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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.

Troparion of the Icon: Before your most pure image, we bow in worship. O good One, begging forgiveness of our sins. O Christ God, because you chose of your own free will to ascend upon the cross in the flesh, in order to deliver from the enemy's bondage those, you had created. For this reason, we cry out to you in thanksgiving. "You have filled all things with joy. O our Savior, when you came to save the world!

Troparion of the Dormition: In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death

Troparion of St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, 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 Dormition: Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unfailing hope. Since she is the Mother of Life. Christ who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb lifted her up to the eternal life

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: 1 Cor 15:1-11

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

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of

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Brian Harden), Geri Spankowski. For those who have died: Kathy Tomaz and Joseph Jules Zerey (retired patriarchal vicar of Jerusalem). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Sunday *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Leave-taking of the Dormition
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Charlie McShane (today). May God grant you many years!

Coming Up

September 26th and 27th: Doors Open Milwaukee

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$1,350; ordinary collections=\$72; candles=\$1. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated August 9, 2026): \$54,612.89.

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Heirs of God

Whosoever fears God and keeps His commandments, is the servant of God. And in this service is not perfection, but the righteousness which leads to adoption. For this cause the prophets also and the apostles, the holy band whom God chose, entrusting to them the apostolic preaching, by the goodness of God the Father became prisoners in Christ Jesus. For Paul says, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle" (Eph 3: 1; Rom 1: 1): so that the written law works with us in a good servitude, until we are able to master every passion, and to become perfect in the good ministry of virtue through this apostolic state.

For if a man draws near to grace, then Jesus will say to him, "I will no longer call you servants, but I will call you my friends and my brothers: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (Jn 15: 15). For those who have drawn near, and have been taught by the Holy Spirit, have known themselves according to their intellectual substance. And in their knowledge of themselves they have cried out and said, "For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom 8: 15): that we may know what God has given us "If we are sons, then are we heirs; heirs of God,

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and joint heirs with the saints” (Rom 8: 17).

My dear brothers and sisters, and joint heirs with the saints, not foreign to you are all the virtues, but they are yours, if you are not under guilt from this fleshly life, but are manifest before God. For the Spirit enters not the soul of one whose

heart is defiled, nor the body that sins; a holy power it is, removed from all deceit.

Truly, my beloved, I write to you as to reasonable people, who have been able to know yourselves. For he who knows himself, knows God: and he who knows God, is worthy to worship Him as is right.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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