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Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead

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Divine Liturgy

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 our Mother Mary of Egypt: In you, O Mother Mary, was restored the likeness of God, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

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

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

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

Apostolic Reading: Lent 5

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come (Cf.Lv.16: 14; 19: 4), he entered once for all through the greater and more perfect

tor 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 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.

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!

tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of his own blood, into the sanc-

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tuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ

(Cf. Rv. I: 5), who through the Holy Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

Alleluia: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Stichon: Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Gospel: Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt, Mk 10:32- 45

At that time Jesus took the Twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him and spit upon him, and put him to death; and on the third day he will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him, saying, "Master, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." But he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand and the other at your left hand, in your glory." But Jesus said to them,

"You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with

which I am to be baptized?" And they said to him, "We can." And Jesus said to them, "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$292.29; stole offerings=\$20.00; ordinary collections=\$364.00.
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: M.J. Harden and Ken Schmidt (sister and brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Dan Sylvester (neighbor of Benjamin Neumann), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz 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 Great Vespers

Saturday: *Lazarus Saturday*

Sunday: *Palm Sunday*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy, Brunch Fundraiser

Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, March 24th, Noon-1:30pm

Adults: \$12, Children (under 12): \$6

Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee, Pastries and More

WE NEED your tempting sweet treats and savory items for our Palm Sunday bakery table. Syrian-Lebanese especially appreciated. Please include a note with a description of the donated bakery item and a suggested sale price (round dollars only). Just drop off your bakery at the table before Liturgy that Sunday.

Gabrielle Diffenbaugh will be staffing the table. Please let her know if you can help.

Services for Holy Week and Pascha

Monday: 6pm Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation

Tuesday: 6pm Healing

Wednesday: 6pm Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil the Great of the Mystical Supper

Friday: 6pm Eulogy Service ("Lamentations")

Sunday: 10:30am Divine Liturgy for the Holy Resurrection

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) when you are eligible, wear a mask (city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks) in public spaces, wash your hands often and practice physical distancing.

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More information is available from the health department: city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus

Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

But it cannot be like that with You...

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

But it cannot be like that with you...

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

But it cannot be like that with you...

Take my advice, kid Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

But it cannot be like that with you...

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

But it cannot be like that with you...

The drug users and the city scum they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

But it cannot be like that with you...

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

But it cannot be like that with you.

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