

Prokeimenon

TONE 4: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom has Thou made them all!

vs. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Another (St. John) TONE 7: Let the Saints be exalted in glory let them sing for joy on their couches.

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 6:13 – 20

Brethren: For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of truth, meekness, and righteousness.

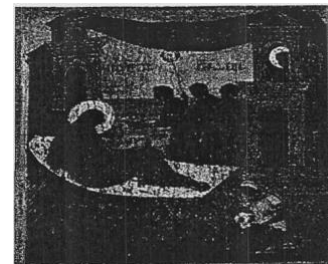
v: For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity.

v: They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Mark 9:17-31

Gospel

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”



Schedule

Sunday, April 14, 2024

St. John of the Ladder

6:00 P.M. Vespers at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 19, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Akathist Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Inquirer’s Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, April 21, 2024

St. Mary of Egypt

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

5:00 P.M. Vespers at Ss.

Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Swansea, IL

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Lazarus Saturday

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:30 P.M. Inquirer’s Encounter

5:00 P.M. Vespers followed by

blessing of Palms and Willows

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, April 14, 2024

4th Sunday of Great Lent; Saint John Climacus; St.

Martin the Confessor Pope of Rome

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"Communicants of the Divine Mysteries! Know how most truly you become united to the Lord if you communicate worthily. What boldness you have towards the Lord and towards the Mother of God! What purity you ought to have! What meekness, humility, gentleness! What detachment from everything earthly! What a burning desire for heavenly, most pure, eternal joys! In making the sign of the cross, believe and constantly remember that your sins are nailed to the cross. When you fall into sin immediately judge yourself sincerely, and make the sign of the cross over yourself, saying: "Lord, Thou Who nailset our sins to the cross, nail also my present sin to Thy cross, and 'have mercy upon me after Thy great goodness (Psalm 51:3);" and you will be cleansed from your sin. Amen. All possible sins and passions are ready to break into the soul, and strive to do so at every moment. But fight against them valiantly and vigilantly unto your last breath, looking upon them as dreams of your imagination, as illusions of the spirits of evil. Be so sure of the Lord's nearness to you that you may feel when praying to God that you touch Him not only with your thought and heart, but also with your mouth and tongue. "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart (Romans 10:8);" that is God. Let the following conviction be inherent in your heart: all we men are one (brethren), and God, the Most"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Janet	John	Victor
Matushka Irene	Gregory	Wilma
Vanessa	Rosemary	Michael
Deacon Matthew	Anthony	April
Matushka Ann	Julie	Joseph
Kyla Ann	Brendan	Michael
Luke	Dylan	Barb
Pat	Julie	Barbara
John	Reader George	Mark
Jane	Romanus Reader Stephen	Angela
Jim	Paul	Elijah
Tyler	Shawn	Sophia
Thomas	Gabriella	Matushka Tanya
Tanya	Catechumen Rebecca	Mary
Carl	Marie	Archpriest John
Shawn	Michael	Matushka Margaret
Selaphiel	Catechumen Mary	Matthew
Margaret	Alexandra	Priest Josef
James	Mary Magdalene	Archpriest Michael
Macarius	Diana	Reader Peter
Gabrielle	Barbara	Patricia
	Elaine	Matushka Virginia

Those in the life to come

Presbytera Sylvia	Matushka Olga	
Carrie	Archpriest Thomas	Francis
Theodore	Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	Jean
Sue	Archpriest Vladimir	Edward
Laverne	Archbishop PAUL	Nancy
Florence	Archimandrite Innocent	Magdalene
<u>Don Schroff</u>	Olga	John

"merciful, Almighty, Inexhaustible Source of all things, is everything to us all. But in all of us the Devil also can and does act, the enemy of mankind, whose wickedness, worked in men, must be conquered by good, patience, meekness, indulgence. Do not confound man - that image of God - with the wickedness that is in him, because the wickedness is only accidental, his misfortune, sickness, an illusion of the Devil; but his being - the image of God - still remains in him." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

TROPARION

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is 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.

St. John of the Ladder

TONE 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father John. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

Kontakia

TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

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

St. John of the Ladder

TONE 4

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our Father and teacher John.

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.