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Divine Liturgy

Livestreams and recordings of services on the parish's Facebook page: facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/. An account is not needed.

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Archdeacon GEORGE Yani (req. by Fr. Philaret)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8): O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days, in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to You.

Troparion of All Saints: O Christ God, your church clothed with the blood of Your martyrs all over the world, as with purple and fine linen, cries out to You: send Your mercy upon Your people, grant

peace to Your fold and extend Your great compassion upon our souls.

Troparion St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

Kinonikon of the Feast: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia.

Prokimenon: Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel.

Stichon: In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellspring.

Apostolic Reading: Heb 11:33-12:2

BRETHREN, all of the saints by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead returned to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and beatings, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, they were cut to pieces, they were put to the test, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and

goatskins, destitute, anguished, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, mountains, caverns and holes in the ground.

And all of these, in spite of the positive witnessing of faith, failed to receive what was promised, for God was keeping something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

And so, having such a cloud of witnesses over us, let us get rid of every burden, and of the sin entangling us, and run with endurance to the fight proposed to us, contemplating the author and final end of faith, Jesus.

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Alleluia: The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials.

Stichon: Many are the trials of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

Gospel: Abnegation, Mt 10:32-38, 19:27-30

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I in turn will disown before My Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter addressed him saying, “Behold, we have left all and followed You; what then shall we have?” And Jesus said to them, “Amen I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first.”

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$27; stole offerings=\$10; donations=\$30,450; ordinary collections=\$803. Thanks for your generosity!

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro’s niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Ann Rebholz.

* Please particularly remember Alice Herro who has been having health issues recently.

Schedule for This Week

Sunday: *Second Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

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Monday: *Start of the Apostles' Fast (Traditional Usage)*

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Jack McShane (5/31). May God grant you many years!

City Mask Ordinance

It is our understanding that the city requires us to require wearing of masks when in the church building by anyone at least three-years old. Please help us by wearing one, taking it off, temporarily, for receiving communion. According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to avoid being exposed to the virus and to avoid exposing other people. More information is available from the health department:

city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus

From the Fathers

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies ... but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power ...

St. John Chrysostom

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

St. Augustine of Hippo

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

St. Clement of Alexandria

In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and

pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

St. Athanasius the Great

The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. "For they travailed in this life and shall to the end," and "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

St. John of Damascus

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