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Icon of the 40 Women of Macedonia and Ammon (September 1st)

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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.

St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede

for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

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, cry out to you to honor your birth: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"

Prokimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Stichon: Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid, for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Apostolic Reading: Heb 9:1-7

Gospel: The Rich Young Man, Mt 19:16-26

Stewardship

Last Sunday: miscellaneous=\$34175.03; candles=\$12.00; ordinary collections=\$291.00.
Thanks for your generosity!

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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), Geri Spankowski, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For the people of the Middle East.

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Doors Open Milwaukee

September 27th (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.

Schedule for this Week

Monday: *Church New Year*
Sunday *Sunday before the Holy Cross*
10:30am Divine Liturgy



New Year

Troparion: Maker of the Universe, O Lord who alone have power over seasons and times: bless this year with Your bounty, preserve our country in safety and keep Your people in peace, through the prayers of the Mother of God, and save us.

Kontakion: O Creator and Master of time and eternity, super substantial God of all, O Merciful One: bless the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy, save all those who worship You our one and only Master and who cry out to You in fear: "O Savior, grant a happy year to all mankind!"

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments," the man expects Him to add immediately, "my commandments: "Which ones?" he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for "no one is justified by the law," as it is written, but because the life lived according to law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. "For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ."

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in "eye for eye, tooth for tooth?"

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance with a view to the greater good, teaching that "if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well?"

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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