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*Icon of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton (September 28th)*

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### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 7):**  
Through your Cross You destroyed death,  
You opened Paradise to the thief, and  
turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.

**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:** The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

*Stichon:* Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

**Apostolic Reading:** 2 Cor 6:1-10

**Gospel:** Miraculous Catch of Fish, Lk 5:1-11

### **TODAY: 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.

### **TODAY: 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.

### **Stewardship**

Last Sunday: candles=\$10.00; ordinary collections=\$412.00.  
Thanks for your generosity!

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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

**Saturday:** Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs, Wonderworkers and Physicians

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

10:30am Divine Liturgy

## Pray for Your Enemies

God's goodness is shown to His enemies by His works. You should at least show your goodness towards them by your words: Pray for your enemies and in this way, at least, you will be like your Father in heaven who "is good to the ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35). How many times we have preached about this! And we will not stop preaching, no matter how annoyed you get. For we will never cease discoursing on these things until your conduct is agreeable to them.

Imitate God! If He wills that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, there is reason why one should pray for all. If He wills all to be saved, you should want it too. And if you want it, then pray for it; for wishes lead always to

prayers. Observe how from every quarter He urges this upon the soul, to pray for the heathen, showing how great advantages come from this. ... And what is more, it is pleasing to God to do this, for in doing it we become Godlike since we will the very same things that God wills. 'This is enough to shame a dumb beast! Fear not therefore to pray for the unbelievers, for God Himself wills it. But fear only to pray against anyone; for this God forbids. And if you pray for the heathen, you ought, of course, to pray for the heretics also. For we are to pray for all people, and not to persecute. For we are of one human nature with all, and God commands and accepts good will and affection towards all.

St. John *Chrysostom*

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