

Fathers

tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!

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 8: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

Vs. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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

The Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1

Epistle

Brethren: what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Alleluia

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

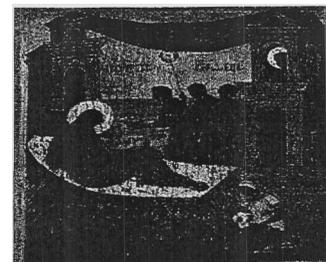
v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Luke 8:5 - 15

Gospel

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among the thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.



Schedule

Saturday, October 19, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, October 25, 2019

6:00 P.M. Trivia Night

Saturday, October 26, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, October 27, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 2, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

END DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 3, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 9, 2019

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, November 10, 2019

9:15 A.M. Church School

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

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 15, 2019

BEGIN ADVENT

Saturday, November 16, 2019

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, October 13, 2019

17th Sunday After Pentecost; Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

www.nativityofthevirgin.com

"CONCLUSION: THE PROPHETIC WAY OF THE CHURCH

Revolutionaries are always in the wrong since, in their juvenile fervor for everything new, in their hopes for a better future and a way of life built on justice, they always base themselves on theories that are abstract, and artificial, making a clean sweep of the living tradition, which is, after all, founded on the experience of centuries. Conservatives are always wrong, too, despite being rich in life experience, despite being shrewd and prudent, intelligent and skeptical. For, in their desire to preserve ancient institutions that have withstood the test of time, they decry the necessity of renewal, and man's yearning for a better way of life. - VLADIMIR LOSSKY

A year and a half after the publication of *For the Life of the World*, a great friend and mentor to Father Alexander Schmemmann, Metropolitan Leonty, of blessed memory, fell asleep in the Lord. At the Metropolitan's funeral, Father Alexander said of him that he "had no fears, no suspicions, no frustrations. He was equally alien to pseudo-conservative negativism and to pseudo-progressive compromise." These are very polarizing tendencies that Father Alexander helps us navigate in *For the Life of the World* and through his life's work in ministry. These are also the same tendencies that we find in our world today: some lamenting that the world has drifted further from God and needs to be forcibly brought back to its senses."

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

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| David | Julie | Alesandra | Michael |
| Adina | Rose | Sharon | Barb |
| Andrew | Robert | Bill | Barbara |
| Christine | Judith | Genieva | Mark |
| David | Jane | Patricia | Angela |
| Mary | Joan | Tom | Elijah |
| Charlotte | David | Jenna | Sophia |
| Shirl | David | Aaron | Matushka Tanya |
| Scott | Bert | Benjamin | Archpriest John |
| Karyn | Ramona | Paul | Matushka Margaret |
| Chip | Roxana | Dorothy | Matthew |
| Drew | Florica | Priest Bob | Protopresbyter Radomir |
| Steven | Atzo | Reader Stephen | Archpriest Joseph |
| Amy | James | Nancy | Archpriest Moses |
| Steven | Ayden | Elizaveta | Priest Josef |
| <u>Mary</u> | | Michaela | Matushka Virginia |
| Subdeacon Paul | | Terrence | Archpriest Vladimir |
| Judith | | Mary | Archprst Christopher <i>Phillips</i> |
| Peter | | David | Archpriest Gregory |
| Rebecca | | Marie | Deacon Paul |
| Subdeacon Andrew | | Reader George | Matushka Melania |
| Magdalene | | George | Matushka Victoria |
| Sylvester | | Catechumen Kristine | Deacon Mark |
| Theresa | | Janet | Helen |
| Deborah | | Catechumen Shannon | Theodore |
| Jeremy | | Matushka Larissa | Vasilios |
| Helen | | Zoe | Paul |
| Richard | | Archpriest John | Mary |
| Joyce | | Victor | Nicholas |
| Presbytera Aphtonomi | | Wilma | Anne |
| Shannon | | Michael | Andrew |
| Bart | | April | Anthony |
| Giana | | Joseph | Christopher |
| | | | Jackie |

Those in the life to come

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| Frank | Jan |
| Ardell | <u>Serban</u> |
| Morgan | Archpriest Thomas |
| | Robert <i>McBride</i> |

"others feeling that the Church has become irrelevant to the modern condition and needs to adapt herself to ever-changing circumstances. Partisans of both tendencies cry for the Church and her leaders to exercise a prophetic witness to the faithful of the Church and to the surrounding culture. But there are different ways to understand prophecy. Archimandrite Zacharias reminds us that: "In the New Testament, a prophet is not so much a person who foretells future events, but rather he is someone who has knowledge of the mystery of the ways of salvation for every soul." Saint Gregory the Great also speaks of prophecy taking place when "the secrets of [the] heart are made manifest." One of the most important legacies of Metropolitan Leonty was that he was a man of God who touched and changed people's hearts with humility and love of Christ. "He lived in and by God, and no one has ever approached him without feeling that he has touched and entered the reality of the spiritual world." In this way, he lived as a true prophet who brought people into the presence of Christ by his life and own presence."

Of What Life do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church – The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada"

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019

Our parish will hold our annual **Trivia Night** fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 26, 2019 at the American Legion Post 581 375 East Locust in Columbia, IL 62236. The cost is \$15 per adult (age 18 and up) and \$10 per child (age 10-17) with up to 8 people per table. Start gathering your family and friends for an evening of FUN!

Flyers and donation letters are available for pick-up. We will soon have a Facebook Invite available for you to invite family and friends. A sign-up list is available for Silent Auction theme baskets. We are also asking for donations for the Gift Card Tree. Please bring your basket and/or gift card(s) before or on Sunday, October 20th.

If you are interested in helping sell tickets for 50/50 drawing and Gift Card Tree, please see Maggie Fryntzko. Selling begins at 6:30 PM, before Trivia begins, and during breaks. This will not interfere in your playing Trivia. The Trivia committee appreciates your support!

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Fathers

TONE 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Thou hast established our Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast led us to knowledge of the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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