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Icon of the Man Born Blind--John 9:1-38

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of Pascha: Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tomb.

Christos anesti ek nekron thanato thanaton patissas; kai tis en tis mnimassis zoin charisamenos. (Greek)

Al Meseehu qam im bainil amwat wa wati al mawt a bil mawat; Wa wahhab el hayat li ladeena fil kubur. (Arabic)

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.

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

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

Kontakion: Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

Hirmos: The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace: "Hail, O Immaculate Virgin! Hail, again! For your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day!" Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion; and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son!

Kinonikon: Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia.

Prokimenon: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 16:16-34

In those days, Paul went down to Caesarea, and went up to Jerusalem to greet the church, then down again to Antioch. After spending some time there, he trav-

eled systematically through the Galatian country, and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

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Now, a certain Jew from Alexandria named Apollos—an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures—came down to Ephesus. He had been instructed in the Lord’s way, and being fervent in spirit, he used to tell and teach carefully whatever had to do with the Lord, although he knew only the baptism of John. And so, he began to speak confidently in the synagogue. And when they heard him, Aquila and Priscilla

took him home, and explained the Lord’s way to him with greater precision. And as he wanted to go to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he got there, he was of great service to the believers for he argued powerfully with the Jews in public and showed from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Alleluia: Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, “My kindness is established forever.” In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Gospel: John 9:1–38

At that time, Jesus said to the Jews who had come to him, “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and he went away and hid himself from them. Now though he had worked so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him, that the word which the prophet Isaiah spoke might be fulfilled, “Lord who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” This is why they could not believe, because Isaiah said again, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts; lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their mind, and be converted, and I heal them.” Isaiah said these

things when he saw his glory and spoke of him. And yet, even among the rulers, many believe in him; but because of the Pharisees, they did not acknowledge it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue. For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. But Jesus cried out and said, “Anyone who believes in me, believes not in me, but in the one who sent me. And anyone who sees me sees the one who sent me. I have come a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. And if anyone hears my words, and does not keep them, it is not I who judge him; for I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: ordinary collections=\$264.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated April 23, 2023): \$37,386.

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Joe Radanovich, the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasensor, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Dean Twist (uncle of Lucas Jain) and Bob Peterson. For all those living and deceased who have suffered in the recent earthquakes.

Schedule for This Week

Wednesday: *Leave-taking of Pascha*

6pm Great Vespers

Thursday: *The Ascension*

Sunday: *Sunday of the Fathers*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Theresa Nora (5/16). May God grant you many years!

The Ascension

Troparion: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were confirmed in their belief that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Kontakion: After fulfilling for us Your plan of redemption and joining the things of earth with those of heaven, You gloriously ascended O Christ our God, without abandoning us, but remained with us forever and proclaimed to those who love You: "Behold, I am with you: no one has power against you.

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.

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- 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](https://www.city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

Jesus' Power over Blindness

There is a blindness resulting from sickness which obscures the vision and is remedied by the passage of time. There is a blindness which is caused by some fluids and this, also, when the trouble is removed, is generally cured by the skill of medicine. From this you may know that when one is cured who has been blind from birth it is not a case of skill but of power. The Lord gave health, and He used no medicine, for the Lord Jesus healed those whom no one else had cured

What did He wish in that He who gave back life at His command bestowed health by His Word, saying to the dead: "Come forth" and Lazarus came forth from the tomb; saying to the paralytic: "Arise, take up your pallet" and the paralytic arose and began to take up the pallet on which he was carried when he was paralyzed

in all his limbs. Why, I say, did He spit and make clay and spread the clay over the eyes of the blind man and say to him: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is interpreted "sent")? So he went away and washed and began to see. What is the reason for this? An important reason, unless I am mistaken, for he whom Jesus touches sees more.

Notice at the same time His divinity and his sanctity. As the Light He touched and shed light; as Priest He fulfilled in the figure of baptism the mysteries of spiritual grace. He spat so that you might realize that the things within Christ are light. One who is cleansed by the means which Christ uses truly sees. His spittle cleanses and so does His Word.

St. Ambrose of Milan

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