

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

*New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia*

**TONE 3**

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

*Now and ever and unto the 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 7:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

*v: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

**Another (New Martyrs) TONE 7:** God is our refuge and our strength, our help in the afflictions that come heavily upon us.

**The First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 1:15 – 17**

*My son Timothy:* This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Alleluia*

*v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!*

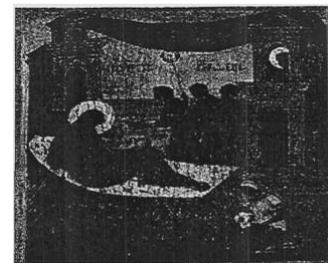
*v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night*

*v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their troubles.*

**Matthew 15:21-28**

*Gospel*

*At that time:* Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



**Schedule**

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**

**PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Monday, February 10-Friday,**

**February 14, 2020**

**FAST FREE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

**PRODIGAL SON**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

**LAST JUDGMENT**

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

5:00 P.M. Vespers

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

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

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

*32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; New Martyrs of*

*Russia*

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"When your heart is struck by avarice, say to yourself: "My life is Christ, the Beloved of all. He is my inexhaustible wealth, my inexhaustible food, my inexhaustible drink." Our blind flesh dreams of finding life in food and in money, and bears ill-will against those who deprive it of these material means of life. But be firmly persuaded that your life is not money and food, but mutual love for the sake of love for God. Remember that God is Love, uniting all things animated by the laws of love, and bringing forth life from the union of love. When praying, keep to the rule that it is better to say five words from the depth of your heart than ten thousand words with your tongue only. When you observe that your heart is cold and prays unwillingly, stop praying and warm your heart by vividly representing to yourself either your own wickedness, your spiritual poverty, misery, and blindness, or the great benefits which God bestows every moment upon you and all mankind, especially upon Christians, and then pray slowly and fervently. If you have not time to say all the prayers, it does not matter, and you will receive incomparably greater benefit from praying fervently and not hurriedly than if you had said all your prayers hurriedly and without feeling: "I had rather speak five words with my understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue (1 Corinthians 14:19)." But it would, of course, have been very well had we been able to say these ten thousand words in prayer with due understanding and feeling. The Lord does not forsake those who labor for Him and who stand long before Him; for with what measure they mete, He will measure

## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Those in this earthly life***

Patricia	Catechumen Kristine	Matushka Virginia
Vanca	Janet	Archpriest Vladimir
Priest Stephen	Victor	Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i>
Matushka Anne	Wilma	Archpriest Gregory
Luke	Michael	Archpriest Myron
Aaron	April	Archpriest Philip
David	Joseph	Priest Benjamin
Adina	Michael	Deacon Nicholas
Elizaveta	Barb	Deacon Paul
Michaela	Barbara	Deacon Paul
Terry	Mark	Deacon Gregory
Mary	Angela	Matushka Snezana
Don	Elijah	Matushka Melania
Theresa	Sophia	Helen
Irene	Mary	Theodore
Emily & Child to be born of her	Matushka Tanya	Paul
Michael	Archpriest John	Mary
Jacob	Matushka Margaret	Nicholas
David	Matthew	Anne
Marie	Protopresbyter Radomir	Andrew
Reader George	Archpriest Joseph	Anthony
George	Archpriest Moses	Christopher
	Priest Josef	Jackie

### ***Those in the life to come***

Priest Michael	Archpriest Thomas
Steven	
Archpriest John	
Adelia	

"to them again, and He will reward them for the abundance of the sincere words of their prayer by sending into their souls a corresponding abundance of spiritual light, warmth, peace, and joy. It is well to pray long and continually; but "All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given (St. Matthew 19:11, 12)." It is better for those who are not capable of long prayers to say short prayers, but with a fervent spirit. In the perpetual miracle of the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the true Body and Blood of Christ united with His Divinity and soul, I see the miracle of the perpetual quickening of man by the divine breathing, and of his creation into a living soul. It is written: "And man became a living soul, (Genesis 2:7)" but upon the Holy Altar the bread and wine, after their transubstantiation become not only a living soul, but a quickening spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45). And this is all accomplished before my eyes; and I experience it both with my soul and my body, feeling it vividly. My God! How terrible are the mysteries which Thou createst! Of what unspeakable Mysteries hast Thou made me the witness and partaker! Glory to Thee, my Creator! Glory to Thee, Creator of the Body and Blood of Christ!" *My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

## **TROPARIA**

*Resurrection*

### **TONE 7**

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art 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.

*New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia*

### **TONE 4**

Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, praising new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

## **KONTAKIA**

*Resurrection*

### **TONE 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!