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*Icon of the Protection of the Mother of God*

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### Divine Liturgy

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of WALTER Wieand (req. by Jan Taylor)

### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 2):** When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

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

tor 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.

**Prokimenon:** My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

*Stichon:* The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

**Apostolic Reading:** COR 11:31-33 & 12:1-9

BRETHREN, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the Governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

It is not fitting for me to boast: but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I do

not know, or out of the body, I do not know: God knows) was caught up into paradise and heard secret sayings that man may not repeat. Of such a man I will boast; but of myself I will glory in nothing except my weaknesses. For if I do wish to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I give up, lest any man have an idea of me beyond what he sees in me or hears from me. And lest the greatness of the revelation puff me up, there was given to me a thorn for the flesh,

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a messenger of Satan to buffet me. Concerning this, I begged the Lord three times that it might leave me, but He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, for strength

is made perfect in weakness." Gladly, then, will I glory in my weaknesses, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me.

**Alleluia:** The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

*Stichon:* O Lord, save Your king and listen to us on whatever day we call upon You.

**Gospel:** Love Your Enemies, Lk 6:31-36

The Lord said, "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For

even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for He is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful."

### Stewardship

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: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Ken Schmidt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), 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 and M.J. Harden (sister of Brian Harden). For the people of the Middle East.

### Schedule for This Week

**Tuesday:** *Protection of the Mother of God*

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

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### 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](http://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

### Litany of Praise to the Theotokos

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Virgin and Mother! Morning Star, perfect vessel. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! Holy temple in which God Himself was conceived. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! Chaste and pure dove. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! Ever-radiant light; from thee proceeds the Sun of Justice. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! You enclosed in your sacred womb the One Who cannot be encompassed. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God!

With the shepherds we sing the praise of God, and with the angels the song of

thanksgiving: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! Through you came to us the Conqueror and the triumphant Vanquisher of hell. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! Through you blossoms the splendor of the resurrection. We salute thee, Mother of God. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! You have saved every faithful Christian. Hail, O Mary, Mother of God! Who can praise you worthily, O glorious Virgin Mary! We salute thee, Mother of God.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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