

Now and ever, and unto the 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 7:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**Vs.** Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

**Another (Martyrs) TONE 4:** The Lord has shown all the wonders of his will to the saints who are in his land.

**The Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:1 – 10**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: *“In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.”* Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and by good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

*Alleluia*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!*

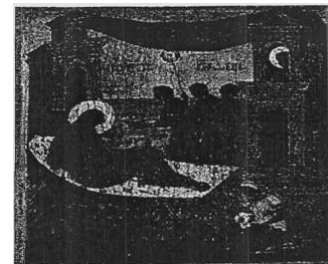
*v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.*

*v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles.*

**Luke 5:1 - 11**

*Gospel*

*At that time:* as the multitudes pressed about Him (*Jesus*) to hear the word of God, that He stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, *“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”* But Simon answered and said to Him, *“Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”* And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, *“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”* For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, *“Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.”* So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.



**Schedule**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Parish  
Neighborhood Block Party  
*Sponsored Jointly with Greater St.  
James C.O.G.I.C.*

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

*Pokrov – The Protection of the  
Most Holy Theotokos*

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

**October 2 – 4, 2023**

*Diocesan Assembly*

Burr Ridge, IL

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

*Feast of Glorification of St.*

*Innocent of Alaska*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at  
*Nativity of the Virgin, Madison, IL*

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

12:00 P.M. Annual Golf  
Tournament at Acorn Golf Links,  
Waterloo, IL  
NO VESPERS

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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, October 9, 2023**

*Glorification of St. Tikhon of*

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Holy New Martyrs of  
Alaska Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut;*

*St. Silouan the Athonite*

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*“Both learned and unlearned young men seldom go to church, and in general do not attend to their spiritual education, looking upon it as unnecessary and giving themselves up to worldly vanity. Attention must be paid to this. It is the fruit of pride, of want of spiritual development. They consider attendance at church and Divine service as the business of the common people and women, forgetting that, in the temple, Angels officiate with trembling, together with men, and regard this as their highest bliss. Does not coldness towards public worship, towards Divine service, proceed from the fact that some do not understand it, and that others, although they have studied the science of Divine service, have been taught it drily, without any examples, only according to the understanding? Whilst Divine service, being the high contemplation of the mind, is at the same time, and pre-eminently, the peace, sweetness and blessedness of the heart. A priest, as the physician of souls, ought himself to be free from spiritual infirmities (that is, from the passions), in order to be able to cure others; as a pastor, he ought to be pastured himself on the grassy pasture land of the Gospel and the writings of the Holy Fathers, in order to know where to pasture his sheep; he ought to be skillful in struggling against the mental wolves, in order to know how to drive them away from Christ's flock; he ought to be skillful and mighty in prayer and abstinence; he ought not to be bound by worldly desires and delights, especially by covetousness, self-love, pride, ambition. In short, he”*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Tiffany	Reader Stephen	Zachary
Evie ( <i>McDonald</i> )	Paul	<b>John</b>
Wayne	Amy	<b>Cyndi</b>
Mary	Ella	Diana
Terry	Clifford	Barbara
Michaela	Caroline	Elaine
Elizaveta	Zoe	Victor
Ron ( <i>Capek</i> )	Deborah	Wilma
Paul	Vera	Michael
Laura	Matushka Ann	April
Ryan	Larissa	Joseph
Lauren	Andrew	Michael
Andrew	Joseph	Barb
Bridget	Caroline	Barbara
Charlotte	Alexandra	Mark
Arprst Christopher ( <i>Stade</i> )	Anastasia	Angela
Priest Joseph ( <i>Strzelecki</i> )	Michael	Elijah
Popadia Joan ( <i>Moulton</i> )	Nadia	Sophia
Priest Petros	Theresa	Matushka Tanya
Reader George	Shawn	Mary
David	Gabriella	Archpriest Moses
James	Catechumen Rebecca	Archpriest John
Kim	Marie	Matushka Margaret
Judith	Michael	Matthew
Subdeacon Paul	Patricia	Priest Joseph
Peter	Reader Michael	Archpriest Michael
Rebecca	Michelle	Reader Peter
Michael ( <i>Zabinko</i> )	Mikaela	Patricia
		Matushka Virginia

### Those in the life to come

Magdalene	Matushka Katherine
Nancy	<u>Olga</u>
Gregory	Archpriest Thomas
Kathleen	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
<i>Ever Memorable</i> Dina	Archpriest Vladimir
Katherine	Archbishop PAUL
Aileen	Archimandrite Innocent

*"ought to be a light himself, in order to enlighten others; to be himself the spiritual salt, in order to preserve others from spiritual corruption; and ought himself to be free from the corruption of the passions. If the reverse is the case, every spiritually sick person may say: "Physician, heal thyself (St. Luke 4:23)" first, and then I will let you heal me. "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye (St. Matthew 7:5)." The heart is refined, spiritual, and heavenly by nature - guard it; do not overburden it, do not make it earthly, be temperate to the utmost in food and drink, and in general in bodily pleasures. The heart is - the temple of God. "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy (1 Corinthians 3:17)." Be a Christian in heart - that is, be always sincere in prayer, in your intercourse with your neighbor, ever believing, trusting, meek, gentle, wishing well to everybody, just, not covetous, compassionate, merciful, abstinent, chase, patient, obedient, courageous." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

### Troparia

*Resurrection*

#### **TONE 7**

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art 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.

*Martyrs*

#### **TONE 4**

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates, for the new world has been sanctified by martyrdom. Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving, Iliamna and Kenai observe the festival of faith. The Apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified, and Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice, in their devotion and love for the Lord they willingly endured persecution and death for the Truth, now in the Kingdom of Heaven they intercede for our souls!

### Kontakia

*Resurrection*

#### **TONE 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

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

*Martyrs*

#### **TONE 4**

Today Valaam joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast, as her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the new martyr Peter with love. Together they suffered for the Lord in America and united the old world with the new by their voluntary sacrifice. Now forever they stand before the King of glory and intercede for our souls.