriment of its own material and bodily life: for where love is, there is God’s grace and every good thing, there is tranquility, there is sufficiency. A Christian suffers everything so long as he is not deprived of God’s grace, which is the greatest blessing to him. What spiritual storms, hurricanes, fearful, fiery, sudden whirlwinds often occur in the life of man, in the life of those who endeavor to lead a Christian life, and to serve God by prayer, interceding for themselves and others before His unspeakable mercy! It is only by God’s mercy that the bark (i.e. a ship or boat) in which our soul travels over life’s sea towards the eternity awaiting it, is not entirely wrecked and lost! A priest ought to endeavor by every means to maintain within himself courage, boldness, daring, in spite of the bodiless enemy, who continually sows in him his illusive fear, his foolish dread;”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Archpriest Jonathan	Julia	Wilma
Kevin	Martha	Michael
Bonnie	David	April
Deborah	Adina	Joseph
Daria	Reza	Michael
Archpriest George	Reader Stephen	Barb
Marina	Priest Andrew	Barbara
William	Popadija Joan	Mark
Larissa	Ruth	Angela
Mark	Subdeacon Andrew	Elijah
Devon	Theresa	Sophia
Vao	Lori Ann	Kathy
Elizabeth	Eva	Matushka Tanya
Edmund	Catechumen Mary	Mary
Jill	Alexandra	Archpriest John
Ben	Mary Magdalene	Matushka Margaret
Kelly	Diana	Matthew
Elyssa	Barbara	Priest Josef
Brad	Julia	Archpriest Michael
Mike	Elaine	Reader Peter
Catechumen Athanasius	Victor	Patricia
Alex		Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Martin	Rodney	
Matthew	<u>Christopher</u>	
Archpriest Joseph <i>Chupek</i>	Archpriest Thomas	Matushka Olga
Matushka Anna	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Iran	Archpriest Vladimir	Nancy
Timothy	Archbishop PAUL	Magdalene
Carol	Archimandrite Innocent	John

"otherwise he cannot be a reprover of human vices, nor a true celebrant of the sacraments. Daring is a great gift of God and a great treasure of the soul! Courage or boldness plays an important part in earthly warfare, for it simply works wonders; but in the spiritual warfare it does far more. The source of every true joy, of all true tranquility and peace of conscience, of cleansing, of spiritual and bodily healing, the source of spiritual power and boldness, flows in the temple, whilst theaters and various worldly distractions and consolations can never replace that which a true Christian receives in the temple, where God Himself comforts the souls of believers and those whose hearts are turned to Him, as a mother comforts her child. It is from the temple, too, that our departed ones receive consolation and solace, with the cleansing from their sins and forgiveness. How ardently we should love the temple, how we should adorn it! And so do all those who recognize its value; and the Church prays for them, saying: Let us pray for them that, with faith, piety, and fear of God, enter in; and further; Let us pray for them that bring forth fruit and do good deeds in this holy and all-venerable temple; or, Hallow those that love the beauty of Thine house. Glorify them in return by Thy Divine might." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art Risen, granting the world great mercy!

Fathers

TONE 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Thou hast established our Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast led us to knowledge of the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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

Fathers

TONE 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!