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Icon of the Holy Apostle Codratus and Jonah the Prophet (September 21st)

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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of MARY JENE Harden (req. by Brian Harden)

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 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.

Troparion of 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 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: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord. O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

Apostolic Reading: Gal 2:16-21

Gospel: Mk 8:34-9:1

NEXT SUNDAY: Middle Eastern Dinner

September 28th, 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.

NEXT WEEKEND: Doors Open Milwaukee

September 27th (10am-5pm) and 28th (12:15pm-5pm)

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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.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$2688.29; candles=\$10.00; ordinary collections=\$441.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Edin Najera, Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), 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

Thursday: *Hieromartyr James, First Bishop of Jerusalem*

Sunday *First Sunday after the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible

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both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Cizek, S.J.

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