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Icon of the Visit of the Magi

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 4): The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection, and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles: Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! And has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Nativity: Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises and who comes from on high. O Lord glory to You!

Troparion of Holy Joseph: O Joseph, proclaim to David, the ancestor of Christ our God, the great miracles you have witnessed: you have seen the Virgin with

child, given praise with the shepherds, adored with the wise men, and an angel of the Lord has appeared to you. Intercede with Christ God that He may save our Souls.

Kontakion of the Nativity: Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent in Essence; and the earth presents a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels with the shepherds sing His glory, and the Wise Men with the Star travel on their way, for to us is born a New Child, who is God from all eternity.

Entrance Hymn: O Son of God, Who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You Alleluia.

Kinonikon: The Lord has sent redemption to His people: He has established His covenant forever. Alleluia

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!
Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

Apostolic Reading: Gal 1:11-19

Gospel: Flight to Egypt, Mt 2:13-23

Calendars

The 2026 epachial calendars are here! Pick one up at the back of the church or download it from the eparchy's website: melkite.org/liturgical-resources

Winter Weather

Please take care with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel.

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Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$602.12; candles=\$13.00; ordinary collections=\$559.00. Christmas Eve: collections=\$415. Christmas Day: collections=\$15,496; candles=\$15. 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. 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.

Donate with PayPal



Annual Donation Letters

Donation letters for tax purposes will be sent in January. Please contact Benjamin with any questions.

Pastoral Appeal (Formerly the Bishop's Appeal)

The annual Pastoral Appeal helps fund the vital works of the Melkites in the United States, such as: publishing SOPHIA magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; teaching the Faith to our children and young adults; establishing/supporting new missions and outreaches.

Additional information is available on the tables in the back. Donations can also be made online: Melkite.org/Appeal

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

Wednesday: *Leave-taking of the Nativity*

Thursday: *Circumcision of the Our Lord*

Saturday: *Saturday before the Theophany*

Sunday *Sunday before the Theophany*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Maya Audi (12/30). May God grant you many years!

Coming Up

January 5th: Paramony of the Theophany (No fast or abstinence from the Nativity to this day)

January 6th: 6pm, Service with the Great Blessing of the Water for the Theophany (bring a container if you'd like to bring any home)

The Lord Has Made His Salvation Known to the Whole World

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days He would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith.

In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world. ... As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The

Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. ...

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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