

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 6 (Sunday Before Cross): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

Vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Another, TONE 3 (Song of the Theotokos): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 15:1 – 11

Epistle

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preached and so you believed.

Alleluia

I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

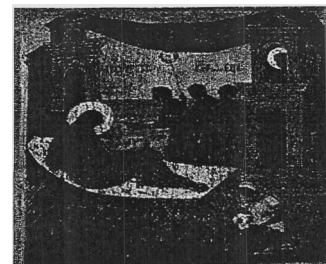
v; For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

v: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

Matthew 19:16 - 26

Gospel

At that time, one came to Jesus: and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”



Schedule

Friday, September 13, 2019

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

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Exultation of the Cross

STRICT FAST DAY

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 15, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 16, 2019

9:00 A.M. Pieroghies

Saturday, September 21, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 22, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 28, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 29, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

12:30 P.M. Wedding – Brian & Adina Prince

2:00 P.M. Wedding Reception at Knights of Columbus, Collinsville, IL

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Nativity of the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

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“This pillar (*Outreach and Evangelism*) is placed as the final one, not because it is the least significant, but because it is impossible to implement or act upon it without effort in the preceding three Pillars. All the Pillars are interdependent, and therefore there can be no missionary outreach, no path to reach those who question Christ and the Church, to inspire those who doubt, to console those who suffer, and to heal those who are broken, without having first entered the arena of our own experience. Our Apostolic ministry is revealed as the flowers and seeds of the tree which has grown through our effort to become genuine persons in the image of Christ, to exercise good stewardship of the blessings we have received, and to live as Christians in community.

PHILANTHROPY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our apostolic work cannot be confined merely to recruitment and expansion. If our goal is to “make North America Orthodox,” such a goal is self-serving, negative, and almost violent: its focus is on either how to preserve ourselves or how to impose our faith on others. Undoubtedly, many converts to the Orthodox Church will have stories of very persistent and convincing advocates for Orthodoxy; but most of them will also likely emphasize that their entrance into the fullness of the faith was completely voluntary, in the same way that all of us willingly follow our Lord Jesus Christ on His voluntary entrance into His passion, death, and resurrection during Holy Week. The key to numerical growth is spiritual growth, and spiritual growth cannot take place without a sacrificial effort. If we are to be Apostles to the nations and bearers”

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Kathryn	Wendy	Joseph
Andrew	Richard	Michael
Mary	Joyce	Barb
Alexandra	Priest Bob	Barbara
Anna	Reader Stephen	Mark
James	Nancy	Angela
Aaron	Elizaveta	Elijah
Benjamin	Michaela	Sophia
Patricia	Terrence	Matushka Tanya
Reader Peter	Mary	Archpriest John
Patricia	Mason	Matushka Margaret
Michael	Jennifer	Matthew
Emily	Michael	Protopresbyter Radomir
Jacob	Craig	Archpriest Joseph
Jenna	Maryann	Archpriest Moses
Duke	Charles	Priest Josef
David	David	Matushka Virginia
Linda	Marie	Archpriest Vladimir
Chloe	Reader George	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Matushka Barbara	Catechumen Kristine	Deacon Paul
Archdeacon Joseph	Janet	Matushka Victoria
Matushka Nina	Catechumen Shannon	Deacon Mark
Juliana	Adina	Helen
Michael	David	Theodore
Paul	Andrew	Vasilios
Dorothy	Christine	Paul
Naomi	Matushka Larissa	Mary
Marie	Zoe	Nicholas
Michael	Archpriest John	Anne
Subdeacon Andrew	Victor	Andrew
Theresa	Wilma	Anthony
Lori Anne	Michael	Christopher
Joe	April	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Archbishop NIKON	Lucille	<u>Dorothy</u>
Lisa	Archpriest Steven	Archpriest Thomas
Archpriest John	Patrick	
Hal	Cleta	

"of Christ's healing and salvation to a broken and hurting world, then we must reach out to that broken world through prayer and concrete action. Although for convenience, we often refer to this concrete action as "Matthew 25" ministries, it is important to remember that these ministries are found throughout the Gospel, and not simply in that single chapter, as important as it is. It is also good to remember that the feeding of the hungry, the visiting of those in prison, and the clothing of the naked are the responsibility of all Christians, not just a few volunteers. The Orthodox Church in America's Department of Christian Service and Humanitarian Aid has a multitude of resources for parishes to use in offering ministry to the local community and to those in need. Of particular importance is the Compassion in Action program which provides an avenue for parishes to engage in active listening and compassionate support in a very focused way. Most of our parishes engage in some degree of outreach into the local community and participate in pan-Orthodox organizations and events spearheaded by pan-Orthodox organisms such as International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), and Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United in Service (FOCUS North America). Often these efforts become even more effective when partnering with other community programs that are already in place. Our presence as Orthodox Christian in any of these efforts is an excellent way to fulfill our responsibility to care for and have compassion on those in need." *Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada*"

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted 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.

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

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!