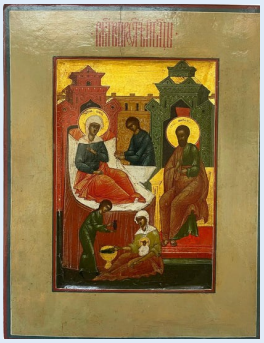

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church
A parish of the Diocese of the Midwest

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Regular Schedule

- ◊ **Fr. Peter's Office Hours:** Tue-Thur 10-3 (parish office) or by appointment (Wednesdays vary)
- ◊ Saturdays**: Inquirers Class** 3:00 in the temple. **Great Vespers** 5pm followed by confession
- ◊ Sundays**: Hours & Divine Liturg**y 9:30 am followed by fellowship at the parish center. All are welcome.
- ◊ **Bible Study:** Tuesdays 6pm - Online

Announcements and News

- FOCUS **Socktober**: Please bring new or slightly worn socks to Church. Men's socks are most needed. A collection box is available in the parish center.
- Annual **Golf Tournament** Oct. 10
- Fr. Peter at Holy Cross Monastery Oct 13-16
- Parish **FOCUS dinner** Oct 18—See Todd for details
- **No liturgy in Madison Nov 8:** Sunday Liturgy will be at Saint Michael in Saint Louis.
- **Ethnic Eats at Nativity:** Nov 7 11-4. (flyer next page)
- **Men's FOCUS Dinner:** Nov. 12 . See Todd for details.
- Check out the **bookstore** in the parish center!

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 7:11-16

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

Clergy and one family member are invited as honored guests to the

2026 Missions Benefit Dinner

Saturday, November 14, 2026

St. Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church and Hall
6501 Nottingham Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63109
5 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers
Check-in, Dinner and Presentation 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Please respond to us before October 31, 2026!

For special dietary needs contact: 571-276-6541 or E-mail: missionteamstl@gmail.com

Donations for this cause may be made online through the link on the other side of card.

Meeting Mystery with Silence

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9)

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS: Had Paul been able to express the experiences gained from the third heaven and his progress … we should perhaps have known more about God ... But since they were ineffable, let them have the tribute of our silence. Let us give this much attention to Paul when he says: "We know in part and we prophesy in part." THEOLOGICAL ORATION 288

The Society of the Myrrh-Bearing Women present

ETHNIC EATS

Saturday, November 7, 2026

11:00am – 4:00pm

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416 Ewing Avenue
Madison, Illinois

Just Heat and Serve

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