

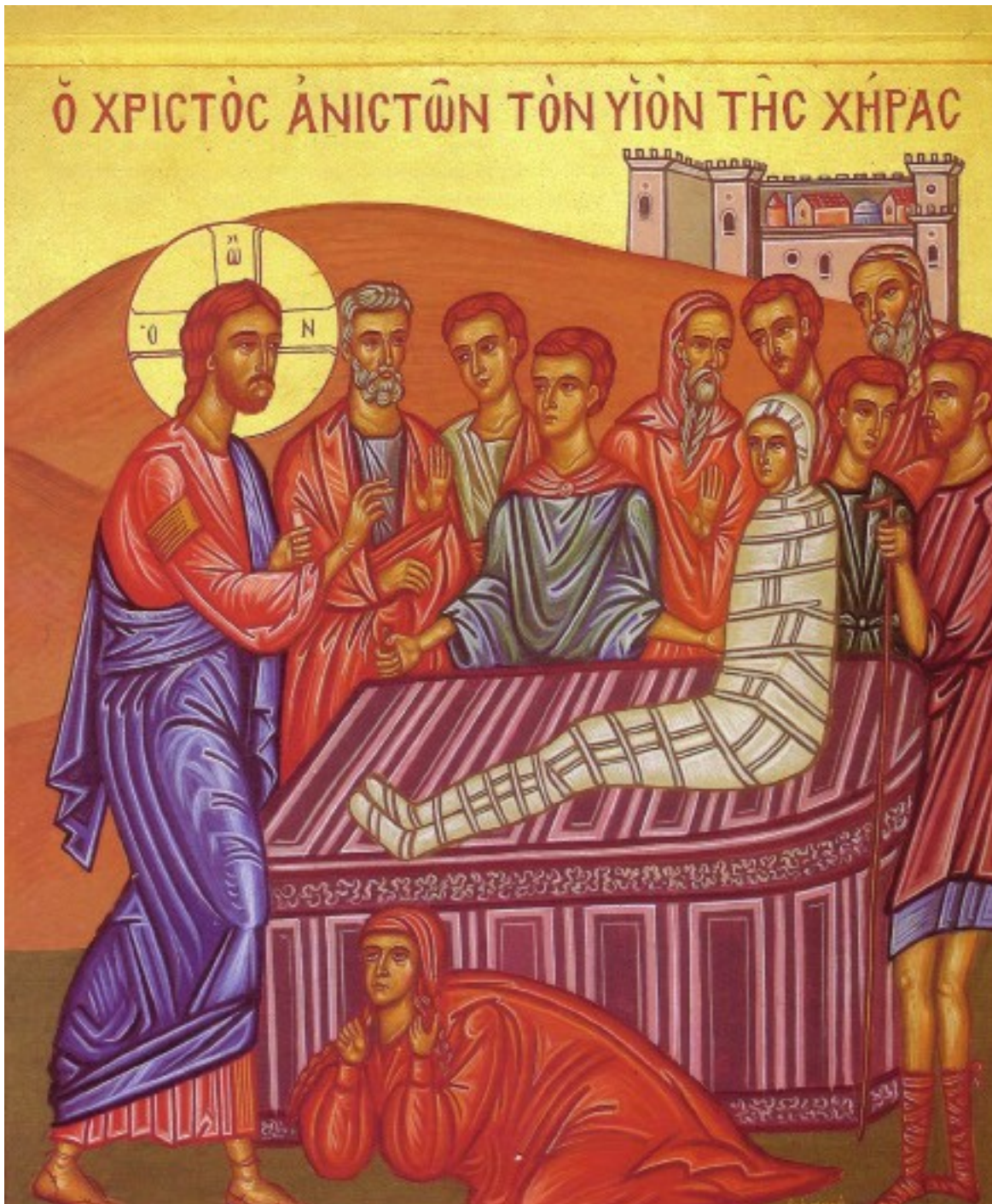


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Icon of the Raising of the Son of the Widow of Naim (Luke 7:11-16)

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by his arm! He has crushed Death by his death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

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: Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world their message.

Stichon: The heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Apostolic Reading: 1 Cor 4:9-16

BRETHREN, I think God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, so that we would become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are without honor! To this very hour, we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and have no fixed home. And we labor, working with our own hands. We are re-

viled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we console; we have become as the refuse of this world, the scum of all until this present time. I write these things, not to put you to shame, but to admonish you as my dearest children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you have not many fathers. Therefore, I beg you, be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia: The heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

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Stichon: God is glorified in the council of his saints, great and awesome to all those around him.

Gospel: The Widow's Son, Lk 7:11-16

At that time, it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Nain; and several of His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. And as He drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, was sorry for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to thee, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited His people."

Middle Eastern Dinner: Sunday, October 27th

Noon–1:30pm, \$15.00 standard dinner

Our tempting menu includes: kafta (beef, parsley, onion, spices), riz bi djaaj (chicken, rice, spices), hummus and middle-eastern salad.

Your tempting sweet treats and savory items are needed for the bakery table! Syrian-Lebanese especially appreciated. Please include a note with a description of donated bakery item and suggested sale price (round dollars only). Just drop off your bakery at the table before Divine Liturgy that Sunday. See for Sarah Brickus or Katie Kasper with questions or if you are able to help.

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. For the people affected by Hurricane Helene.

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Schedule for This Week

Wednesday: *Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus*

Sunday: *Fathers of the Seven Ecumenical Councils*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Doors Open

Thank you to everyone who helped with the tours during Doors Open this past weekend. Your time and effort made the event a success!

We welcomed **51 visitors on Saturday** and **22 on Sunday (afternoon only)**. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our beautiful church and its history with the community.

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

A Peaceful Ending of Our Lives

Surely the secret of true life is to accept each state as it comes. To die the death and to live the new life, not to cling to the past but to live with total integrity in the present. Now in all these cases out of dying there comes resurrection. Not loss but enrichment, not decay but growth. Something dies means something comes alive. May not the death that comes right at the end of our life, fit into that pattern? May not our bodily death be the final stage in our growth? The last and greatest in the long series of deaths and resurrections, that we have been experiencing ever since the day we were born. If the small deaths each lead beyond death to resurrection, may this not be true of the great death that awaits us when we finally leave this

world? May this not be the greatest passover? "Then we should enlarge our vision, we should look beyond our own life stories to the Christ story. We should relate the death and resurrection pattern within our own life to the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Our story makes sense in the light of His story. Our small deaths and resurrections are joined across history through His definitive death and resurrection. What do we hear at Paschal midnight? "Let none fear death, for the death of the Savior has set us free. He has destroyed death by undergoing death. Christ is risen and death reigns in fear. Christ is risen and there is none dead in the tomb."

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