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Icon of Feeding the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:14-22)

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Divine Liturgy

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 Fathers: O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them, You led us to the true faith. O Most Merciful One, glory to You!

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

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

Apostolic Reading: Fathers

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works; these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him one or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

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: O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apolos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

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Alleluia: O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

Gospel: “You are the light of the world”, Mt 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore, whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$10; donations=\$296; ordinary collections=\$344. Prior Sunday: ordinary collections=\$360. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated May 5, 2024): \$18,504.57.

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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), 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

Saturday: *Prophet Elias the Thesbite*

Sunday: *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

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Travel Impacts of the Republican National Convention

Due to the upcoming Republican National Convention (RNC), expect significant travel disruptions around downtown Milwaukee through **July 18th**. While road closures were not originally going to start until the evening of July 14th, **road closures have already commenced**.

Even though the church is outside the security perimeters, increased traffic and road closures may affect your travel. Please plan accordingly and allow extra time for your journey.

For detailed information on the security perimeters and restrictions, visit city.milwaukee.gov/RNC/FAQ. For information about bus service, visit ridemcts.com/rnc.

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 when you are eligible, wear a mask in public spaces, wash your hands often and practice physical distancing.

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

They All Ate and Were Satisfied

Our Lord in a desert place changed a few loaves into many, and at Cana turned water into wine. Thus before the time came to give men and women His own Body and Blood to feed on, He accustomed their palates to His bread and wine, giving them a taste of transitory bread and wine to teach them to delight in His Life-giving Body and Blood.

He gave them things of little value for nothing to make them understand that His supreme gift would be given yet more freely. He gave them for nothing what they could have bought from Him, what in fact they wanted to buy, to teach them that He asked them for no payment.

When it was not permitted them to give Him the price of bread and wine, which they could have done, they certainly could not pay Him for His Body and Blood.

Moreover, as well as giving freely He lovingly coaxed us, offering us these small things without charge to attract us and cause us to go and receive something greater and beyond all price. He awakened our desire by things pleasing to the palate in order to draw us to that which gives life to the soul. He gave a sweet taste to the wine he created to show how great is the treasure hidden in His Life-giving Blood.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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