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*Icon of Christ Walking on the Water*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

*Livestreams and recordings of services on the parish's Facebook page: [facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed.*

**Special note:** *The parish office is taking a break for July. Urgent requests can be made via email but, depending on what you need, you may have to wait for fulfillment. Fr. Paul is available as usual.*

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Fr. SERAPHIM Michaelenko (req. by Fr. Philaret)

#### **Hymns**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5):**  
Let us O Faithful praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He has willed to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doc-

**Prokimenon:** You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

*Stichon:* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

**Apostolic Reading:** Rom 6:18-23

Brethren, we have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the degree of faith, or ministry in ministering, or instruction in teaching, or exhortation in encouraging, or almsgiving in being generous with simplicity, or leadership in leading with discretion, or works of mercy in performing them joyfully.

**Alleluia:** Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

tor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

**Kontakion:** O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil. Hold to what is good. Love one another with fraternal charity, being the first to honor the other. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulations, persevering in prayer. Relieve the saints' needs, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you: bless, and do not curse!

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*Stichon:* For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**Gospel:** Healing of a Paralytic at Capernaum, Matthew 9: 1-8

At that time, getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over and came to his own town. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic lying on a pallet. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven you." And behold, some of the Scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemes." And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" then he said to the paralytic "Arise, take up your pallet and go to your house." And he arose, and went away to his house. But when the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear, and glorified God who had given such power to men.

### July 11<sup>th</sup>: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Intention:** Health of Protodeacon JOSEPH Daratony (req. by Fr. Philaret)

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6):** The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

**Troparion of the Fathers:** O Christ our God, you are above all glory, for you have established our Holy Fathers as radiant stars on earth, and through them you have guided us all to the true faith. Most Merciful One, glory to You!

**Prokimenon:** The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

*Stichon:* Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

**Apostolic Reading:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Troparion of 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!

**Kontakion:** O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

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Brethren, yes, working together with him, we beg you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, in an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation, I have helped you. (Is.49:8) Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! We give no offense to anyone, that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, let us behave in all circumstances as God's ministers, in much patience, in tribulations, in hardships, in distress; in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots; in labors, in sleepless

nights, in fastings; in innocence, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unaffected love; in the word of truth, in God's power; with the armor of justification on the right hand and on the left; in honor and dishonor, in evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet truthful, as unknown and yet well known, as dying, and look, we live; as punished, but not killed, as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet enriching many, as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

**Alleluia:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

*Stichon:* To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-35

At that time as Jesus was passing on, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying "Have pity on us, Son of David" And when He had reached the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this to you?" They answered Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Let it be done to you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, "See that no one knows of this!" But they went out and spread His fame abroad throughout all

that district. Now as they were going out, behold, there was brought to Him a dumb man possessed by a devil. And when the devil had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never has the like of this been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of devils He casts out devils." And Jesus was going about all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and curing every kind of disease and infirmity in the people.

### **July 18<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

**Intention:** Health, peace and salvation of JUDE Federspiel and JOSH Lewis (req. by Jan Taylor)

**Hymns**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7):** You opened Paradise to the thief, and Through your Cross You destroyed death, turned into joy the mourning of the oint-

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ment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

**Troparion of the Fathers:** O Christ our God, you are above all glory, for you have established our Holy Fathers as radiant stars on earth, and through them you have guided us all to the true faith. Most Merciful One, glory to You!

**Troparion of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George,

**Prokimenon:** Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

*Stichon:* Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

**Apostolic Reading:** Titus 3:8-15

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works; these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him one or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

**Alleluia:** O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

*Stichon:* For you saved us from those who afflicted us and have put to shame those who hated us

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but

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!

**Kontakion:** O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apolos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to

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your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore, who-

ever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

### July 25<sup>th</sup>: Dormition of Ann

**Intention:** Health, peace and salvation of BOB and LAURA Hensel (req. by Jan Taylor)

#### 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 Holy Anne:** Anne Divinely wise, you carried in your womb the Mother of God, the Immaculate one who gave life to Life; wherefore you now have been carried up joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory. Over-blessed One, you seek the forgiveness of sins for those who honor you with fervor.

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

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

**Apostolic Reading:** Galatians: 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, the one by a slave-girl and the other by a free woman. And the son of the slave-girl was born according to the flesh, but the son of the free woman, in virtue of the promise. This is said by way of allegory. For these are the two covenants, one indeed from Mount Sinai, bringing forth children that were to be in bondage: this is Agar. For

**Troparion of 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!

**Kontakion:** O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and is in slavery with her children. But that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written, Rejoice, you barren woman who do not bear; break forth and cry, you who do not travail; for many are the children of the desolate, more than of the one who has a husband.

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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 trails of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-34

At that time Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain alone to pray. And when it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. And the disciples, seeing him walk upon the sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter

answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But those who were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

### August 1<sup>st</sup>: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of MATTHEW Stano (req. by Judith Stano)

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):** While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

**Troparion of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George,

**Prokimenon:** May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

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!

**Kontakion:** O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

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*Stichon:* Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

**Apostolic Reading:** 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, I think God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, so that we would become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are without honor! To this very hour, we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and have no fixed home. And we labor, working with our own hands. We are re-

viled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we console; we have become as the refuse of this world, the scum of all until this present time. I write these things, not to put you to shame, but to admonish you as my dearest children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you have not many fathers. Therefore, I beg you, be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**Alleluia:** O God, you granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

*Stichon:* Therefore, I will proclaim you, o Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:14-23

At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before him, saying, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately

and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him: and on the third day he will rise again."

## Stewardship

Week of June 27<sup>th</sup>: stole offerings=\$15; donations=\$133; ordinary collections=\$416.  
Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$24,539.72.

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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).

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

### Weekly Schedule

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

### Dates of Note

Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Great Martyr Marina

Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>: Prophet Elias the Thesbite

Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Perfume-bearing Woman Mary Magdalena

Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>: Great Martyr Panteleimon the Physician

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>: TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (Stay tuned for service information.)

### Birthdays

July	5	Ralph Audi
	7	Christopher Davel
	23	Bianca Dossett
August	4	George Rebholz
	8	Jane Ecks

### COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to take preventive actions to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can ([city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](https://city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax)). Vaccines are safe and readily available at walk-in clinics throughout the community for anyone over the age of 12 years old.

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- If you are unvaccinated, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others who do not live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and improve ventilation whenever possible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

More information is available from the health department: [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](http://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

### August 6<sup>th</sup>: Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Intention:** For the parish

#### Hymns

**Troparion:** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could hold. Let your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayer of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, glory to You.

**Kontakion:** O Christ God, you were transfigured on the Mountain, and your disciples saw as much of your glory as they could hold, so that seeing You crucified they would know You had willed to suffer

**Prokimenon:** How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

*Stichon:* Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord, my God!

**Apostolic Reading:** 2 Peter 1:10-19

Brethren, strive more ardently by good works to make your calling and election certain. For if you do this, you will not fall into sin at any time. Indeed, in this way the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be amply provided for you.

your passion and would proclaim to the world that You as verily the Reflection of the Father.

**Hirmos:** You gave birth without stain, for it was God incarnate in the flesh who came forth from your womb. He was seen on earth and conversed with men. Wherefore, O Mother of God, we all exalt you.

**Communion:** Lord, we shall walk in the light of the glory of your Countenance forever. Alleluia!

Therefore, I shall begin to remind you always of these things — although indeed you know them and are well established in the present truth. As long as I am in this tabernacle, I think it right to arouse you by a reminder, knowing as I do that the taking away of my tabernacle is at hand, just as the Lord Jesus Christ signified to me.

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Moreover, I will endeavor that even after my death you may often have occasion to recall these things to mind.

For we were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but had been eyewitnesses of his grandeur. For he received from God the Father honor and glory when, coming down from the magnificent glory, a voice

spoke to him in these words: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased (Mt.17:5)." And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

And we have the word of prophecy surer still, to which you do well to attend, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**Alleluia:** Yours are the heavens and yours is the earth; the world and its fullness you have founded.

*Stichon:* Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:14-19

At that time Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. And his face shone as the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking together with him. Then Peter addressed Jesus, saying, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you will, let us set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" As he was still speaking, behold, a bright

cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased hear him." And on hearing it the disciples fell on their faces and were terrified. And Jesus came near and touched them, and said to them, "Arise, and do not be afraid." But lifting up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus cautioned them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

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### Christ and Fear (Christ Walking on the Water)

For what purpose does He go up into the mountain? To teach us, that loneliness and retirement is good, when we are to pray to God. With this view, you see, He is continually withdrawing into the wilderness, and there often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us earnestly to seek such quietness in our prayers, as the time and place may confer. For the wilderness is the

mother of quiet; it is a calm and a harbor, delivering us from all turmoils.

He Himself then went up there with this object, but the disciples are tossed with the waves again, and undergo a storm, equal even to the former. But whereas before they had Him in the ship when this befell them, now they were alone by themselves. Thus gently and by degrees He excites and urges them on for the better,

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even to the bearing all nobly. Accordingly we see, that when they were first near that danger, He was present, though asleep, so as readily to give them relief; but now leading them to a greater degree of endurance, He does not even this, but departs, and in mid sea permits the storm to arise, so that they might not so much as look for a hope of preservation from any quarter; and He lets them be tempest-

tossed all the night, thoroughly to awaken, as I suppose, their hardened heart. For such is the nature of the fear, which the time concurs with the rough weather in producing. And together with the compunction, He cast them also into a greater longing for Himself, and a continual remembrance of Him.

*Saint John Chrysostom*

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