

Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Cross
TONE 4

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Thy weapon of Peace.

Prokeimenon

TONE 7 (Sunday After): Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it is holy!
Vs. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

In the place of the Trisagion (i.e. "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!") We sing:

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify! (*After each – we make a full prostration – head to the ground and stand back up*)

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

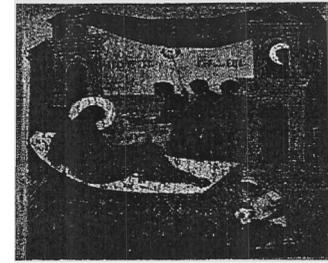
Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

v: God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

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

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

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 6, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 12, 2019

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 13, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 19, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 15, 2019

*13th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday After the
Elevation of the Cross; Greatmartyr Nikita the
Goth*

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

While some might argue that discussions relating to youth and young adults should be considered under the pillar of stewardship, since our young people are a great treasure which we are to preserve, educate, and inspire, it seems more appropriate to place such discussions within the context of outreach and evangelism. The youth of our Church are in the forefront of the realities of a changing world, and it is they who have to wrestle most directly, and live within, those ever-changing realities. We need to hear from them questions they need to address, challenges for which they need strengthening, and the obstacles they need armor to confront. The unfortunate reality is that we have too often abandoned our young people and failed to provide them with the nourishment - intellectual, emotional, and spiritual - to help them face the world, let alone find life within the world. The more we ask ourselves: "Why have our children left the Church?", the more we confirm that we have failed, not merely to keep them in the Church, but to have engaged meaningfully with them as human persons in the image of Christ. Could it be that we find it difficult to answer these questions because we ourselves have failed to grasp fully what it means to be a person in the image and likeness of Christ, what it means to be a Christian, and how to find healing and salvation in Christ? Outreach and evangelization begins in the parish, in the home, with the individual parish members whom we have. Education in the Faith is part of the"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

Those in the life to come

Archbishop NIKON	Hal
Nicholas	Lucille
Lisa	<u>Archpriest Steven</u>
Archpriest John	Archpriest Thomas

"life-long process of theosis. Our people need to be encouraged to strengthen their personal faith. This can be accomplished through Orthodoxy 101 classes, Bible studies, Orthodox book clubs, discussion groups on moral issues, etc. These are all ways of promoting adult education, even as we involve our young people. Some parishes are beginning to hold "family nights" during which education is offered on all levels at the same time - activities for the little ones, religious education for children and teens, and adult education for parents. Being anchored in the faith is vital to remaining in the ark of salvation which is the Church." *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 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.

Cross

TONE 4

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

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.

Greatmartyr Nicetas

TONE 3

Thou didst defeat error and triumph in martyrdom, Nicetas, namesake of victory; for thou didst conquer the ranks of the enemy and end thy contest by fire. Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

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.

Greatmartyr Nicetas

TONE 2

Thou didst stand firm and defeat delusion and receive thy martyr's crown, Nicetas, namesake of victory; thou are rejoicing with the angels, together with them thou are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.