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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of ALICE Herro (req. by Eamon Doherty)

Hymns

Anti-Trisagion: We bow in worship before Your Cross, O Master, and we give praise to Your Holy Resurrection.

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 7): Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Cross: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Strengthen our public authorities in every good deed and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

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!

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: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren, since we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, let us hold fast our profession of faith. For we

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 rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well. O sanctified Temple, spiritual Paradise and glory of virgins from whom our God who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little Child. He has taken your womb as his throne making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore O full of grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

Kinonikon: Let the light of your Face shine on us, O Lord. Alleluia.

have not a high priest unable to pity our weaknesses, but one tried as we are in all things, save sin. Let us then approach the

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throne of grace with confidence, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in matters pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to have compassion on the ignorant and erring, because he himself also is beset with weakness, and therefore must make offer-

ings for sin in his own behalf as in behalf of the people. And no one invests himself with this honor: only one who is called by God takes it, as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself with the high priesthood, but glorified the One who had spoken to him, "You are my son, I this day have begotten you (Ps. 2:7). "As he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek (Ps. 109:4)."

Alleluia: Remember your congregation which you have acquired from the beginning: you redeemed the scepter of your inheritance.

Stichon: God is our King forever: he brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

Gospel: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me", Mark 8:34–39

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: stole offerings=\$20.00; candles=\$38.00; ordinary collections=\$2426.00.
Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 29, 2023): \$37,136.

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate. Use your bank's **online billpay** (payee information): St. George's Syrian Congregation · 1617 W State St · Milwaukee, WI 53233-1246; phone: (414) 342-1543; email: info@byzantinemilwaukee.com.

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Earthquake Relief: Second Collection

It has been customary for us during Great Lent to offer an opportunity for charitable giving through the eparchial Shepherd's Care. This year, all money donated through Shepherd's Care will be given for earthquake relief.

There will be a second collection on March 26th. Donations can also be made directly to the eparchy by check or credit card: <https://melkite.org/eparchy/bishops-appeal-for-the-syria-relief-fund>

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: 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: Alice Herro, Carl Wallenmeyer (Jan Taylor) and George Baho. For all those living and deceased who have suffered in the recent earthquakes.

Schedule for This Week

Wednesday: 6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Friday: 6pm Compline and Akathist

Sunday: *Sunday of St. John Climacus*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Services for George Baho

Visitation: Today, 4pm to 7pm
Church and Chapel Funeral Home
15250 W. National Ave
New Berlin, WI 53151

Funeral Service: Monday, 10:30am
St. George Church

Burial Service: Monday, 1pm
Highland Memorial Park Cemetery
14875 W. Greenfield Ave
New Berlin, WI 53151

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.

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- 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

Taking Up the Cross

Whatever is commanded through evangelical precepts is undoubtedly related to the cross, as the Lord Himself proclaims: "Whoever will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." "To be sure, this cross is rightly called "holy to the Lord," because the world, which until then had been profaned, is blessed by it

Paint this sign of your life ... as if on your forehead; also imprint it no less on the threshold to your heart, so that when the avenging angel perceives this he will not delay to pass over without causing you injury. Let these phylacteries hang before your eyes without ceasing, let these marks brand your body on every side, just as the

Apostle testified concerning himself: "I," he said, "bear the marks of Jesus in my body."

Break the body with fasts, abstain from your own desires, submit yourself in very prompt devotion to the command of another's order, let the modest judgment of silence check the impudent remarks of an insolent tongue, let the charms of droll speech not break out, let the rigor of severe continence tear out the illicit motions of the carnal passions, so that for you who die now with Christ of your free will, the heavier His cross is observed to be in your ... life, the more fully the glory of his Resurrection will accrue to you.

St. Peter Damian

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