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*Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (Luke 8:26-39)*

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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 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:** 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:** Ephesians 2: 4-10

BRETHREN, God, who is rich in mercy, by reason of his very great love with which he has loved us even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ, and you have been saved by grace. [God] raised us up together, and enthroned us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, so that he might show in future ages the overflowing riches of his grace, through his kindness to us in

Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith: and that, not on your own, for it is God's gift, and not the result of work which might have been a pretext for anyone to boast. For we are his workmanship, we who were created in Christ Jesus through good works which God has pre-planned so that we could walk in them.

**Alleluia:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

*Stichon:* He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

**Gospel:** "Jairus only daughter was dying/Who touched me?", Lk 8:41-56

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At that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. And it happened as He went that He was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a loss of blood, and had spent all her livelihood on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; and at once her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus asked, "Who touched Me? But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with Him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon You, and You ask, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceived that power had gone out from Me." But the woman, seeing that she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at His feet, declared to Him in the presence

of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been healed instantly. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While he was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "your daughter is dead; do not trouble Him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered him, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved." And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But he said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But He, taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise! "And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Middle Eastern Dinner: TODAY**

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.

**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),

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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: M.J. Harden (sister of Brian Harden) and Ken Gotz (uncle of Benjamin Neumann). For the people of the Middle East. For the people affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

### Schedule for This Week

**Friday:** *Martyrs, Wonder-workers and Physicians Cosmas and Damian*

**Sunday:** *Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

### *End of Daylight Savings Time*

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to *fall back* and turn clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday.

### 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://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

### Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire.

‘They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a most unique pledge: they pledged not to take any money for their services. [hey healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as “unmercenaries” — someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in

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return. Perhaps we can freely give advice forgiveness without receiving an apology  
without being offended if it is not fol- in return.  
lowed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of

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