

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

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

I have exalted one chosen out of my people.

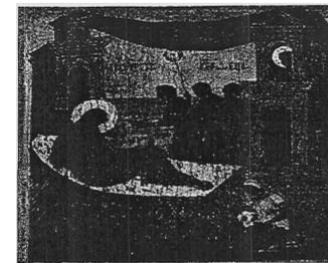
v: For my hand shall defend him and my arm shall strengthen him.

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

Matthew 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

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Great Doxology

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Feast of the Exultation of the Cross (STRICT FAST)

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 17, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 18, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, September 23, 2022

7:00 P.M. Vespers at Nativity

Saturday, September 24, 2022

St. Peter the Aleut and St.

Juvenaly of Iliamna

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at

Nativity

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, September 25, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 1, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 2, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

6:00 P.M. Vespers at St.

Michael’s

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Glorification of St. Innocent

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 11, 2022

13th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday After the Nativity of the Theotokos; Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross; Venerable Theodora of Alexandria; St. Ephrosynos the Cook of Alexandria

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"Ought a holy and chosen flock, that is, orthodox Christians, to live, as we live? Are we walking by faith, are we living soberly in expectation of the second coming of Christ and of the terrible day of judgment? Do we tremble at the thought of everlasting torments? Do we thirst for eternal bliss? Do we not cling to this transitory life. "But ye are a chosen generation a royal priesthood, an holy nation (1 Peter 2:9)!" Keep a strict watch over yourselves. Much will be required of you. Is this how those should live, who hope for the resurrection, and future life? Is this how those should live, who have received warning and sure testimony - from the true and veritable Head of their faith - of the truth and certitude of future torments? How insignificant is the earth and earthly life in comparison with heaven, with Christ's eternal kingdom! And yet we attach ourselves so much to the earthly things, and are so careless of the salvation of the soul, of eternal life! Luxuries, money are worse than ordinary dust and dirt, because they sully the soul; ordinary dust only sullies the body, clothing, or room. O, how necessary it is to despise luxuries, money, and dress besides! Our life is incomplex: because our life is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the most incomplex eternal Being, having no beginning. "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son (1 John 5:11)." Why, then, do we seek life in men, in enjoyments, in money, in honors, in dress, etc.? There is no life for the heart in these things, but

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Archpriest Thomas	Lucy	Michael
Barbara	Peter	Barb
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Maria	Archpriest Martin	Mark
Shontay	Subdeacon Andrew	Angela
George	Theresa	Elijah
Kristine	Lori Ann	Sophia
Lyudmilla	Peter (<i>Altan Wuliji</i>)	Mary
Peter	Diana	Archpriest Moses
Rebecca	Michael	Archpriest John
Subdeacon Paul	Amy	Matushka Margaret
Judith	Michael	Matthew
Subdeacon Jason	Joseph	Priest Joseph
Angela	Andrew	Archpriest Michael
Dee Dee	Magdalene	Matushka Virginia
Adriana	Deborah	Paul
Andrea	George	Mary
David	Michael	Nicholas
Adina	Victor	Andrew
Abba Thomas	Wilma	Anthony
Archpriest John	Michael	Christopher
Matushka Macrina	April	Jackie
Thomas	Joseph	

Those in the life to come

Queen Elizabeth	Subdeacon Charles	Archpriest Vladimir
Metropolitan HERMAN	Matushka Anne	Archbishop PAUL
Mark	Alona	
Michael	Michael	
Metropolitan KALLISTOS	<u>Rose Marie</u>	
Bernadette	Archpriest Thomas	
Archpriest John	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	

"affliction, straitness, and spiritual death. Why do we forsake the Fountain of living waters - the Lord, and hew out "cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2:13)"? Why do we toss about, and trouble about trifles? Why are we so greedy after enjoyments, money, honors, dress, and various other things? All these are dead, perishable, transitory. The Devil, who has the power of death, is also incomplex, and catches us in his snares, wounding us unto death; this is why we must be on our guard, and not attach ourselves to anything, so that we may not be hurt by him. Avoid such a mode of life as tends to living for carnal motives and desires only; that is, only to sleeping, eating, dressing, walking, then again, to eating, drinking, and walking. Such a mode of life at last completely kills a man's spiritual life, making him quite earthly, and a creature of the earth; whilst the Christian, even during his life on earth, ought to be heavenly. "For the kingdom of heaven is at hand (St. Matthew 2:2)." "Our Father, which art in heaven!" We ought to read the Word of God more frequently, pray more often at home and in church, and in every place, of course more inwardly than outwardly; to meditate more often on God, the creation, the calling and predestination of man; on God's providence, the redemption, God's unspeakable love to mankind, the lives and glorious deeds of the Saints, who pleased God by their manifold virtues, and on other subjects; also to fast, to examine our conscience, to repent sincerely and deeply of our sins, and so on!" *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.

Venerable Theodora

TONE 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing thou hast taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, venerable Theodora, rejoices with the angels.

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.

Venerable Theodora

TONE 2

Thou didst deplete thy bodily strength by fasting, vigil, and prayers, entreating the Creator to grant forgiveness of thy sin; having received it, thou didst show us the way of repentance, venerable Mother Theodora.