

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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### **August 15, 2021 — Dormition of the Mother of God**



*Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

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

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

#### **Hymns**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3):** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

**Troparion of the Dormition:** In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

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

**Prokimenon:** My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Stichon:* Because he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid, for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

**Apostolic Reading:** Tim 2:5-11

BRETHREN, have the same attitude as Christ Jesus had, who though he was by nature God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to appropriate, but emptied himself, taking the nature of a slave and becoming like man. And as he appeared in the form of man, he humbled himself, being obedient to the point of death — even of death on a cross.

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

**Kontakion:** Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unfailing hope. Since she is the Mother of Life. Christ who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb lifted her up to the eternal life.

**Hirmos:** All human generations bless you, O Mother of God. The laws of nature were bypassed in you, for your birth-giving left you a virgin and your death became the herald of your life. O you who remained virginal after having given birth, and alive after having died, O Mother of God, deign always to save your inheritance!

Therefore, God also has exalted him and has bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

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**Alleluia:** Arise, O Lord, and go up to your repose, you and the ark of your holiness.

*Stichon:* The Lord has made a truthful oath to David from which he shall never depart: "Of the fruit of your loins, I will place one upon your throne."

**Gospel:** Lk 10:38-42,11 :27-28

At that time Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed him to her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also seated herself at the Lord's feet, and listened to his word. But Martha was worried about much serving. And she came up and said, "Lord, is it no concern of yours that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and

troubled about many things; and yet only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best part, and it will not be taken away from her." As he was saying these things, a certain woman lifted up her voice from the crowd, and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

### Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$16; ordinary collections=\$260. 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.

### Schedule for This Week

**Monday:** *Transfer of the Icon of the Veil of our Lord*

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

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Charlie McShane (8/16). May God grant you many years!

## 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](http://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.
- 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)

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## Explanation to the Emperor

There is nothing in the holy, inspired Scripture about the death of Mary, the holy Mother of God. But we know from ancient and wholly reliable tradition that at the time she so gloriously fell asleep, all the holy Apostles, who were traveling the world for the salvation of the peoples, were lifted up in a single instant of time and were gathered at Jerusalem; and as they stood by her, they saw a vision of angels, and heard the divine chanting of the higher powers ... Her body, which had been God's dwelling place, was brought for burial amidst the singing of the angels and the Apostles, and laid to rest in a coffin in Gethsemane; and the angelic dancing and singing continued without pause in that place for three days. But after three days, the song of the angels ceased; the Apostles were there, and since one of

them, Thomas, had not been present (for her burial and came at the end of three days) and wished to reverence that body which had housed God, they opened the coffin. And they could not find her body, which had been the object of such praise; all that they found were her burial wrappings. And being overcome by the ineffable fragrance that came out of the wrappings, they closed the coffin again. Amazed by this miraculous discovery, they could only draw a single conclusion: the one Who had deigned to become flesh in her own person, and to take His humanity from her, the one Who willed to be born in human flesh as God the Word, the Lord of glory, and Who had preserved her virginity intact even after childbirth, now chose, after her departure from this world, to honor her immaculate and pure body

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with the gift of incorruptibility, and with a  
change of state even before the common,  
universal resurrection.

*St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem*

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