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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 6): The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

Troparion of the New Year: Maker of the Universe, O Lord who alone have power over seasons and times: bless this year with Your bounty, preserve our country in safety and keep Your people in peace, through the prayers of the Mother of God, and save us.

Troparion of the Theotokos: Hail O Woman full of grace, ever-virgin Mother of God, harbor and protectress of the human kind: the Savior of the universe received flesh from you, for you are the only one to be both mother and virgin, forever

Prokimenon: Great is our Lord, and mighty in power. To His wisdom, there is no limit.

Stichon: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to His name, for it is excellent.

Apostolic Reading: 1 Tim 2: 1-7

My dear son Timothy, I urge first of all those supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men; for kings and for all in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all

blessed, forever glorified. Intercede with Christ God that He may grant peace to the whole inhabited earth.

Troparion of St. Simeon Stylite: You became a column of endurance and rivaled the forefathers, O Holy One, becoming like Job in your sufferings, like Joseph in your trials, like the bodiless angels though you lived in the flesh. O Simeon our Holy Father, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

Kontakion of the New Year: O Creator and Master of time and eternity, super substantial God of all, O Merciful One: bless the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy, save all those who worship You our one and only Master and who cry out to You in fear: "O Savior, grant a happy year to all mankind!"

Kinonikon: Bless the crown of the Year in your bounty, O Lord. Alleluia.

piety and worthy behavior. This is good and agreeable in the sight of God our Savior, Who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator be-

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tween God and men, Himself a man, preacher and an apostle (I tell the truth, I do not lie), a teacher of the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself up as a ransom for all, bearing witness in His own faith and truth. time. To this I have been appointed a

Alleluia: To You we owe our hymn of praise, O God, in Sion; to You must vows be fulfilled, You who hear prayers.

Stichon: Vows to You must be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

Gospel: The Great Commandment, Lk 4:16-22

At that time Jesus returned to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and according to His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read. And the volume of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And after He opened the volume, He found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me; to bring good news to the poor He has sent Me, to proclaim to the captives re- lease, and sight to the blind; to set at liberty the oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And closing the volume, He gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were upon Him. But He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all bore Him witness, and marveled at the words of grace that came from His mouth.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$5; ordinary collections=\$1,231. 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

Friday: *The Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae*

Saturday: *Saturday Before the Holy Cross*

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Sunday: *Nativity of the Theotokos*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Robin Roxas (9/2). May God grant you many years!

Doors Open Milwaukee

September 28th (10am–5pm) and 29th (12:15pm–5pm): Doors Open Milwaukee

Help give tour or simply greet visitors for as long as you're able. Even long-time parishioners might learn something by listening in on a tour or by taking a closer look of what is in the church! Contact Benjamin Neumann for more information.

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](https://www.city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year

There are three types of Indictions: 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or Constantinian, and which begins on the 24th of September; 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January; and 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue, without the numeration of the fifteen years. This Indiction begins on the 1st of September and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September

is considered the beginning of the New Year. The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving. In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Savior's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor..." (Luke 4:16-30). It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the be-

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ginning of the New Year on September 1. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople; among the Jews also the New Year, although reck-

oned according to a moveable calendar, usually falls in September. The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.

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