

the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Alleluia

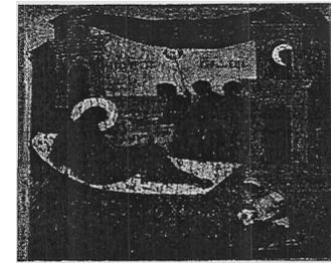
v: We have heard with our ears O God, for our fathers have told us.

v: For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame them that hate us.

Matthew 1:1 - 25

Gospel

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.



Schedule

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

STRICT FAST

6:00 A.M. Matins

8:00 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline and Matins)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 28, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, December 29, 2019

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

7:00 P.M. Vespers

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Civil New Year; Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Feast of St. Basil the Great

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Friday, January 3, 2020

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours for the Feast of Theophany

Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 5, 2020

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

3:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, December 22, 2019

27th Sunday After Pentecost; Sunday of the Holy Fathers; Sunday before the Nativity

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"For him who truly believes in God, all material earthly things and all visible worlds, as it were, vanish; he cannot imagine a point of space without God; everywhere he contemplates the One Infinite Being - God. He represents to himself that with every breath of air he breathes God; for him the Lord is everywhere and in everything, and creatures as though they did not exist, while he himself willingly vanishes mentally in order to give place also in himself to the one God, Who alone is, and Who works within him in everything. Sometimes, just when we begin to delight in the Lord, the enemy soon after, either himself or through men, brings the greatest sorrow upon us. Such is the lot of those who are laboring in this life for the Lord. For instance, you have just received peace and joy in the cup of the Lord, and sometimes immediately after the service a fiery temptation assails you, and with it the affliction connected with it; even at the very Cup the enemy sets his snares for you and disturbs you by various thoughts, against which you must fight, or else, knowing that you have wished for a long, long time to find rest in God, the enemy will not allow it. As long as the passions still work in us, as long as the old man lives and is not dead within us, until then much sorrow must befall us from various temptations in life and from the struggles between the old man and the new."

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Jessica	Katie	Sophia
Sandra	Priest Joel and Matushka	Mary
Roger	Tarasia and all the faithful	Matushka Tanya
Geraldine	of Annunciation Mission in	Archpriest John
Timothy	St. James, MO	Matushka Margaret
Thomas	Presbytera Aphtonomi	Matthew
Irene	Patricia	Protopresbyter Radomir
Subdeacon Paul	Reader Stephen	Archpriest Joseph
Judith	Nancy	Archpriest Moses
Peter	David	Priest Josef
Rebecca	Marie	Matushka Virginia
Magdalene	Reader George	Archpriest Vladimir
Paul	George	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Amy	Catechumen Kristine	Archpriest Gregory
Alexandra	Janet	Archpriest Myron
Emily	Larissa	Deacon Paul
Betty	Zoe	Matushka Snezana
Earnie	Archpriest John	Matushka Melania
Zoellner family	Victor	Matushka Victoria
Buchheit family	Wilma	Deacon Mark
Christopher	Michael	Helen
Devon	April	Theodore
Marissa	Joseph	Paul
Nathan	Michael	Mary
George	Barb	Nicholas
Patricia	Barbara	Anne
Kaytlin	Joyce	Andrew
Rob	Mark	Anthony
Lisa	Angela	Christopher
Constance	Elijah	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Ephrosene	Dennis	Steve
Regina	Al	Gerry
Catechumen Shannon	Archpriest Thomas	
Rich	Victor	

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Forefeast

TONE 4

Mary was of David's seed, so she went with Joseph to register in Bethlehem. She bore in her womb the Fruit not sown by man. The time for the birth was at hand. Since there was no room at the inn, the cave became a beautiful palace for the Queen. Christ is born, raising up the image that fell of old.

Fathers

TONE 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

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

Fathers

TONE 1

Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare thyself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Forefeast

TONE 3

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the angels and the shepherds the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

Prokeimenon

TONE 4 (Forefathers): Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:9 – 10, 17-23, 32-40

Brethren: by faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of