

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

Greatmartyr Eustathius and his family

TONE 2

Clearly emulating the Passion of Christ, and faithfully drinking of His cup, O communicant Eustáthios, thou hast become a partaker and joint heir of His glory, receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

Exultation of the 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: Extol the Lord our God; / Worship at His footstool for it is holy!

Vs. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.

The Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 4:6 – 15

Epistle

Brethren: for it is God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "*I believed and therefore spoke,*" we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia

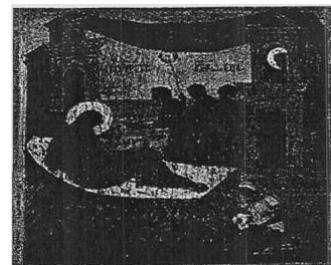
Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

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

Matthew 22:35 - 46

Gospel

At that time: one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him '*Lord,*' saying: '*The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool*'?" "If David then calls Him '*Lord,*' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore."



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

Coffee Hour

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

Coffee Hour

Friday, October 9, 2020

*7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, October 10, 2020

*10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 11, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Friday, October 16, 2020

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, October 17, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 18, 2020

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 20, 2020

15th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday after the Exultation of the Cross; Greatmartyr Eustathius, his wife Theopistes and their children

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"The Lord has brought my soul and body from nonentity into existence - so almighty is He! How can I possibly not believe in His omnipotence? What can I consider impossible to Him, I who myself was brought from nonentity into existence? What has God higher and more precious in the world than me - man? Am I not, before all, the greatest miracle of His omnipotence? I am received by God himself, into union with Him, I who am a little lower than the angels; I who, being united to Him through faith and purity of life, can myself work the miracles of God's omnipotence, for instance: I raise the dead like Elias and the Apostles. If the spirits of angels and the souls of men are brought by Him from nonentity into existence, then what animate or inanimate body could He not create? Further, if God Himself has become human flesh and soul without ceasing to be God, if He has done that which would be impossible for us to do, then, after this, what can be impossible to Him? What is more infinite than this wonder? Thus has our God indeed shown and shows His omnipotence. If the bodiless angels can take upon themselves a body, not a visionary, but a real one, having received the capability of doing this from God, then with what ease can the Lord Himself create a body for"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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

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

"Himself. It may even be said that the creative power is natural to every animate being, by the gift of God the Spirit, the Creator of everything. Shall not therefore, the Lord Himself who has given such laws to nature, with instantaneous facility, at a single sign, transform at His will, any substance into a body? Do not all bodies consist of formless inanimate matter? What unbelieving person will, after this, doubt the possibility of the transformation, for instance, of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, during the Divine liturgy? This is but an ordinary act of the God of wonders, after the fact of His having created flesh for Himself from the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection

TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave; seeking Thy Most Pure Body, Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee!

Exultation of the 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.

Greatmartyr Eustathius and his family

TONE 4

Thy holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty Hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race; He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.