

St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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March 15, 2020 — Sunday of the Holy Cross

Intention: Health, peace and salvation of MARY JO Zachow (req. by Jan Taylor)

Troparia

1. *Resurrection (tone 7), p. 77*
2. *Of the Holy Cross, see insert*
3. *St. George, p. 23*
4. *Of the Annunciation, see insert*

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance.

Epistle: Heb 4:14-16 & 5:1-6 (Today: Jon Rebolz. Next Sunday: Maya Audi)

Gospel: "Deny yourself, take up cross" Mk 8:34-9:

Ushers: George Baho, Mark Spankowski (Next Sunday: Anthony Geiger, Said Audi)

Falafel brunch, originally scheduled for today, is postponed.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: John & Alice Herro, Bill Koutris, Nick Langenfeld, Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasenor, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo.

Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch

April 5th, noon-2pm: Adults: \$10; Children (under 12): \$4. Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee Pastries and More.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: ordinary collection=\$1,093; candles=\$28. Thanks for your generosity! Owed to eparchy for last month (assessment, retirement and medial insurance): \$2,099.51

Schedule for This Week

Wednesday: 6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Friday: 6pm Compline and Akathist

Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers

Sunday: *Sunday of John Climacus*

9:45am Orthros (Matins)

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Alison McShane (3/16). May God grant you many years!

Coronavirus COVID-19

As with winter weather, even if services are not cancelled, only come if it is safe for you. While one also must keep in mind the safety of others when travelling in the winter, for the current issue, one must also consider the safety of others *at home and at your destination*.

The Milwaukee Health Department recommends, "To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses, clean hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoid contact with sick individuals. **Stay home... if you are sick.**" If you are concerned about getting sick yourself or getting your family members sick, **stay home**. Extra calendars are still available in the back to help you follow the liturgical life of the Church.

For more information, please see your local health department, the Department of Health Services or the World Health Organization.

After today, there will not be coffee-hour or other activities after Divine Liturgy.

If cancellations become necessary, they will be announced by at least email and the parish's Facebook page and website.

From the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

On the Sunday which customarily gives its name to the first week of Lent, the divine liturgy was performed as usual, with each monk participating in the undefiled and life-giving sacraments; and then, according to custom, they partook of a small portion of food. Afterwards they all gathered in the chapel and, after long prayers and many genuflections, the monks kissed each other and each one embraced the father superior. Then they made obeisance and asked for his blessing, so that they would have it with them as an experienced fellow combatant in their forthcoming spiritual struggle. After these proceedings, the gate of the monastery was opened and all the monks came out singing in unison, "The Lord is my light and my Savior, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defender of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?," and the rest of the psalm. Often they left one or two monks behind to guard the monastery, not to guard what was stored inside (for there was nothing that could be taken away easily by thieves), but so that the chapel might not be left without ministry."