

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

Martyr Tatiana

TONE 4

In thy sufferings thou hast shone brightly in the royal purple of thy blood, and like a beautiful dove thou hast flown to heaven, passion-bearer Tatiana. Therefore, always pray for those who honor thee.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theophany

TONE 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, has shown on us who with understanding praise Thee. Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light unapproachable.

Prokeimenon

TONE 1 (Sunday After): Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Ephesians 4:7 – 13

Brethren: But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore He says:

*"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."*

(Now this, "*He ascended*" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v: For Thou hast said: 'Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.'

Matthew 4:12-17

Gospel

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying:

*"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:
The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned."*

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



Schedule

Saturday, January 18, 2020

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting
5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 19, 2020

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 25, 2020

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting
5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 26, 2020

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 1, 2020

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 2, 2020

FEAST OF THE MEETING OF OUR LORD; Zacchaeus Sunday
9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 9, 2020

PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE
9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 15, 2020

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, February 16, 2020

PRODIGAL SON
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, January 20, 2020

30th Sunday After Pentecost; Martyr Tatiana of Rome; St. Sava of Serbia

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"Our love for God or for our neighbor will especially show itself, and its purity, strength, and constancy will be revealed when there is a contrary power (of the Devil) struggling and acting like fire in our hearts, and endeavoring to implant aversion, antagonism, contempt, hatred, and enmity in our hearts. Love is strengthened within us when the opposing forces endeavor, so to say, to uproot it, whilst we struggle with the enemy purify, raise, and strengthen our love. It is in reward for this constant battle out of love for God and our neighbor, for this firmness, for this fiery, stubborn, constant invisible war against the sub-celestial spirits of evil, that God weaves the shining heavenly crowns for the wrestlers of love for God and their neighbor. In this respect holy ascetics, known as the Holy Fathers, are worthy of thousands of crowns. They, out of love for God, forsook the world and all that is in the world; they went away into desert, uninhabited places, and there shut up in their cells, they spent all their life in thinking of God, in prayer, in renouncing their own will, in fasting, watching, laboring, and in doing great deeds for the love of God, enduring during their whole life the assaults of the opposing forces, endeavoring by every means to shake their faith and the love of God, and especially their love for Him. To fight, for the love of God, against our own flesh and the Devil - that crafty, mighty and evil enemy - not for some hours, days and months, but for many years, sometimes sixty or seventy - is not this worthy of crowns? And what, in comparison with these ascetics, or Holy Fathers, are"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

David
Adina
Elizaveta
Michaela
Terry
Mary
Don
Theresa
Maryanne
Dennis
Heather
Heather
Mike
Jessica
Sandra
Roger
Geraldine
Timothy
Thomas
Irene
Emily & Child to be born
of her
Michael
Jacob

David
Marie
Reader George
George
Catechumen Kristine
Janet
Victor
Wilma
Michael
April
Joseph
Michael
Barb
Barbara
Mark
Angela
Elijah
Sophia
Mary
Matushka Tanya
Archpriest John
Matushka Margaret
Matthew
Protopresbyter Radomir

Archpriest Joseph
Archpriest Moses
Priest Josef
Matushka Virginia
Archpriest Vladimir
Archpriest Christopher *Phillips*
Archpriest Gregory
Archpriest Myron
Archpriest Philip
Priest Benjamin
Deacon Paul
Deacon Paul
Deacon Gregory
Matushka Snezana
Matushka Melania
Helen
Theodore
Paul
Mary
Nicholas
Anne
Andrew
Anthony
Christopher
Jackie

Those in the life to come

Steven
Archpriest John
Adelia
Lynn

"men living in the world, falling so often into sin even without being assaulted, and defeated by their own flesh without even being attacked? What in comparison to holy ascetics are worldly men, living in accordance with their own will, in luxury, in the pleasures of every kind, gorgeously appareled and living delicately (St. Luke 7:25), given over to pride, ambition, envy, hatred, avarice, irritability, wrath, revenge, amusements, fornication, drunkenness - to all possible vices, although not all in the same person? They are caught alive, without any resistance, in the power of the Devil, and therefore he does not attack them, but leaves them long entangled in his nets in the peace and self-forgetfulness that precede death." *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

TROPARIA

Resurrection **TONE 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His Glorious Resurrection.

Theophany

TONE 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, 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.

KONTAKIA

Resurrection **TONE 5**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!