

Epistle

Brethren: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

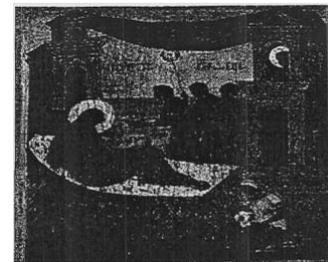
Alleluia

*May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call upon Thee!*

Luke 8:26 - 39

Gospel

At that time: They sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He (*Jesus*) stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.



Schedule

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Feast of St. John Kochurov

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 2, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

END DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 3, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 9, 2019

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 10, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 15, 2019

BEGIN ADVENT

Saturday, November 16, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 17, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 23, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 24, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, October 27, 2019

19th Sunday After Pentecost; Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

“What a wonderful creation is man! Look! That which was created from earth contains the breath of God – personal, independent, free – the image of God Himself. How much wisdom and beauty there are in the construction of man’s bodily tabernacle, how much wisdom and love – in a word, how much likeness to God is shown in the life itself of the man who has dominion over the earth; as it is said: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion ... over all the earth. (Genesis 1:26)” But in order that you should not grow proud, see what happens to you, man, when that which is according to God’s image in you goes forth from your body as from its temple! You will be as though you had never been, you will disappear from this world; the temple of your spirit will lose all its goodness and beauty, it will become earth, and return unto the ground, from out of which it was taken, (Gen. 3:19) completely mingling with it as a part of it. What a wonderful creation of God is man! God has wonderfully placed in the dust His image, the immortal spirit. But marvel, Christian, still more at the wisdom, omnipotence and mercy of the Creator: He changes and transforms the bread and wine into His most pure Body and into His most pure Blood, and takes up His abode in them Himself, by His most pure and Life-giving Spirit, so that His Body and Blood are together Spirit and Life. And wherefore is this? In order to cleanse you, a sinner, from your sins, to sanctify you and to unite you, thus sanctified to Himself, and thus united to give you blessedness and immortality. “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!””

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

David	Julie	Patricia	Angela
Adina	Rose	Paul	Elijah
Andrew	Robert	Dorothy	Sophia
Christine	Judith	Priest Bob	Mary
David	Jane	Reader Stephen	Richard
Mary	Joan	Nancy	Matushka Tanya
Charlotte	David	Elizaveta	Archpriest John
Shirl	David	Michaela	Matushka Margaret
Scott	Bert	Terrence	Matthew
Karyn	Ramona	Mary	Protopresbyter Radomir
Chip	Roxana	David	Archpriest Joseph
Drew	Florica	Marie	Archpriest Moses
Steven	Atzo	Reader George	Priest Josef
Amy	James	Michael	Matushka Virginia
Steven	Ayden	Rachel	Archpriest Vladimir
Mary		George	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Antoinette		Catechumen Kristine	Archpriest Gregory
Subdeacon Paul		Janet	Deacon Paul
Judith		Catechumen Shannon	Matushka Melania
Peter		Matushka Larissa	Matushka Victoria
Rebecca		Zoe	Deacon Mark
Subdeacon Andrew		Archpriest John	Helen
Magdalene		Victor	Theodore
Sylvester		Wilma	Paul
Theresa		Michael	Mary
Deborah		April	Nicholas
Jeremy		Joseph	Anne
Helen		Michael	Andrew
Richard		Barb	Anthony
Joyce		Barbara	Christopher
Presbyteria Aphtonomi		Mark	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Vasilios	Jan
Frank	Archpriest Thomas
Ardell	Robert <i>McBride</i>
Morgan	

"(Romans11:33) Have you seen how respectfully, humbly, and orderly subordinates of all classes and all stations behave in relation to their chiefs, and thus, in their mutual intercourse, fulfil their duty of subordination? Have you not seen with what veneration and strict etiquette those that surround a king behave? And all these are only examples of the behavior of creatures in relation to the Creator; and it is in this right behavior in respect to the Creator, in their obedience to His laws, that their welfare and the object of their life consist." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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.

Martyr Nestor

TONE 4

Thy holy martyr Nestor, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Savior praises Thee forever.

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

Martyr Nestor

TONE 2

Thou didst contest well, therefore thou hast gained immortal renown, O wise Nestor, and thou hast become an excellent soldier of the Master Christ, through the prayers of the Martyr Demetrios. Therefore, with him, pray without ceasing for all of us.

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 2: The Lord is my strength and my song, / He is become my salvation.
Vs. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.