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Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos, the Mother of God -- September 8th

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Divine Liturgy

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 Michael: O Captain and Leader of the armies of heaven, unworthy as we are, we beseech you without cease to surround us with your intercessions and cover us beneath the shelter of the wings of your ethereal glory. We bend our knee and cry out with perseverance, "Deliver us from danger, O Prince of the Powers on high!"

Prokimenon: The just shall rejoice in the Lord and place his hope in Him. All those with an upright heart shall be praised.

Stichon: O God, hear my voice when I pray to You; save my life from the dreadful enemy.

Apostolic Reading: 2 Cor 4:6-15

Gospel: The Great Commandment, Mt 22:35-46

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Kevin Kenney (Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for the Latins), Nick Legendfield, 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 Brian

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Harden), Geri Spankowski. For those who have died: Jannet Gotz (aunt of Benjamin Neumann). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Tuesday *Nativity of the Mother of God*
Wednesday *Ancestors of Christ Joachim and Ann*
Sunday *Sunday before the Holy Cross*
 10:30am Divine Liturgy

The Nativity

Troparion: Your nativity, O Mother of God, heralded joy to the whole universe, for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He canceled the curse and poured forth grace :He vanquished death and granted us eternal life.

Coming Up

September 14th: Exaltation of the Cross

September 26th and 27th: Doors Open Milwaukee

Doors Open

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: ordinary collections=\$128. Thanks for your generosity!

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Treasury and Treasurer

Mary alone forms the boundary between created and uncreated nature, and no one can come to God except through her and the Mediator born of her, and none of God's gifts can be bestowed on angels or men except through her. As in the case with lamps on earth constructed of glass

or some other transparent material, it is impossible to look at the light or enjoy its rays except through the lamp, so it is beyond the reach of all to look upwards to God or be helped by Him to make progress in any direction, except through the Ever-Virgin, this Godbearing lamp

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who is truly radiant with divine brightness. “God is in the midst of her,” it says, “she shall not be moved” (Ps 46: 5).

If God requites us according to the measure of our love for Him, and he who loves the Son is loved by Him and by His Father, and becomes in a mysterious way the dwelling of Both, as they make their home and walk in his soul, as the Lord promised (Jn 14: 23; cf. 2 Cor 6: 16), who could love Him more than His Mother? For not only was He her only Son, but she bore Him on

her own without a spouse, so her parental love was naturally double, not being shared with a partner.

Thus she is both the treasury and the treasurer of the riches of the Godhead, and the highest ranks of Cherubim look to her and trust in her. ‘They, above all others, are seized with longing for her, as, more than all others, they long for the outpouring of light and the granting of indescribable divine graces which come through her.

St. Gregory Palamas

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