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*Icon of the Nativity of the Mother of God (September 8)*

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### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**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 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 Nativity of the Theotokos:** Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, celebrate your birth crying out to you: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"

**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:** II Corinthians 1: 21-23, 2:1-4

Brethren, the one who strengthened you and us in Christ, who anointed us, is God, who also stamped us with his seal and gave us the Spirit as a pledge in our hearts. Now, I call God to witness against my soul that it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but rather we are fellow-workers in your joy, for in faith you stand.

I made up my mind not to come to you again in sorrow. For if I make you sad,

who can gladden me; save the very one who is grieved by me? And I wrote to you as I did, that when I come I may not have sorrow upon sorrow from those who ought to give me joy: for I trust in all of you that my joy is a joy to all of you. For I wrote to you in much affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not that you might be grieved, but that you might know the great love I have for you.

**Alleluia:** Your favor, O Lord, I will singe forever; from generation to generation, ymy mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

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

**Gospel:** The king's marriage feast, Matthew 22:2-14

The Lord told this parable "The Kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Again he sent out other servants, saying 'Tell those who are invited, behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it, and went off, one to his own farm.. and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry: and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants. 'The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy: go therefore to the crossroads. And invite to the marriage feast whomever you share find.' And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all those they found. Both good and bad: and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests. And he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him. 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendant,. 'Bind his hands and feet. Take hold of him. And thrown him out into the darkness. Where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.' For many are called. But few are chosen."

### Upcoming Events

September 23<sup>rd</sup> (10am-5pm) and 24<sup>th</sup>: (12:15pm-5pm) Doors Open Milwaukee at St.-George, free

Help give tour or simply greet visitors for as long as you're able. Even long-time parishioners might learn something by listening in on a tour or by taking a closer look of what is in the church! Contact Benjamin Neumann for more information.

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$6.00; ordinary collections=\$426.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated August 20, 2023): \$\$25,902.93.

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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), Dan Sylvester (neighbor of Benjamin Neumann), 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

**Wednesday:** *The Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae*

**Friday:** *Nativity of the Mother of God*

**Saturday:** *Saturday before the Holy Cross*

**Sunday:** *Sunday before the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to . May God grant you many years!

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

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### The Old Has Passed Away: All Things Are Made New

he fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished His work and changed letter into spirit, summing every-

thing up in Himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fit-

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ting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands to-

day's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for Him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.

*St. Andrew of Crete*

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