

boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. 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!

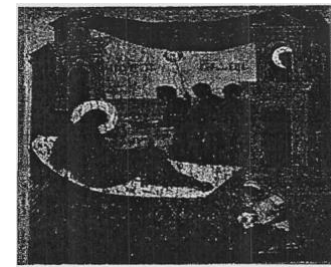
v: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

John 3:13 - 17

Gospel

The Lord said to His disciples: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

"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

Saturday, September 7, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

124th Anniversary of our Parish

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

11:30 A.M. Festal Luncheon

Celebrating our Parish Anniversary;

honoring the Society of

Myrrhbearing Women

Friday, September 13, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers with *Great*

Doxology

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Exultation of the Life-giving Cross

STRICT FAST DAY

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 21, 2024

11:00 A.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 28, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 5, 2024

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 8, 2024

11th Sunday After Pentecost; Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary; Sunday before the Exultation of the Cross

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"The whole power, character, and craftiness of the Devil's temptations to men consist in the fact that he has enticed and entices, has incited and incites, men to love the world and that which is in it - the vain wisdom of this world, riches, glory, distinctions, earthly delights - and to turn away from God, from the heavenly kingdom and bliss, to love vain earthly things, to strive to invent and acquire as many of them as possible, and to despise the soul and its real requirements, to love the flesh, its health, color, beauty, carnal sensuality, and to hate the soul - that is, virtue - to forget the immortality of the soul, its Prototype - God, so that it should not even think of immortality and of the way that leads to immortality, of God, and of union with Him. Blessed are the Saints of God who despised the world and loved God, who despised the flesh and diligently cared for their souls, for that which is eternal. How pitiful, how accursed are we, who love the world and its vain blessings, who cherish the flesh and despise the soul! If some Christians cannot comprehend our Orthodox faith, its Sacraments, it proves that the minds and hearts of such persons are too impure and passionate to bear its purity and brightness, just as sick eyes cannot bear the light of the sun. This heavenly treasure"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Savannah	Paula	Diana
Elizabeth	Marie	Barbara
Jan	Pastor Aaron	Julia
Terrence	Lonnie	Elaine
Iran	Francisco	Victor
Reza	Seayun	Wilma
David	Daisy	Michael
Adina	Layla	April
Subdeacon Paul	Blake	Joseph
Judith	Katie	Michael
Peter	Andrew	Barb
Rebecca	Brigid	Barbara
Reader Stephen	Jesse	Mark
Carol	Brian	Angela
Brian	Sarah	Elijah
Gabrielle	Jeremy	Sophia
Brent	Priest Scott	Matushka Tanya
Alicia	Cletus	Mary
Malachi	Priest Andrew	Archpriest John
Sharon	Popadija Joan	Matushka Margaret
Paul	Ruth	Matthew
Anastasia	Lori Ann	Priest Josef
Justin	Eva	Archpriest Michael
Katina	Catechumen Mary	Reader Peter
Timothy	Alexandra	Patricia
Luke	Mary Magdalene	Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

LeRoy	Archpriest Thomas	Francis
George	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Jean
Nicu	Archpriest Vladimir	Edward
<u>Pastor Benjamin</u>	Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Matushka Olga	Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
	Olga	John

"can only be comprehended by the hearts of those who free their minds and feelings from worldly attachments. If all pastors or priests of God, and their flocks, prayed sincerely and unanimously, with one accord, by means of those prayers, which the Church utters aloud to us or says secretly, then what should we not entreat of God? What blessings should we not obtain, from what sins and passions, evil, misfortunes and disasters should we not be saved? These prayers are the most wise, expedient, most pleasing to God, the most powerful and capable of inclining the Lord to every mercy. May the Lord grant to us all to pray to Him unanimously, sincerely, powerfully, undistractedly!" 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.

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

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.

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

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 6:11 – 18

Epistle

Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they might not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should