

Now and ever and unto 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 6: 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 (St. Sergius) TONE 7: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

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

He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

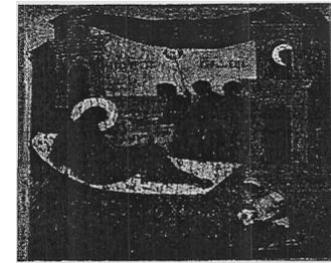
v: He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust!

v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

Luke 5:1 - 11

Gospel

At that time: as the multitudes pressed about Him 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, October 1, 2022

NO VESPERS

Sunday, October 2, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

6:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Michael
in St. Louis

Thursday, October 6, 2022

*Feast of Glorification of St.
Innocent*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy at St.
Michael in St. Louis

Saturday, October 8, 2022

NO VESPERS

Sunday, October 9, 2022

10:00 A.M. Reader's Service

Saturday, October 15, 2022

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 16, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 22, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 23, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 29, 2022

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 30, 2022

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, September 25, 2022

*15th Sunday After Pentecost; Repose of Venerable
Sergius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Radonezh
and all Russia*

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"God's Saints value more than any of us the great act of the redemption of mankind by God, the descent of the Son of God from heaven, His teaching, likewise His sufferings, death, burial, resurrection, and Ascension into heaven; for they spent all their lives in working out their own and others' salvation, sincerely, firmly, infallibly, with their whole hearts, for the sake of their own and others' salvation, they renounced themselves, fasted, prayed, watched, wrestled, labored in deed and word with their intellect and pen. But we do not understand how to value such great acts; we are cold, distracted, heedless, and are more occupied with the visible world and of its goods, which are but smoke. I commit my whole life and everything, by which a man lives, my spiritual and bodily requirements, unto Christ my God, the Provider, the Ruler, and the Savior: for, everything is in His hands. As for me, I have only to zealously fulfill his commandments. Do not suffer, Lord, that even for an instant I may do the will of Thine and mine enemy - the Devil, but grant that I may continually do Thy Will, alone the Will of my God and my King: Thou alone, my true King by Whom all kings reign, grant that I may ever obey Thee, reverence Thee truly and firmly. "O come let us worship, and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker; serve the Lord in fear and rejoice unto Him with reverence (Psalm 95:6; 2:11)." How must we look upon the gifts of intellect, feeling and freedom? With the intellect we must learn to know God in the works of His creation, revelation, providence, and in the destinies of men; with the heart we must feel God's"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Megan
Magdalene *Fryntzko*
Tiffany
Angie
Norma
Jacob
Kristina
Kristine *Smith*
Archpriest Thomas *Moore*
Barbara
Shontay
Lyudmilla
Peter
Rebecca
Subdeacon Paul
Judith
Subdeacon Jason
Peter (*Altan Wuliji*)

Diana
Amy
Michael
Joseph
Andrew
Magdalene *Knipping*
Barbara *Cuciureanu*
Maria
Elaine *Castegnaro*
Victor
Wilma
Michael
April
Joseph
Michael
Barb
Barbara
Mark

Angela
Elijah
Sophia
Matushka Tanya
Mary
Archpriest John
Matushka Margaret
Matthew
Priest Joseph
Archpriest Michael
Matushka Virginia
Paul
Mary
Nicholas
Andrew
Anthony
Christopher
Jackie

Those in the life to come

Archpriest Martin
Christina
Gabriel
Queen Elizabeth
Metropolitan HERMAN
Mark
Michael

Metropolitan KALLISTOS
Bernadette
Archpriest John
Archpriest Thomas
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Archpriest Vladimir
Archbishop PAUL

Patricia
Gregory
Vanka

"love, His most heavenly peace, the sweetness of His love, we must love our neighbor, sympathize with him in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in poverty and in wealth, in distinction and in low estate (humiliation); we must use freedom, as a means, as an instrument for doing as much good as possible, and for perfecting ourselves in every virtue, so as to render unto God fruits a hundredfold. All the Saints in heaven and all true Christians upon earth are "one body and one spirit (Ephesians 4:4)," this is why the prayer of believers is heard so easily and speedily and truly in heaven, and why there is so much hopefulness in calling upon the Saints; but in order that our prayers should be always easily and speedily heard by the Saints, we must have the same spirit as them, the spirit of faith and of love for God and our neighbor, the spirit of meekness, humility, abstinence, purity and chastity, brave, valiant thirsting after righteousness, the spirit of compassion, heavenly and not earthly." 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!

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.

St. Sergius

TONE 4

A zealot of good deeds and a true warrior of Christ our God, thou didst struggle greatly against the passions in this passing life; in songs and vigils and fastings thou was an image and example to thy disciples, thus the most Holy Spirit lived within thee and thou wast made beautiful by His working. Since thou hast great boldness before the Holy Trinity, remember the flock which thou hast wisely gathered, and do not forget to visit thy children as thou didst promise venerable Sergius our father!

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.

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

St. Sergius

TONE 8

Bound by the love of Christ, O venerable one, and following Him with unwavering desire, thou didst despise all carnal pleasures and thou hast shone like the sun in thy land. Therefore, Christ has enriched thee with the gift of miracles. Remember us who venerate thy most holy memory, and who call out to thee: "Rejoice, Sergius, made wise by God!"