

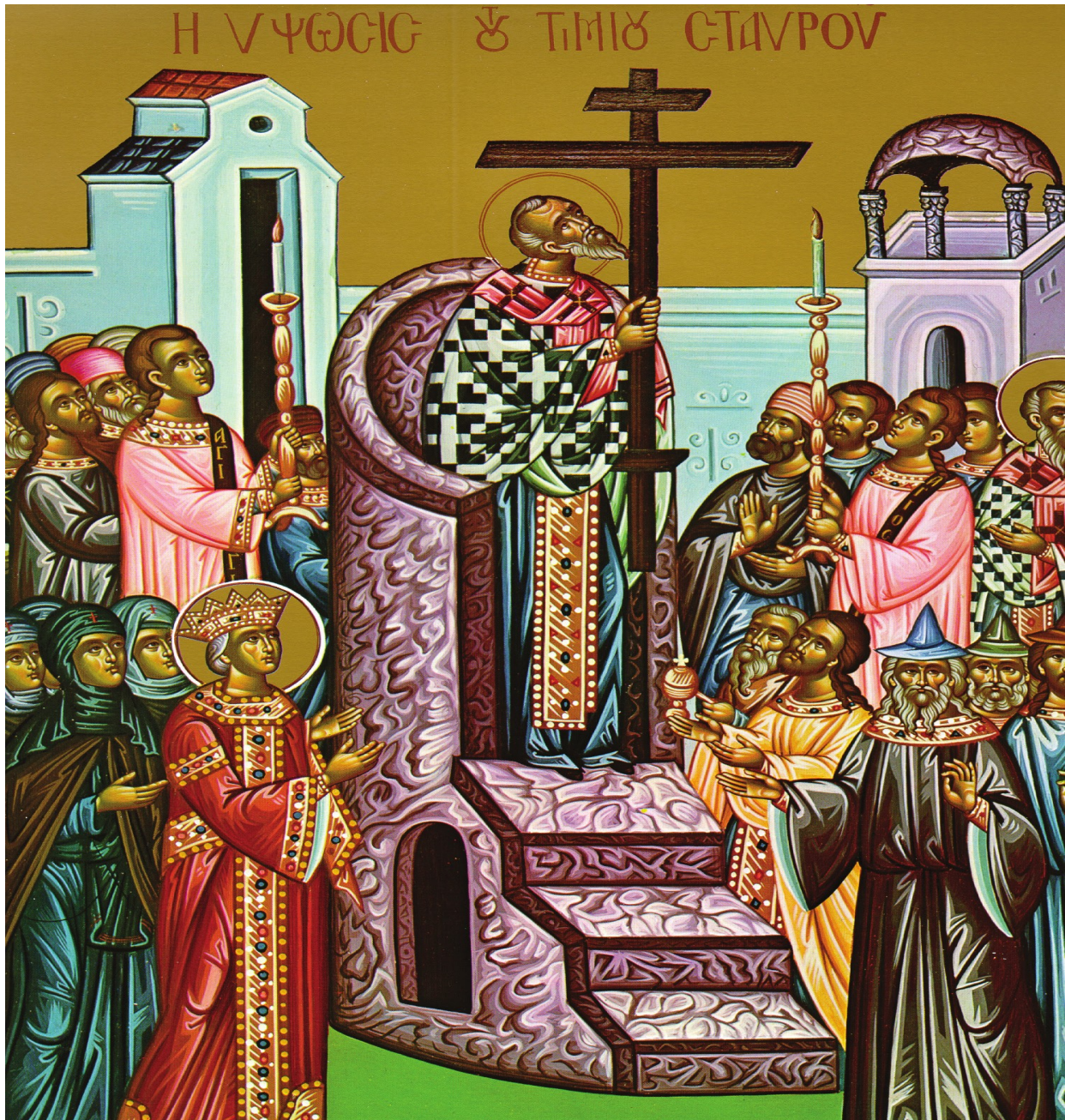


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### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Feast:** O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Strengthen our public authorities in every good deed and protect Your nation by the power of Your Cross.

**Kontakion of the Feast:** O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

**Prokimenon:** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

*Stichon:* The Lord is reigning: let the peoples rage; He is enthroned upon the Cherubim: let the earth quake.

**Apostolic Reading:** 1 Cor 1:18-24

**Gospel:** Jn 19:6-11; 13-20; 25-35

**Anti-Trisagion:** We bow in worship before Your Cross, O Master, and we give praise to Your Holy Resurrection.

**Hirmos:** O Mother of God, you became a mystical paradise when without tilling you brought forth Christ our God by Whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on earth. Wherefore we deeply bow before this Cross which is exalted today, and we magnify you.

**Kinonikon:** Let the light of your Face shine on us, O Lord. Alleluia.

### Middle Eastern Dinner

September 28<sup>th</sup>, noon-1:30pm, \$20 standard dinner

Our tempting menu includes: riz bi djaaj (chicken, rice, spices), flat bread with zaatar (oregano, thyme, sesame seeds, olive oil), hummus and middle-eastern salad.

### Doors Open Milwaukee

September 27<sup>th</sup> (10am-5pm) and 28<sup>th</sup> (12:15pm-5pm)

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.

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## Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$338.18; candles=\$8.00; ordinary collections=\$570.00. 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.

## Schedule for this Week

**Saturday:** *Saturday after the Holy Cross*

**Sunday** *Sunday after the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

## Exalting the Cross

Inasmuch as the cross has become as it were the altar of this fearful sacrifice "for on the cross the Son of God died for the fall of man therefore the cross is justly revered and worshipped and depicted as the sign of the common resurrection of all men, so that those who bow down before the wood of the cross might be delivered from the curse of Adam and receive the blessing and grace of God for the doing of every virtue. For Christians the cross is magnification, glory, and power: for all our power is in the power of Christ who was crucified; all our sinfulness is mortified by the death of Christ on the cross; and all our exaltation and all our glory are in the humility of God, who humbled Himself to such an extent that He was pleased to die even between evildoers and thieves. For this very reason Christians who believe in Christ sign themselves with

the sign of the cross not simply, not just as it happens, not carelessly, but with all heedfulness, with fear and with trembling, and with extreme reverence. For the image of the cross shows the reconciliation and friendship into which man has entered with God.

Therefore the demons also fear the image of the cross, and they do not endure to see the sign of the cross depicted even in the air, but they flee from this immediately knowing that the cross is the sign of the friendship of men with God ...

Those who have understood this mystery and in very fact have known in experience the authority and power which the cross has over demons, have likewise understood that the cross gives the soul strength, power, meaning, and divine wisdom ... To the degree of the reverence

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which one has toward the cross, he receives corresponding power and help from God. To Him may there be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

*St. Symeon the New Theologian*

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