

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 4: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!
vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 16:13 – 24

Epistle

Brethren: Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

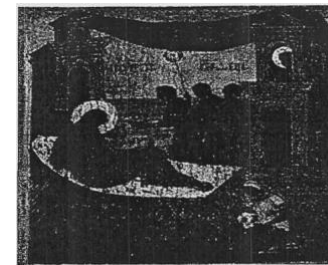
Alleluia

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness, and truth.
v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.*

Matthew 21:33 - 42

Gospel

The Lord told this parable: “There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”



Schedule

Thursday, September 7, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Friday, September 8, 2023

Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 9, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Followed by festive Luncheon –
Please RSVP to Sharon Butchko
by September 1 to attend*

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Great
Doxology and Procession of the
Cross

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Exaltation of the Cross

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 16, 2023

11:00 A.M. Parish Council
Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 23, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 24, 2023

9:15 A.M. Church School

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 3, 2023

13th Sunday After Pentecost; Hieromartyr

Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia and those with him

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"Pride is of the demon; malice is of the same demon; envy of the same demon; the abomination of fornication is of the same demon; enforced blasphemy, of the same demon; enforced doubt in the truth, of the same demon; despondency, of the same demon; the passions are various, but the same Satan acts in all of them; the passions are various, but they are, all together - the barking of the same Satan, only in different tunes; and the man, when subjected to them, is one and the same spirit with Satan. When you are subjected to the malicious and furious violence of the passions, and to the harassments of the Devil, during the fulfilment of various works for God, accept these sufferings as suffering, for the name of Christ, and rejoice in your sufferings, thanking God; for the Devil is preparing for you, without knowing it himself, the most shining crowns from the Lord! Amen. We must absolutely resist the Devil. Do not be vexed with those who show pride, or malice, effeminacy, and impatience in their intercourse with you or others, but, remembering that you yourself are subject to the same and greater sins and passions, pray for them and be meek with them. "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens [if anybody has offended you, and it is hard for you, bear this], and so fulfil the law of Christ (Galatians 6:1, 2)." Do you pay sufficient attention to the state of your soul? whether it is in good health, and, seeing that it lives, is its life vigorous? And, if its present temporal life is happy,"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Arprst Christopher (<i>Stade</i>)	Caroline	Diana
Priest Joseph (<i>Strzelecki</i>)	Alexandra	Magdalene
Popadia Joan (<i>Moulton</i>)	Anastasia	Barbara
Priest Petros	Michael	Elaine
Reader George	Nadia	Victor
Marie	Nwly Illumnd Evangeline	Wilma
David	Rachel	Michael
James	Isaac	April
Kim	Dymphna	Joseph
Judith	Justin	Michael
Subdeacon Paul	Hope	Barb
Peter	Nicholas	Barbara
Rebecca	Theodora	Mark
Michael (<i>Zabinko</i>)	Kathy	Angela
Reader Stephen	David	Elijah
Paul	Theresa	Sophia
Amy	Shawn	Matushka Tanya
Ella	Gabriella	Mary
Clifford	Catechumen Rebecca	Archpriest Moses
Carolyn	Marie	Archpriest John
Zoe	Michael	Matushka Margaret
Deborah	Patricia	Matthew
Vera	Reader Michael	Priest Joseph
Matushka Ann	Michelle	Archpriest Michael
Larissa	Mikaela	Reader Peter
Andrew	Zachary	Patricia
Joseph	John	Matushka Virginia
	Cyndi	

Those in the life to come

Matushka Katherine	Peggy
Nancy	Shirley
Nun Nektaria	<u>John</u>
Olga	Archpriest Thomas
Gregory	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Terry	Archpriest Vladimir
James	Archbishop PAUL

"then is its eternal life, its eternal happiness, ensured by anything - for instance, by faith - is there in your soul a lively faith in God, in the Savior, in the Church, -- by good works, meekness, humility, gentleness, love of truth and honesty, abstinence, chastity, mercy, patience, obedience, industry, and others? If the revers is the case, then all your labor is in vain. The soul, perhaps, does many things worthy of wonder, but it will be itself lost. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul (St. Matthew 16:26)?" A day is the symbol of the transitoriness of earthly life: it begins with the morning, then comes the day itself, followed by the evening, and, with the coming of the night, the whole day has passed away. So, likewise, life passes away. First, childhood, like the early morning; then, adolescence and manhood, like the full day and noon; and then old-age, like evening, if God grants it; and afterwards inevitable death." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

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.

Hieromartyr Anthimus

TONE 4

By sharing in the way of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. Hieromartyr Anthimus, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Venerable Theoctistus

TONE 3

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe! Our holy Father Theoctistus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

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

Hieromartyr Anthimus

TONE 4

Living honorably as a priest, thou didst complete the course of martyrdom; thou didst extinguish the worship of idols and become a champion of thy flock, divinely-wise one. Therefore, we honor thee, mystically crying out: "Through thy prayers deliver us from calamity, ever-memorable Anthimus."