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### Divine Liturgy

**After Liturgy:** One-year memorial service and mercy meal for George Baho

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of GEORGE Baho (one-year anniversary)

### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 7):** Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

**Troparion of the Holy Cross:** O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Strengthen our public authorities in every good deed and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

**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 Annunciation:** Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize

**Prokimenon:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

*Stichon:* To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews: 4:14-16, 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, let us hold fast our profession of faith. For we

of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you our thanks. We are your people O mother of God! So as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.

**Anti-trisagion:** We bow in worship before Your Cross, O Master, and we give praise to Your Holy Resurrection.

**Hirmos:** In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well. O sanctified Temple, spiritual Paradise and glory of virgins from whom our God who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little Child. He has taken your womb as his throne making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, O full of grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

**Koinikon:** Let the light of your countenance shine upon us, O Lord. Alleluia.

have not a high priest unable to pity our weaknesses, but one tried as we are in all things, save sin. Let us then approach the

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throne of grace with confidence, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in matters pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to have compassion on the ignorant and erring, because he himself also is beset with weakness, and therefore must make offer-

ings for sin in his own behalf as in behalf of the people. And no one invests himself with this honor: only one who is called by God takes it, as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not glorify himself with the high priesthood, but glorified the One who had spoken to him, "You are my son, I this day have begotten you (Ps. 2:7). "As he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedek (Ps. 109:4)."

**Alleluia:** Remember your congregation which you have acquired from the beginning: you redeemed the scepter of your inheritance.

*Stichon:* God is our King forever: he brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

**Gospel:** "Deny yourself, take cross and follow me", Mk 8:34-39

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$117.15; ordinary collections=\$365.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated February 4, 2024): \$\$25,348.10.

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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), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard),



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the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Dan Sylvester (neighbor of Benjamin Neumann), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasensor and John Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For the people of the Middle East.

### Schedule for This Week

**Wednesday:** 6pm Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday:** 6pm Compline and Akathist Hymn

**Saturday:** Before bed, set clocks ahead one hour

**Sunday:** *Sunday of Our Father John Climacus*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

*Start of Daylight Savings Time*

Daylight Savings Time starts at 2am on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember to spring forward and turn clocks ahead one hour before bed on Saturday.



### Coming Up

March 24: Palm Sunday brunch fundraiser

### 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 vaccinated and boosted ([city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](https://city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax)) when you are eligible, wear a mask ([city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks)) in public spaces, wash your hands often and practice physical distancing.

More information is available from the health department: [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

### The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did

not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

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The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation,

the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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