

*Prokeimenon*

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

**The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 9:2 – 12**

*Epistle*

Brethren: If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

*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 to Thee!

**Matthew 18:23 - 35**

*Gospel*

The Lord said to His disciples: “Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”



*Schedule*

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

*Eve of Feast of Nativity*

6:00 P.M. Vespers Liturgy

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

3:45 P.M. Panikhida for victims

of September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

*Blessing of New Church Hall*

*and Sign*

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

*Eve of Feast of Exultation of the*

*Cross*

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Great

Doxology

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:00 P.M. Wedding – Andrew

Konan and Janice Kren

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

8:30 A.M. Pieroghies

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth – parents of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John*

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“When you read a worldly magazine or newspaper (or an article online), it is light and agreeable reading, you easily believe in everything in it. But if you take up a religious publication or book to read, especially one relating to church matters, or sometimes when you begin reading prayers – you feel a weight upon your heart, you are tormented by doubt and unbelief, and experience a sort of darkness and aversion. Many acknowledge this. From what does it proceed? Of course, not from the nature of the books themselves, but from the nature of the readers, from the nature of their hearts, and – chiefly – from the Devil, the enemy of mankind, the enemy of everything holy: “he taketh away the word out of their hearts (St. Luke 8:12).” When we read worldly books, we do not touch him, and he does not touch us. But as soon as we take up religious books, as soon as we begin to think of our amendment and salvation, then we go against him, we irritate and torment him, and therefore he attacks us and torments us on his side. What can we do? We must not throw aside the good work, the reading or prayers that are profitable to our souls, but we must patiently endure, and in patience save our souls. “In your patience possess ye your souls (St. Luke 21:19),” says the Lord. The same applies to theatres and churches, to the stage and Divine service. Many”

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

Priest Theodore	Andrew	Mark
Peter	Bridget	Angela
Rebecca	Deborah	Elijah
Alexandra	Timothy	Sophia
Lori Ann	Natalie	Matushka Tanya
David	Melanie	Mary
Marie	Paul	Met. HERMAN (BP)
Reader George	Anthony	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Donna	Amy	Archprst John Zabinko (BP)
Gergory	Michael	Mat. Margaret Zabinko(BP)
Archpriest James	Joseph	Matthew Zabinko
Matushka Susan	Andrew	Priest Josef (BP)
The Dank Family	Magdalene	Matushka Virginia (BP)
Karen	Subdeacon Charles	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Michael	Deborah	Deacon Paul (BP)
Lucia	Michael	Deacon Peter (BP)
Priest Patrick	Laverne	Deacon Nicholas (BP)
Xenia	Victor	Sophia
Judy	Wilma	Debbie (BP)
Archprst Michael <i>Kuzara</i>	Michael	Gabriel (BP)
Michael <i>Dougherty</i>	April	Marie (BP)
Jacob	Joseph	Melinda <i>Kuzara</i> (BP)
Charlotte	Michael	Paul
Michael	Barb	Mary
Emily	Barbara	Nicholas
Susan		Andrew
Carlos		Anthony
Geraldine		Christopher
Maryanne		Jackie

**Those in the life to come**

Theodore	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Michael	Archpriest Vladimir
Ann	Child Maven
Protopresbyter Leonid	
<u>Steven</u>	
Archpriest Thomas	

"people find it pleasant to go to the theatre, and oppressive and dull to go to church. Wherefore? Because in the theatre everything is well suited to please the sensual man, and when we are there we do not provoke the Devil, but please him, and he, on his side, affords us pleasure, and does not touch us. Make merry, my friends, thinks he - laugh, only do not remember God. Whilst in the church everything is adapted to arouse faith and the fear of God, pious feelings, the feeling of our sinfulness and corruption; and the Devil sows in our hearts doubt, weariness, despondency, evil, impure and blasphemous thoughts - so that the man is not glad in himself, and cannot stand for even an hour, and he gets away as quickly as possible. The theatre and the church - are opposite contrasts. The one is the temple of the world, and the other the temple of God; the one is the temple of the Devil, and the other - the temple of the Lord." *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.

*Zacharias and Elizabeth*

**TONE 4**

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood, according to the Law of God thou didst offer whole-burnt offerings in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah. Thou hast become a luminary and a seer of the mysteries, bearing within thyself the signs of grace, all-wise one. Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ, intercede together with the Forerunner that our souls may be saved.

**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.***

*Zacharias and Elizabeth*

**TONE 3**

Today the prophet Zachariah, priest of the Most High and parent of the Forerunner, has prepared a banquet to his memory to nourish the faithful, mixing the drink of righteousness. Therefore we praise him as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

***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.