

TONE 4

The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light which enlightens all the faithful. Standing within it we cry: "Establish this house, O Lord."

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 (Founding) TONE 4: Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

The Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 1:21 – 2:4

Epistle

Brethren: Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Alleluia

I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

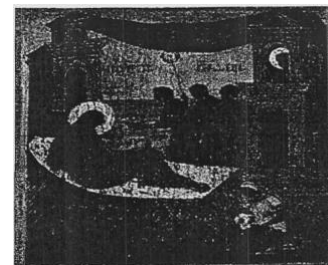
v: For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

v: Thy foundations are in the holy mountains; the Lord loveth thy gates, O Zion, more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Matthew 22:1 - 14

Gospel

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"



Schedule

Sunday, September 13, 2020

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

Sunday, September 27, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, October 2, 2020

*7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, October 3, 2020

*10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 4, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, October 9, 2020

*7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, October 10, 2020

*10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 13, 2020

14th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday before the Exultation of the Cross; Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"As the Devil is incomplex in his being, and in an instant by a single thought can wholly attach himself to us and enter into our heart, therefore we must likewise repulse him in an instant by a single powerful word from our heart, containing all the force of truth as a complete antidote against the falsehood of the enemy. This is what the Lord signified when He said: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents (St. Matthew 10:16);" that is, as this spiritual serpent is rapid, sure, falling upon us with infernal wisdom and planning when it is easiest for him to attack and overthrow us; looking out which are our weakest sides and habits, and then for the greater part striking surely. But at the same time, the Lord said: "Be harmless as doves;" that is, simple and guileless. Borrow from the serpent his wisdom only, but let your heart remain simple, pure, and uncorrupt. Be meek and humble as I am; do not give yourself up to wrath and irritability, for "The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God (James 1:20);" keep yourself pure from all filthiness of the flesh and the spirit." Our soul, as a spiritual, active being, cannot remain idle; it either does good or evil, one of the two; either wheat grows in it or tares. But as every good comes from God, and as the means of obtaining every good from God is prayer, those who pray fervently, sincerely, from the depths of their hearts, obtain from the Lord grace to do good, and, before all, the grace of faith; whilst those who do not pray, naturally remain without these spiritual gifts, voluntarily depriving

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

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| James | Archpriest Thomas |
| Chris Durham | |
| <u>John</u> | |

"themselves of them by their own negligence and spiritual coldness; and as the wheat of good thoughts, inclinations, intentions, and works grows in the hearts of those who labor and pray fervently to the Lord, so in the hearts of those who do not pray, the tares of every evil grow, smothering the small amount of good that has remained in them from the grace of baptism, chrism, and subsequent penitence and communion. Therefore, we must most carefully look after the field of our heart, lest the tares of evil, slothfulness, luxuriousness, self-indulgence, unbelief, avarice, envy, hatred, and others, should grow within it; we must daily weed the field of our heart - at least, at morning and evening prayers, and refresh it by salutary sighs, as by healthful winds, and water it with abundant tears, as by early and late rain. Besides this, we must by every means implant in the field of our heart the seeds of the virtues, faith, hope in God, and good works, and not for a single hour remain in complete idleness and inactivity, for in times of idleness and inactivity the enemy zealously sows his tares. "While men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way (St. Matthew 13:25)." We must also remember that it is impossible to do good works without efforts. Since our voluntary falling into sin the kingdom of God cannot be taken otherwise than by "violence, and the violent take it by force (St. Matthew 11:12)." Why is it that only the narrow way and narrow gate lead to life? Who makes the way of the chosen narrow? The world oppresses the chosen, the devil oppresses them, the flesh oppresses them; it is these that make our way to the kingdom of heaven narrow." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection

TONE 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

Founding of Church of the Holy Sepulchre

TONE 4

Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, strengthen it for ever and ever and accept our supplication which we ceaselessly offer to Thee therein, the life and resurrection of all.

Forefeast of Exultation of the Cross

TONE 4

We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord, which Thou hast granted to us although we are unworthy. Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind.

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.