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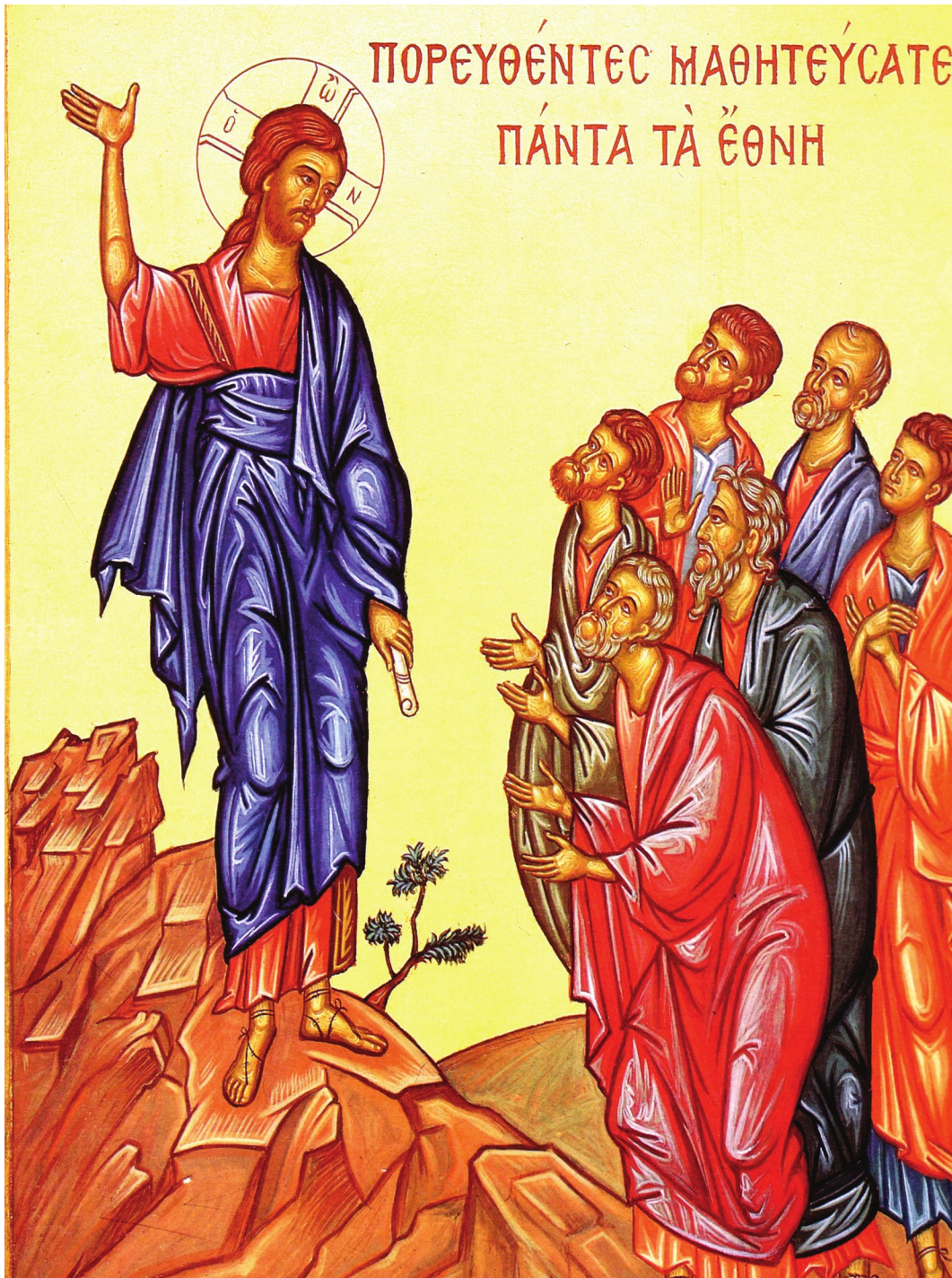
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Icon of Christ Teaching the Apostles

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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of LORAINÉ Herro (req. by Kathy and John Nahas)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Protection: We praise your great protection, O Virgin, which you spread forth like a radiant, transcendent cloud. Invisibly you guard your people from every foe's attack. Since you are to us a shelter and a sure defense, we cry to you with our whole heart: Glory to your great

Prokimenon: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

Stichon: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, the first tabernacle also had ritual ordinances and a sanctuary, though an earthly one. For there was set up a tabernacle in the outer part of which were the lamp-stand and the table and the showbread, and this is called the Holy Place.

deeds, O Lady! Glory to your divine shelter! Glory to your care and providence, O most pure Virgin!

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: Let us faithful hasten now to the Theotokos; let us venerate her sacred veil as we sing fitting hymns of praise: for she shelters all her faithful and preserves them from danger, so that they may cry out to her: Hail, O Virgin, our most radiant Protection!"

But beyond the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having a golden censer and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid on every side with gold. In the ark was a golden vessel containing the manna, and the rod of Aaron which had budded, and the tablets of the covenant and above it were the Cherubim

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of glory, overshadowing the mercy-seat. But of all these we cannot now speak in detail.

Such then being the arrangements, the priests always used to enter into the first

Alleluia: Happy the one you have chosen and adopted: he shall dwell in your courts.

Stichon: And his name shall survive for ever and ever.

Gospel: Love your enemies, Luke 6: 31–36

The Lord said, “Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For

tabernacle to perform the sacred rites; but into the second tabernacle, the high priest alone entered once a year, not without blood, which he offered for his own and the people’s sins of ignorance.

even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for He is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful.”

Middle Eastern Dinner: October 22nd

Noon–1:30pm, \$15.00 standard dinner

Our tempting menu includes: kafta (beef, parsley, onion, spices), riz bi djaaj (chicken, rice, spices), hummus and middle-eastern salad.

Your tempting sweet treats and savory items are needed for the bakery table! Syrian-Lebanese especially appreciated. Please include a note with a description of donated bakery item and suggested sale price (round dollars only). Just drop off your bakery at the table before Divine Liturgy that Sunday. See for Gabrielle Diffenbaugh with questions or if you are able to help.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$28.00; donations=\$101.14; ordinary collections=\$684.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated September 24, 2023): \$31,309.

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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). For those who have died: the Very Rev. Maxim Hancher (father of Krystia Nora).

Schedule for This Week

Friday: *Apostle Thomas*
Sunday: *Third Sunday after the Holy Cross*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

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.
- 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

Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful

Perhaps no other attribute of God, besides His love, attracts us to Him as does His mercy. This quality distinguishes Him from all false gods. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, the endless procession of saints extols His mercy, repeating the refrain: "His mercy endures forever".

His mercy caused Him to devise a plan of redemption that would reach every human being, moved Him to give His only Son as a ransom for all sinners, established His kingdom and His Church, inspired the Scriptures, provided the sacraments, forgives all our transgressions and heals our diseases, and gives us peace, joy, and

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hope and time for repentance. Great is His mercy!

That indescribable, overflowing, and undeserved mercy melts away all our pride and arrogance, fills us with gratitude, and gives us a new birth, a new life, a new will, and a new viewpoint. Now we look

at our fellow inhabitants of the earth with the eyes of our merciful Father.

And so the chain reaction goes on from God to us to others. As His mercy endures forever, so may our mercifulness—as that of His children—be likewise enduring.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endures forever. Amen.

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