

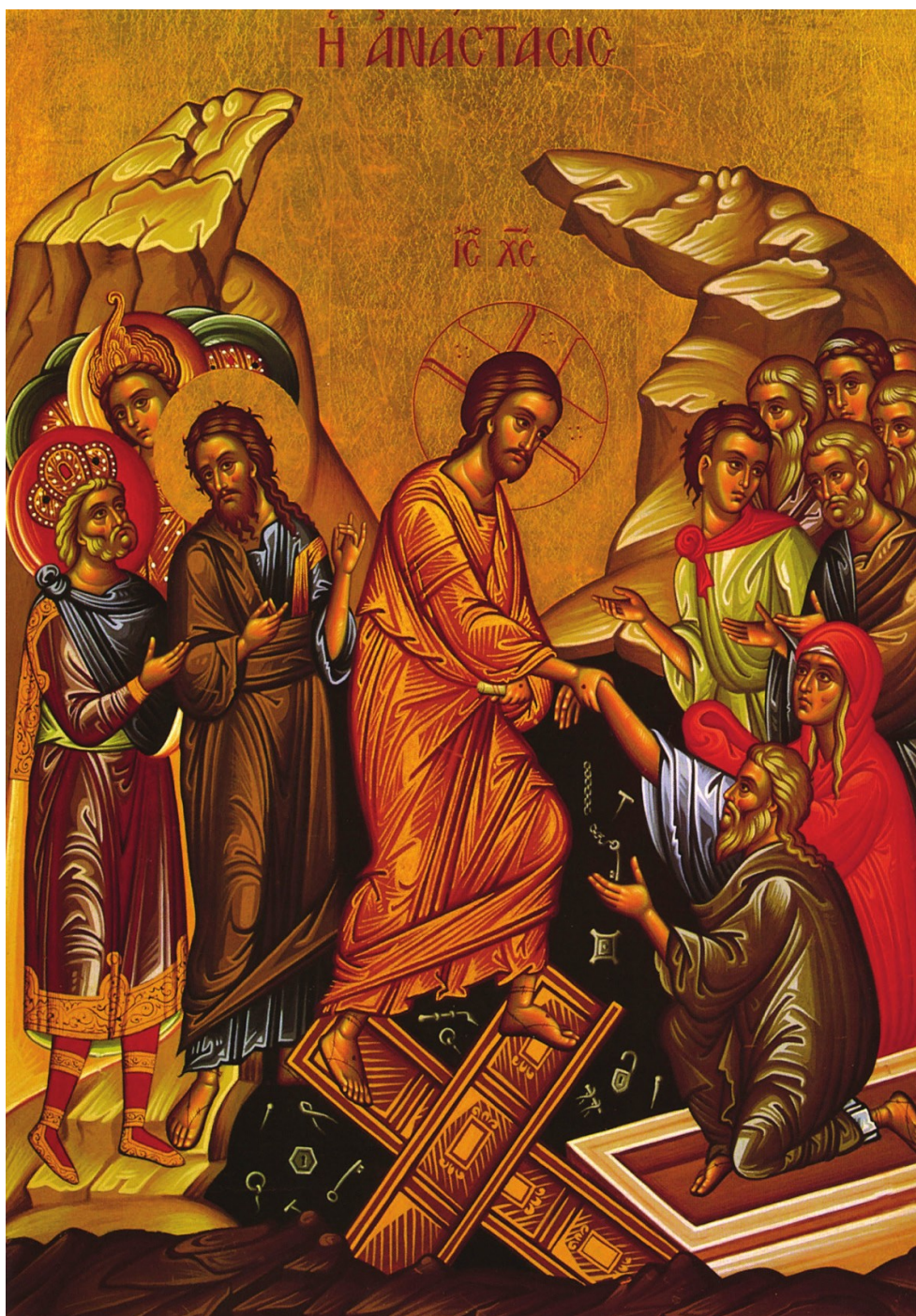


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*Icon of the Descent into Hades*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the souls of CLARENCE and MARY JANE Harden (req. by Brian Harden)

### **Hymns**

**Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who were in the tomb.

Christos anesti ek nekron thanato thanaton patissas; kai tis en tis mnimassis zoin charisamenos. (Greek)

Al Meseehu qam im bainil amwat wa wati al mawt a bil mawat; Wa wahhab el hayat li ladeena fil kubur. (Arabic)

**Hypacoi:** Mary and her companions went forth before dawn. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb and heard the angel say, "Why do you seek Him as a man among the dead, when He is in eternal splendor? Behold, the shroud is laid aside. Hasten and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has put Death to death, for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

**Kontakion:** Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

**Anti-Trisagion:** All of you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia.

**Hirmos:** The Angel cried to the one who is full of grace, Hail, O immaculate Virgin, Hail again, for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shown upon you. Rejoice and be glad O Sion, and you O Pure One, O Mother of God, exalt in the Resurrection of your Son.

**Kinonikon:** Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia.

**Prokimenon:** This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it!  
*Stichon:* Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 1:1-8

**Gospel:** Jn 1:1-17

### **Paschal Greeting**

The Paschal greeting is a custom among Eastern Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ

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is risen!" The response is "He is truly risen!" This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until Ascension, the period known as Paschaltide:

|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| English         | Christ is risen! He is truly risen!  |
| Greek           | Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!     |
| Arabic          | Al-Maseehu Qam! Haqqan Qam!          |
| Church Slavonic | Hristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese! |

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: fundraising=\$518.00; donations=\$693.29; candles=\$12.00; ordinary collections=\$590.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate). Use your bank's **online billpay** (payee information): St. George's Syrian Congregation · 1617 W State St · Milwaukee, WI 53233-1246; phone: (414) 342-1543; email: [info@byzantinemilwaukee.com](mailto:info@byzantinemilwaukee.com).

### *Palm Sunday Brunch Thank You*

Thank you for everyone who helped make last Sunday's brunch a success! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we made \$518 for the parish.

### *Collection for the Women's Center*

There will be a collection for gently used or new baby (newborn–24 months) winter wear for the Women's Center of Milwaukee (2051 W. Wisconsin Ave.) from about Bright Week. Donation envelopes, baby bottles to fill with loose change and information are available on the back tables; items may be placed in the marked box. Particular items needed include:

- diapers size newborn and 6
- wipes
- boppy pillows
- new bottles
- car seats
- pack n plays
- sleepers size 0–24 months
- outfits size 0–24 months
- baby wash
- baby lotion

Talk to Jerry Nora with any questions: [jerry.nora@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.nora@gmail.com).

### Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those who have died: Jan Taylor and Susan Peterson (sister of Cynthia Peterson). For the people of the Middle East.



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### **Schedule for This Week**

**Sunday:**     *Sunday of St. Thomas*  
                  10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Lorenzo Roxas (4/22), Kathy Roxas (4/26) and Theresa Al Abdulraheem (4/26). May God grant you many years!

### *Johnson–Donohue Wedding*

Please pray for Geoff Johnson and Anne Donohue as they prepare for Crowning in Holy Matrimony on April 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas the Wonderworker in Rochester, New York. Those interested can watch the livestream at: <https://www.theknot.com/us/anne-donohue-and-geoffrey-johnson-apr-2025>

### **2025 MAYA Retreat**

The national Melkite Association of Young Adults invites all youth ages 18-30 to join us for the annual summer retreat from **June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>**, held at Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic Church in Warren, MI. The retreat is \$200 including meals and MAYA dues.

**Retreat Registration link:** [MAYA Retreat Registration](#)

**Accommodations:** There are a group of rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Warren for the retreat at a nightly group rate of \$129 (not including taxes/fees). You can call the hotel directly at 586-573-7600 and make the reservation with one of their front desk associates. Please make sure to mention your affiliation with Melkite Association of Young Adults Church Retreat June 2025. Or, you can book online using this link: [MAYA Retreat Hotel](#)

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Retreat information website: [MAYA Retreat Website](#)

### **The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life**

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit,

which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

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He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who

brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses ex-

posed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

*St. Melito of Sardis*

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