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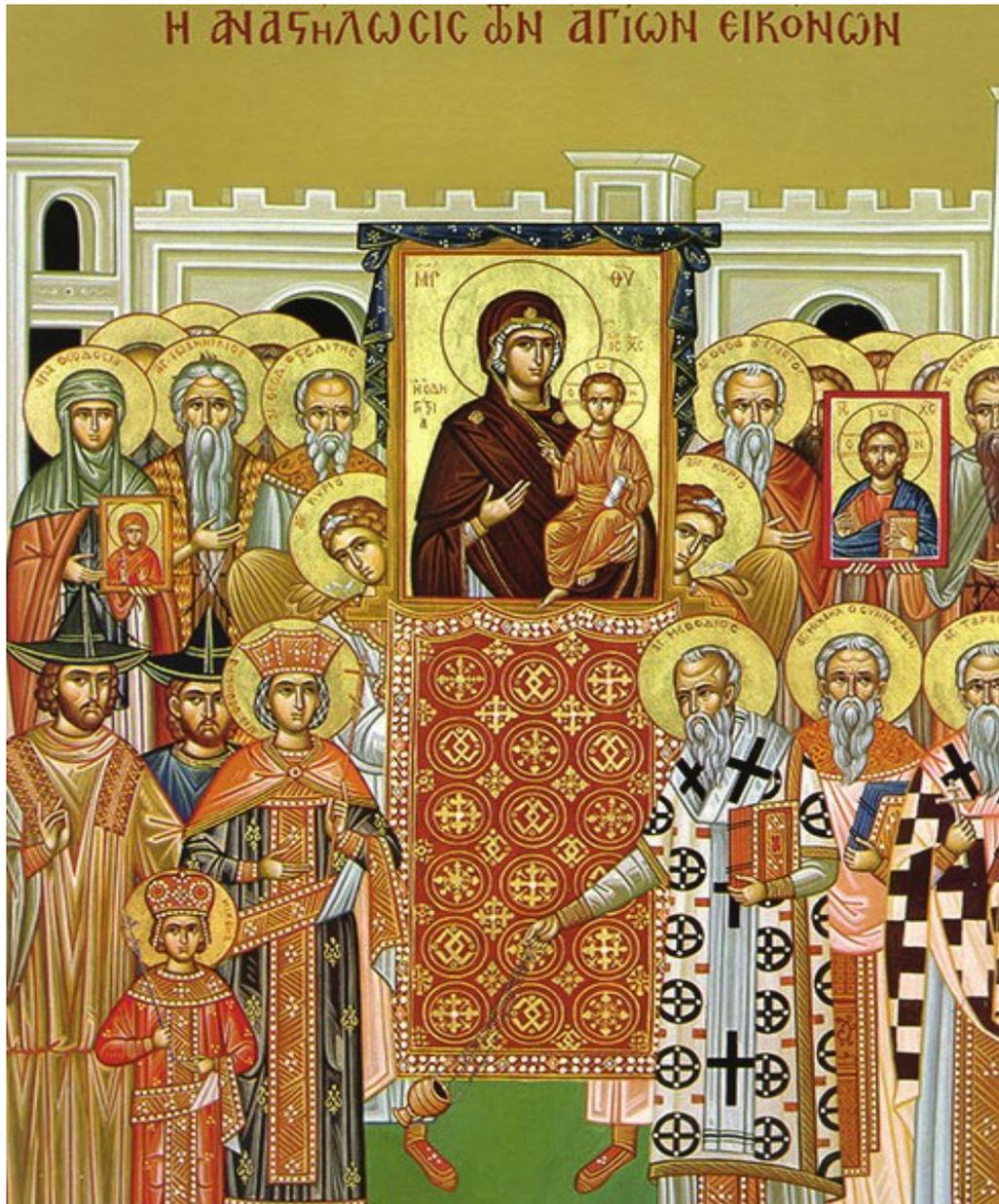
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### **March 6, 2022 — Sunday of Holy Images**



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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.*

**After Liturgy:** Forty-day memorial and mercy meal for Margaret Littlefield, mother of Fr. Philaret

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Fr. JOSEPH Kozlowski (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 St. George:** 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 of the Annunciation:** Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you our thanks. We are

**Prokimenon:** Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

**Stichon:** For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews 11:24-26

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied he was a son of Pharaoh's daughter (Cf. Ex, 2: 11)—choosing to be afflicted with God's

your people O mother of God! So as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.

**Hirmos:** In you, O full of grace, all creation exults, the hierarchy of angels together with the race of men: in you, sanctified Temple, spiritual Paradise, Glory of virgins of whom God took flesh from whom our God who exists before the world, became a child! For He has made your womb his throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman full of grace, all creation exults: glory to you!

people rather than to have the enjoyment of sin for a time, estimating the indignities suffered by Christ to be of greater value than the Egyptians' treasures (Cf. Ex.

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2:32): for he was considering the reward. By faith he left Egypt not fearing the king's wrath: for he persevered as if he were seeing the One who cannot be seen. By faith, he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the one who destroyed the first-born might not touch these. By faith, they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land—whereas the Egyptians attempting it were swallowed up. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after people had gone around them for seven days. By faith, Rahab the prostitute who had received the spies in peace did not perish with the unbelievers.

And what more shall I say? For time will be too short to speak of Gideon, of Barac, of Samson, of Jephthah, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped

**Alleluia:** Moses and Aaron were among his priests and Samuel among those who called upon his name.

*Stichon:* They called upon the Lord, and he answered them; from the pillar of cloud he spoke to them.

**Gospel:** "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Jn 1:43-51

At that time Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him,

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 restored 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 blows, even chains and jailing. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground.

And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God had something better in store for us, so that they were not reach their final perfection without us.

"Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "Where do you know me from?" Jesus answered him and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him and said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are King of Israel." Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. Greater things than these shall you see." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you,

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you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

**Stewardship**

Last Sunday: candles=\$3.00; ordinary collections=\$525.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated February 12, 2022): \$36,025

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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). For those who have died: Margaret Littlefield (mother of Fr. Philaret).

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

**Schedule for This Week**

- Wednesday:** 6pm Presanctified Liturgy
- Friday:** 6pm Akathist Service
- Saturday:** Before Bed, Set Clock Ahead 1 Hour
- Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Lent*  
2am Start of Daylight Savings Time  
10:30am Divine Liturgy



**Coming Up**

- March 25<sup>th</sup>: Annunciation of the Mother of God
- April 10<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday  
Pancake Breakfast
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: Holy Resurrection

**Practical Suggestions for Fasting**

Fasting, like prayer, is something we can grow into. If you are not accustomed to fasting, it can be helpful to begin at one level and deepen your practice as you grow in your life in Christ. The following plan might be helpful.

**Beginning level:** On Wednesdays and Fridays do not eat any meat and offer a brief prayer several times throughout the day. During the fasting seasons of Great Lent and

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the Dormition Fast, attend at least one Leneten Service each week. Before the Presanctified Liturgy during Great Lent, do not eat anything for several hours.

**A deeper level:** In addition to the above, on fast days, do not eat anything before noon and no meat thereafter. Keep additional fast days during the fasting seasons. During Great Lent, in addition to avoiding meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, also avoid dairy products. Attend two Lenten Services weekly and preform some act of charity each day

**A further level:** In addition to the above, keep each day in the fasting seasons as a fast day. Attend all the Divine Services during the fasting seasons. Replace entertainments such as TV, movies, shopping, etc. with prayer, spiritual reading and acts of charity.

### **Winter Weather**

Please take care with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel.

### **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](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.
- 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](http://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

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### **Triumph of the True Faith**

In one of the old churches of Istanbul, Turkey (formerly Constantinople), the local people had the habit of coming in and bowing to the back wall of the spacious church. No one knew why people did this, since the sanctuary was at the other end of the church. When the old church was renovated it was discovered that concealed

beneath the centuries-old layers of drab plaster and paint was a beautiful icon of the Mother of God. Further investigation into the matter confirmed that the people had a local custom of revering the sacred icon even after it had been covered over with plaster by the non-Christian people

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who had custody of the church for many years.

Perhaps it is that the radiance of the Holy Images of Christ, His Blessed Mother and all the saints cannot lay concealed even under layers of plaster and centuries of persecution! On this day the Church celebrates the restoration of icons (first instituted in 842 AD) and the end of the Iconoclastic Heresy which raged for many years in the early church. Once blessed, an icon

becomes a sacred object and a meeting place between God and man. Each icon is a “window into Heaven” and a reflection of the radiant light that emanates from God. ~Therefore, when we pray before an icon of Christ it is as though we are standing before the Lord Himself. The same can be said of the holy images of all the saints. Let us remember, too, that we are also living icons of Christ and our light must shine upon others!

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