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Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool

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Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy: Forty-day Memorial for Joe Radanovich

Intention: Health, peace and salvation of KAREN Zahn (req. by Jan Taylor)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 8): O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

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 Entrance of the Blessed Virgin: The most pure Temple of the Savior, and the most precious and bright bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of the glory of God, openly appears today into the temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the most Holy Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "This is the heavenly tabernacle!"

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; Let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

Apostolic Reading: Eph 4:1-7

BRETHREN, I the prisoner in the Lord exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling by which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit,

even as you were called to a single hope in your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in all. But to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's imparting.

Alleluia: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him!

Gospel: "The Rich Fool", Luke 12:16-22

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The Lord told this parable: “The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, ‘What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger one, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this very night, you must give up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?’ So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God.” After he had said this, he cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$4.00; stole offerings=\$100.00; donations=\$850.00; ordinary collections=\$1366.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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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), 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: Joe Radanovich, the Very Rev. Maxim Hancher (father of Krystia Nora). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for This Week

- Monday:** *Preparation of the Feast of the Entrance*
- Tuesday:** *The Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple*
- Saturday:** *Leave-taking of the Entrance*
- Sunday:** *Thirteenth Sunday after the Holy Cross*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Raphael Roxas (11/20). May God grant you many years!

Troparion of the Presentation: Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God, and the announcement of the salvation of men. In the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry to her in a loud voice, “Hail! O fulfillment of the Creator’s plan!”

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Coming Up

December 10th: Potluck for St. Nicholas Day

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

Commentary on Riches

The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of God, whose kindness extends even to such people as this. He sends rain on both the just and the unjust, and makes the sun rise on the wicked and good alike. But what do we find in this man? A bitter disposition, hatred of other people, unwillingness to give. "This is the return he made to his Benefactor. He forgot that we all share the same nature; he felt no obligation to distribute his surplus to the needy. His barns

were full to bursting point, but still his miserly heart was not satisfied. Year by year he increased his wealth, always adding new crops to the old. The result was a hopeless impasse: greed would not permit him to part with anything he possessed, and yet because he had so much there was no place to store his latest harvest. And so he was incapable of making a decision and could find no escape from his anxiety. What am I to do?

You who have wealth, recognize who has given you the gifts you have received. Consider yourself, who you are, what has been committed to your charge, from whom you have received it, why you have been preferred to most other people. You are the servant of the good God, a steward

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on behalf of your fellow servants. Do not imagine that everything has been provided for your own stomach. Make decisions regarding your property as though it belonged to another. Possessions give you pleasure for a short time, but then they will slip through your fingers and be gone, and you will be required to give an exact account of them.

St. Basil the Great

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