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*Icon of the Ladder of Divine Ascent*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

#### **Hymns**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 4):** The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection, and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles: Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! And has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

**Troparion of St. John:** You are a true teacher for those in the monastic life, O holy John, setting out the steps of your lessons as a divine ladder leading us up through the purification of asceticism to the light of contemplation. O venerable father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

**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 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 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!

**Prokimenon:** Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

*Stichon:* God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

**Apostolic Reading:** Heb 6:13-20

**Gospel:** "I have brought you my son possessed", Mk 9:17-31

#### **Stewardship**

Last Sunday: donations=\$93.12; candles=\$13.00; ordinary collections=\$561.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

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### *Collection for the Women's Center*

There will be a collection for gently used or new baby (newborn–24 months) winter wear for the Women's Center of Milwaukee (2051 W. Wisconsin Ave.) from about Bright Week. Donation envelopes, baby bottles to fill with loose change and information are available on the back tables; items may be placed in the marked box. Particular items needed include:

- diapers size newborn and 6
- wipers
- boppy pillows
- new bottles
- car seats
- pack n plays
- sleepers size 0–24 months
- outfits size 0–24 months
- baby wash
- baby lotion

Talk to Jerry Nora with any questions: [jerry.nora@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.nora@gmail.com).

### **Prayer List**

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Susan Peterson (sister of Cynthia Peterson), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those who have died: Jan Taylor. For the people of the Middle East.

### **Schedule for This Week**

**Wednesday:** 6pm Great Compline

**Thursday:** *Thursday of Repentance*

**Friday:** 6pm Akathist (Final Week)

**Saturday:** *Saturday of the Akathist*

**Sunday:** *Sunday of Mary of Egypt*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Noon Falafel Brunch (rescheduled from March 30<sup>th</sup>)

### *Falafel Brunch*

Sunday, April 6, 2025, Noon

Large falafel sandwich and soda \$10.00

### **Lenten Services**

**Wednesday Evenings:** Great Compline, alternating with Liturgy of the Presanctified.

**Friday Evenings:** Compline with Akathist for five weeks, then Vespers for Lazarus on the final Friday.

### **Wisdom from St. John Climacus**

“To admire the labors of the saints is good; to emulate them wins salvation; but to wish suddenly to imitate their life in every point is unreasonable and impossible.”

“A servant of the Lord is he who in body stands before men, but in mind knocks at Heaven with prayer.”

“To judge others is a shameless arrogation of the Divine prerogative; to condemn is the ruin of one’s soul.”

“In all your undertakings and in every way of life, whether you are living in obedience, or are not submitting your work to anyone, whether in outward or in spiritual matters, let it be your rule and practice to ask yourself: Am I really doing this in accordance with God’s will?”

“The Christian is one who imitates Christ in thought, word and deed, as far as is possible for human beings, believing rightly and blamelessly in the Holy Trinity.”

“Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.”

“Do not say, after spending a long time in prayer, that nothing has been gained; for you have already gained something. And what higher good is there than to cling to the Lord and persevere in unceasing union with Him?”

“Some people with a hot temper do not worry about it and ignore the remedies that would heal them. They forget, unfortunately, what is written: ‘Surely anger kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple,’ (Job 5:2).”

“A charitable and sensible mind takes careful note of whatever virtues it sees in anyone. But a fool looks for faults and defects. And of such it is said: ‘They have searched out iniquity and expired in the search.’ Do not condemn, even if you see with your eyes, for they are often deceived.”

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