

*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 3:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
v: Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**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.

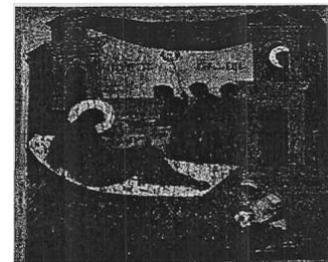
*Alleluia*

In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.  
v; Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me.

**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**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

7:00 P.M. Vespers

**Thursday, September 8, 2022**

*Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

7:00 P.M. Vespers with Great

Doxology

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

*Feast of the Exultation of the Cross (STRICT FAST)*

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

NO VESPERS

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16 century B.C.); Holy Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch and those with him*

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*"Everyone must bear in mind that every man possesses, besides his animal nature, a spiritual nature also; that as the animal nature has its requirements, the spiritual one has its own requirements too. The requirements of the animal nature are; drink, food, sleep, breath, light, clothing, warmth; whilst those of the spiritual nature are meditation, feeling, speaking, communion with God through prayer, Divine service, the sacraments, instruction in the Word of God, and fellowship with our neighbor through mutual conversation, charitable help, mutual instruction and teaching. We must also bear in mind that our animal nature is temporal, transitory, perishable, whilst the spiritual one is eternal, not transitory and indestructible; that we must despise the flesh as perishable, and care for the soul, which is immortal, for its salvation, its enlightenment, its cleansing from sins, passions, and vices for its adornment with such virtues as meekness, humility, gentleness, patience, submission, and obedience to God and men, purity and abstinence. Grant wisdom, O Lord, to every man that he may ever bear this in mind! O Lord! Let not Thy gifts, both spiritual and material, be idle in us and for us; grant that they may be exercised salutarily and usefully. fulfil this in all. May the number of Thy talents be increased by personal activity of each one of us. Look upon a spiteful, proud, presumptuous man as you would upon the wind, and do not be offended at his malice, pride, and presumption, but be calm in yourself. The enemy purposely irritates you, kindling"*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

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|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Barbara          | Alexandra                     | Barb                |
| Barbara          | Archpriest Martin             | Barbara             |
| Shontay          | Subdeacon Andrew              | Mark                |
| George           | Theresa                       | Angela              |
| Kristine         | Lori Ann                      | Elijah              |
| Lyudmilla        | Peter ( <i>Altan Wuliji</i> ) | Sophia              |
| Peter            | Diana                         | Matushka Tanya      |
| Rebecca          | Michael                       | Mary                |
| Subdeacon Paul   | Amy                           | Metropolitan HERMAN |
| Judith           | Michael                       | Archpriest Moses    |
| Subdeacon Jason  | Joseph                        | Archpriest John     |
| Angela           | Andrew                        | Matushka Margaret   |
| Dee Dee          | Magdalene                     | Matthew             |
| Adriana          | Subdeacon Charles             | Priest Joseph       |
| Andrea           | Deborah                       | Archpriest Michael  |
| David            | George                        | Matushka Virginia   |
| Adina            | Michael                       | Paul                |
| Abba Thomas      | Victor                        | Mary                |
| Archpriest John  | Wilma                         | Nicholas            |
| Matushka Macrina | Michael                       | Andrew              |
| Thomas           | April                         | Anthony             |
| Lucy             | Joseph                        | Christopher         |
| Peter            | Michael                       | Jackie              |

### Those in the life to come

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Michael                | Michael                 |
| Metropolitan KALLISTOS | <u>Rose Marie</u>       |
| Archpriest John        | Archpriest Thomas       |
| Bernadette             | Metropolitan THEODOSIUS |
| Subdeacon Charles      | Archpriest Vladimir     |
| Matushka Anne          | Archbishop PAUL         |
| Alona                  |                         |

*"the fire of the human passions, or arousing in your heart various suspicions of an evil nature and imaginary fancies. Do not pay attention to the words of an arrogant man, but rather to their power. It often happens that words that appear harsh at first sight, do not proceed from any harshness of the heart, but only from habit. How would it be if everyone paid strict critical attention to our words, without Christian love, indulgent, sheltering, kindly, and patient? We must have died long ago." 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!

*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 Babylas*

#### **TONE 4**

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. Hieromartyr Babylas, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

*Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses*

#### **TONE 2**

Thou didst ascend to the heights of the virtues, Prophet Moses; therefore, thou wast deemed worthy to see the glory of God. Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law, and bearing the grace of the writing within thyself, thou wast the honorable praise of prophets, and a great mystery of piety.

### 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!

*Martyr Babylas*

#### **TONE 4**

Thou didst guard the mighty works of faith in thy heart, therefore, thou didst not fear the tyrant; preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babylas, good servant of Christ.

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

*Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses*

#### **TONE 2**

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today, for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst. The Cross, by which Thou hast saved us, shines forth today. By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.