

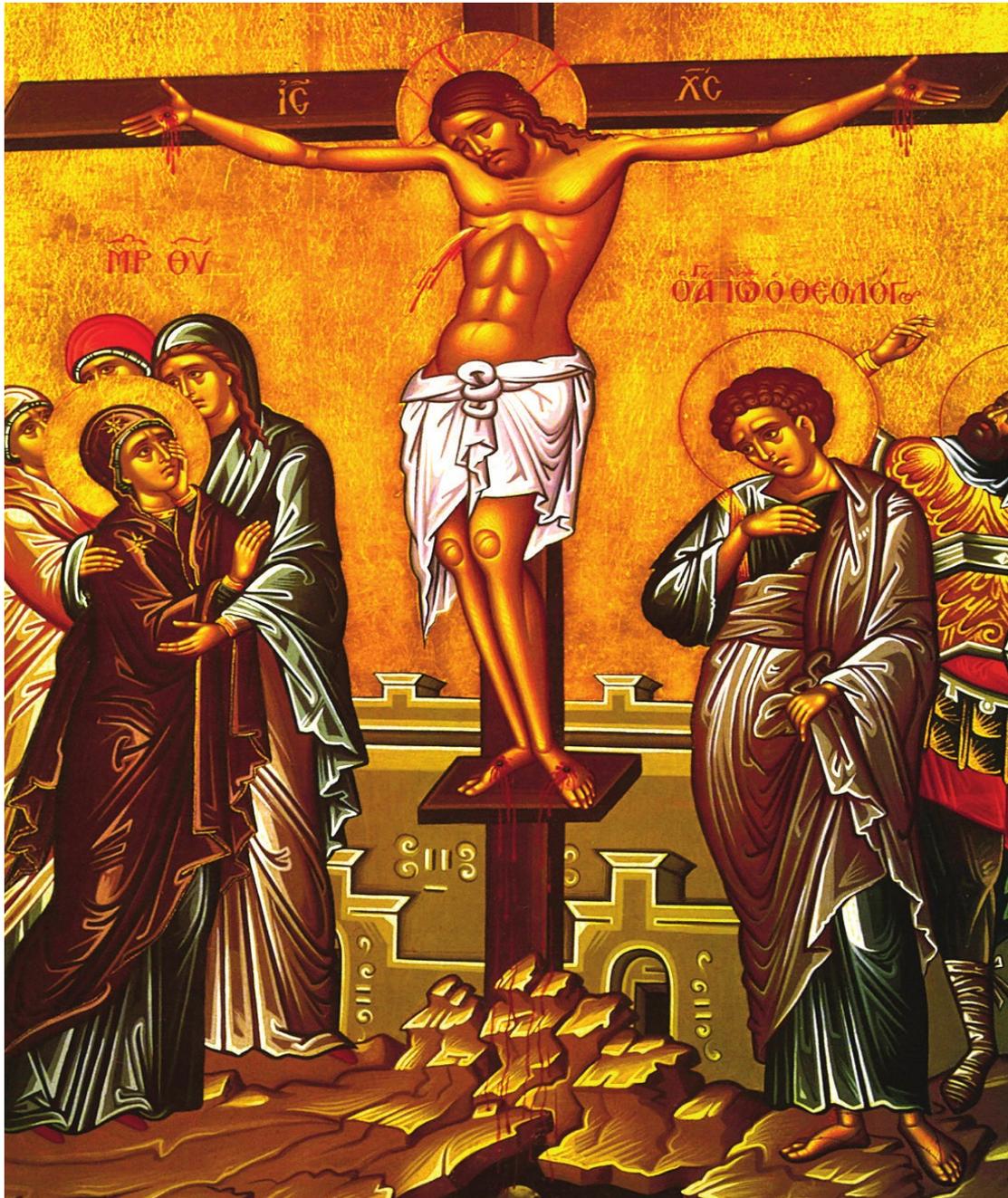


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Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy, Forty-day Memorial for Fr. Philaret

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Fr. PHILARET Littlefield (req. by)

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.

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!

Prokimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Stichon: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

Apostolic Reading: Gal 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom

Troparion of the Preparation: We offer you, O Lord, as a means of intercession, the life-giving Cross, a sign of your bounty you have given us in spite of our unworthiness, save our country and your people who offer you their supplications through your Mother, O You who alone are the Lover of Mankind!

Kontakion of the Preparation: Quickened by the Holy Spirit, the universe cries out in joy at your birth worthy of veneration: "Joy to you, O Virgin, glory of Christians!"

the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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Alleluia: I have exalted one chosen out of my people. I have found David my servant, and anointed him with holy chrism.

Stichon: For my hand shall support him, and my arm shall make him strong.

Gospel: Jn 3:13-17

The Lord said, “No one has gone up into heaven except the One Who has come down from heaven: the Son of Man Who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting.” For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send His Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Upcoming Events

September 24th (10am–5pm) and 25th (12:15pm–5pm), **Doors Open Milwaukee** at St. George, free

Help give tour or simply greet visitors for as long as you're able. Even long-time parishioners might learn something by listening in on a tour or by taking a closer look of what is in the church! Contact Benjamin Neumann for more information.

September 25th, noon–1:30pm, **Middle Eastern Dinner**, \$15.00 standard dinner

Our tempting menu includes: kafta (beef, parsley, onion, spices) riz bi Djaaj (chicken, rice, spices), hummus and middle-eastern salad.

Your tempting sweet treats and savory items are needed for the bakery table! Syrian-Lebanese especially appreciated. Please include a note with a description of donated bakery item and suggested sale price (round dollars only). Just drop off your bakery at the table before Divine Liturgy that Sunday. See for Alison Sedlak or Gabrielle Diffenbaugh with questions or if you are able to help.

Sunday School Signup

There will be a Sunday school sign up sheet in the church hall for the next few weeks. The plan is to begin classes Sunday, October 2nd. Classes will end the last week of May.

A schedule will be available soon with the days on which they will meet and breaks for feast days, holidays, etc.

Stewardship

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated June 18, 2022): \$41,172.

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://www.byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate). Use your bank's **online billpay** (payee information): St. George's

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb Moden (sister 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) and Carl Wallenmeyer (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Fr. Philaret Littefield.

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

Schedule for This Week

- Monday:** *Leave-taking of the Nativity of Mary*
- Tuesday:** *Dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection*
6pm Great Vespers
- Wednesday:** *EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*
- Friday:** *Great-martyr Euphemia*
- Saturday:** *Saturday after the Holy Cross*
- Sunday:** *Sunday after the Holy Cross*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to stop the community spread of COVID-19 is to take preventative action to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can (city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax). Vaccines are safe and readily available at walk-in clinics throughout the community for anyone over the age of six months old.
- 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 don’t 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

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The Foolish Cross is the Power of God

Every action of Christ glorifies the Church, but the cross is the glory above all glory. Paul understood that well when he said: 'I will glory in nothing else but the cross of Christ. (Gal 6:14) 'That a blind man should have been able to regain his sight by the pool of Siloam is certainly a marvelous fact. But what does this single episode add up to, when you think of the blind all over the world?

The resurrection of Lazarus who had already been dead four days was a miraculous event, overcoming all the forces of nature. But this favor granted to him alone could not be any comfort to all those who

had died through their own sin. It was a miracle to feed the

five thousand with five loaves. But what use could that be for all the ignorant people starved of truth?

The glory of the cross, by contrast, has enlightened all those who were blinded by ignorance. It has set free all those who were slaves of sin. It has redeemed the whole human race.

Let us glory in the cross of the Savior. "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1Cor 1:18)

Catechesis of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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