

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

St. Michael the Archangel

TONE 2

Michael, commander of God's armies and minister of the divine glory, prince of the bodiless angels and guide of mankind, ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

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 firstfruits 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.

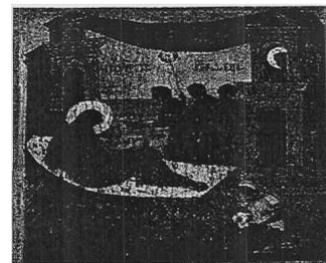
Alleluia

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

Monday, September 7, 2020

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Feast Day

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 11, 2020

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, September 12, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Monday, September 14, 2020

Exultation of the Cross

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 18, 2020

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, September 19, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 25, 2020

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, September 26, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 6, 2020

13th Sunday After Pentecost; Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae

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"The truth and saving properties of our holy faith are clearly revealed by the fact that not a single Sacrament, not a single faithful prayer are left fruitless in us, but they bring and manifest their power from heaven upon our souls and bodies, cleansing our sins, and giving peace to our souls in accordance with the words of our Savior: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (St. Matthew 11:28);" and delivering us from spiritual afflictions and bodily sicknesses! No, we never pray in vain to the Lord, or to the most holy Virgin, or to the angels and saints, but we receive all that we ask them for, and that tends to our salvation. Powers of healing and multifarious help constantly come to us from heaven. Our Lord is a Lord of manifold powers manifested upon us, and our God is the God of mercy and salvation. In like manner the ever-Virgin Mother of the incarnate God-the-Word, imitating the love to mankind of her Son and God, prays for us, and continually manifests her powers to believers. Feeling the continual all-saving powers revealed to us by the Mother of God, we call upon her: "At no time will we unworthy ones be silent, God-bearing One, to tell of thy mighty acts; for hadst thou not prayerfully interceded for us, who would have delivered us out of so many dangers?" ...Or: "Show us thy power, as thou hast ever done ..." And we turn to Her in every affliction, need, and misfortune. The same applies to the angels and saints; when we call upon them they hear us, and by the grace of God afford us help. The carnal man does not understand the spiritual blessedness"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Mia	Subdeacon Charles	Arprst John
New Illumined Infant Ann	Deborah	Mtk Mrgaret
Andrew	Michael	Matthew
Sarah	Laverne	Protopresbyter
Emily	Deacon Matthew	Arprt Joseph (BP)
Michael	Dnsa. Christine	Archpriest Moses (BP)
Jacob	Abigail	Priest Josef (BP)
Wayne	Aidan	Archpriest Vladimir (BP)
Diane	Eve	Matushka Virginia (BP)
John	Met. THEODOSIUS (BP)	Archpst Christopher (BP)
David	Met. HERMAN (BP)	Archpriest Gregory (BP)
Constance	Cynthia	Archpriest Myron (BP)
Sarah	Victor	Deacon Paul (BP)
Hope	Wilma	Deacon Paul (BP)
Andrea	Michael	Deacon Gregory (BP)
John	April	Matushka Trudi (BP)
Sarah	Joseph	Matushka Snezana (BP)
Joan	Michael	Helen (BP)
Sarah	Barb	Theodore (BP)
Gabriel	Barbara	Paul
Magdalene	Mark	Mary
Dymphna & CTBB	Angela	Nicholas
Justin	Elijah	Anne (Crowell)
Hope	Sophia	Anna (Prochko)
Nicholas	Matushka Tanya	Andrew
Sarah	Mary	Anthony
		Christopher
		Jackie

Those in the life to come

James	Archpriest Thomas
Chris Durham	
John	
Tekla	

"that proceeds from prayer and virtue, and cannot comprehend even in a small degree what the blessedness in the next world will be. He does not know anything higher than earthly carnal happiness, and considers future blessings as imaginary visions. But the spiritual man knows by experience the blessedness of the virtuous soul, and foretastes future blessedness in his heart. The more a man leads the spiritual life, the more he becomes spiritualized: he begins to see God in everything; the manifestation of His power and might in everything; he sees himself always and everywhere abiding in God, and depending from God even in the smallest matters. But the more a man leads the carnal mode of life, the more carnal he becomes; he does not see God in anything, not even in the most wonderful manifestations of His divine powers - he sees flesh and matter in everything, and nowhere, nor at any time, is God before his eyes (Psalm 36:2). The Lord called Himself and is the "good Shepherd (St. John 10:11)." If you believe in His guidance, then you will understand by your heart that as a zealous shepherd when feeding his flock does not allow the sheep to disperse, but gathers them together, so also the Lord pastures our souls, not allowing them to wander in falsehood and sins, but gathering them on the path of virtue, and not allowing the mental wolf to steal and scatter them." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

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.

St. Michael the Archangel

TONE 4

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech thee, by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee: "Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the commander of the powers on high!"

Kontakia

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!