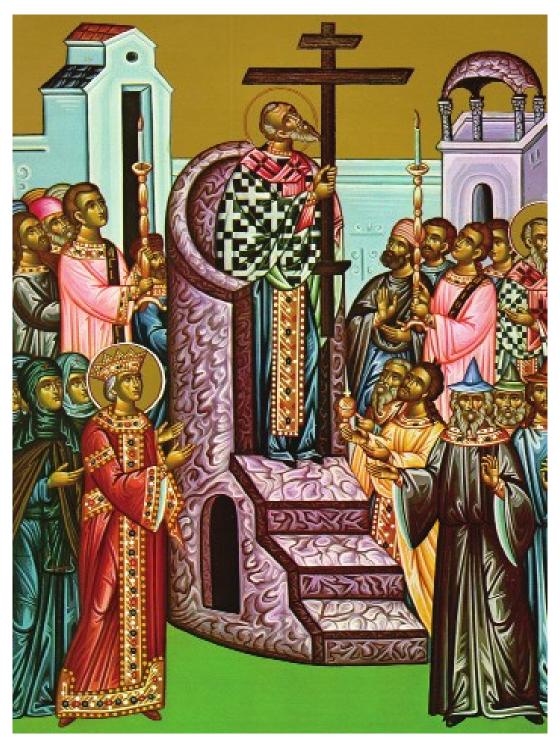


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September 8, 2024 — Nativity of the Theotokos



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th)

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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of MONICA Zambo

HymnsS

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 Nativity: Your Nativity, O Mother of God, heralded joy to the whole universe, for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. Taking away the curse, He imparted the blessings. And by abolishing death, He gave us everlasting life.

Kontakion of the Nativity: Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim

and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, celebrate your birth crying out to You: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God, the Sustainer of our life!"

Hirmos: Mothers cannot be virgins, nor virgins mothers; and yet in you, O Mother of God, both virginity and motherhood were planned and fulfilled. Wherefore all the peoples of the earth unceasingly extol you.

Kinonikon: I will take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

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: Gal 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon

them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The

- Alleluia: I have exalted one chosen out of my people. I have found David my servant, and anointed him with holy chrism.
- *Stichon:* For my hand shall support him, and my arm shall make him strong.

Gospel: "For God so loved the world", Jn 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has gone up into heaven except the One Who has come down from heaven: the Son of Man Who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send His Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$5; donations=\$4,000; ordinary collections=\$352. 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 those who have died: Monica Zambo. For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for This Week

Monday:	Ancestors of Christ Joachim and Ann
Thursday:	Leave-taking of the Nativity
Friday:	Dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection
Saturday:	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

Sunday: Sunday after the Holy Cross 10:30am Divine Liturgy

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Troparion: 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.

Kontakion: O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the

holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

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: <u>city.milwaukee.gov/coron-avirus</u>

Glory to You, Lover of Mankind

Master of all, alone without sin, for me the unworthy sinner were given over to death, death on a Cross, that you might free the sinner's soul from the bonds of sins. And what shall I give you in return for this, Master?

Glory to you, Lover of mankind! Glory to you, O Merciful! Glory to you, O Longsuffering! Glory to you, who pardon every fault! Glory to you, who came down to save our souls! Glory to you, incarnate in the Virgin's womb! Glory to you, who were bound! Glory to you, who were scourged! Glory to you, who were crucified! Glory to you, who were buried! Glory to you, who were raised! Glory to you, who were proclaimed! Glory to you, who were believed! Glory to you, who were taken up! Glory to you, who were enthroned with great glory at the Father's right hand, and are coming

again with the glory of the Father and the holy Angels to judge every soul that has despised your holy sufferings in that dread and fearful hour, when the powers of heaven will be shaken; when Angels, Archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim will come all together with fear and trembling

before your glory; when all the foundations of the earth will tremble, and everything that has breath will shudder at your great and unendurable glory.

In that hour your hand will hide me under its wings and my soul be delivered from the fearful fire, the gnashing of teeth, the outer darkness and unending weeping, that blessing you, may say, Glory to the One, who wished to save the sinner through the many acts of pity of His compassion.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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