

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*Cross*  
**TONE 4**

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name! 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.

*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)*

*Prokeimenon*

**TONE 7 (Sunday After Cross):** Extol the Lord our God; / Worship at His footstool for it is holy!

Vs. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

**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*

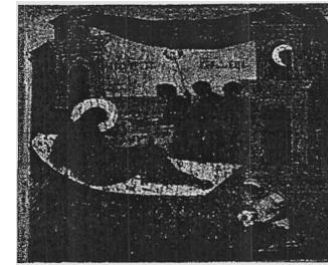
Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

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

**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*

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

*Annual Golf Tournament*

NO VESPERS

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Monday – Wednesday, October 7-9, 2024**

*Annual Diocesan Assembly,  
Mogadore, OH*

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

9:00 A.M. Parish Clean-up

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

9:15 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost;*

*Sunday After the Exultation of the Cross;*

*Greatmartyr Niketas the Goth*

[www.nativityofthevirgin.com](http://www.nativityofthevirgin.com)

*“Those who attend the Divine service of the Orthodox Church, and study the science of Divine service, must bear in mind that the service here on earth is a preparation for all-rejoicing service to God in heaven; that in serving God with the body, it is still more necessary to serve God with the soul and with a pure heart; that in hearing the Divine service, they must learn to serve God as those Saints served Him, whose lives and works of faith, hope, and love we hear of during the Divine service; that God should be above all served by deed and truth, and not only by words and the tongue. We are called to serve God by our very being; we are given an upright stature in order that we may continually look upon God, think and glorify Him; our understanding, heart, will, and all feelings are given to us for the same purpose. Lord! Grant that I may ever pour forth my supplications to Thee for the whole world and for the fulfillment of the requests of the whole Church, with all comprehensive, unfeigned love, for by Thy grace I have to pray for the sins of all and for mine own. Grant, O Lord, God the Father, that I may contemplate Thine unspeakable love unto the world, manifested in giving unto us Thy beloved, Only-begotten Son. Grant, O God, Son of God, that I may contemplate Thine exhaustion in the world”*

**Prayer Requests**

**Those in this earthly life**

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

**Those in the life to come**

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

*"and on the cross for the sake of our salvation; grant, O God, the Holy Ghost, that I may contemplate Thy grace, abundantly outpoured and still being outpoured upon the world, for the sake of the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ, and so often filling even my sinful heart, O Holy Trinity, grant that I may continually glorify Thee with my heart and mouth, and above all by my deeds!"*  
*My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

**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!

*Cross*

**TONE 1**

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.

*Martyr*

**TONE 3**

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

**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!

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

*Martyr*

**TONE 2**

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