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*Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant*

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### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 3):** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

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

**Prokimenon:** Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

*Stichon:* All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

**Apostolic Reading:** Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, now that you have been freed from sin, you have come to serve justification. I speak in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members as slaves to uncleanness and iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of justification so as to be sanctified. For while you were the slaves of sin, you had nothing to do with

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

**Kontakion:** O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

justification. But what fruit did you gather then of those deeds of which you are now ashamed? For the end of such things is death. But now, set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification, and as your end, life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Alleluia:** In you, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In your goodness, save me and deliver me; lend your ear and hasten my deliverance.

*Stichon:* Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

**Gospel:** "Jesus went to Capernaum, a Roman captain...", Matthew 8:5-13

At that time when Jesus had entered Capernaum, there came to Him a centurion who entreated Him, saying, "Lord,

my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted." Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him."

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But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go', and he goes; and to another, 'Come', and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this', and he does it." And when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following Him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west, and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put forth into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done to you." And the servant was healed in that hour.

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$146.08; candles=\$14.00; ordinary collections=\$423.00. 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).

### Schedule for This Week

**Thursday:** *Holy and Illustrious Apostles Peter and Paul*

**Friday:** *Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles*

**Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Luke Nora (6/26). May God grant you many years!

### Summer Break for the Parish Office

The parish office will be closed for July. Please plan ahead if you expect to need something. Fr. Paul will still be available.



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

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## Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith

The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the centurion house to cure his servant, but he replied: I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. In protesting his unworthiness the centurion showed himself worthy to have Christ enter not his house but his heart. Yet he could not have said this with such faith and humility unless he already bore within his heart the One he was too overawed to have within his house. In any case, there would have been no great happiness at the entry of the Lord Jesus within his walls if he were not present in his heart.

But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go, and he goes; to an-

other, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

Now the man who said this was a Gentile as well as a centurion. He was a professional soldier and, as a centurion, acted according to his rank: subject to authority and exercise in authority, obeying as a subordinate and giving orders to those subordinate to him. As for the Lord, though living among the Jewish people, He was already beginning to make it known that His Church would extend throughout the whole world into which He was about to send His apostles. Although the Gentiles would not see him they would believe in him, whereas the Jewish leaders who saw him would put him to death.

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

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