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Icon of the Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions -- September 20th

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 8): O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.

Troparion of the Holy Cross: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Strengthen our public authorities in every good deed and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Troparion of the Martyrs: Your martyrs, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from you O our God, on account of their struggles. Armed with your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

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 Holy Cross: 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

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 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 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

Monday *Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Cross*
Wednesday *Conception of St. John the Forerunner*
Saturday *Repose of St. John, Apostle and Theologian*
10am-5pm Doors Open Milwaukee tours
Sunday *Sunday after the Holy Cross*
Noon-1:30pm Middle Eastern Dinner
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Middle Eastern Dinner

Sunday, September 27th, noon–1:30pm

All dinners, \$20

Our tempting menu includes:

- Riz OUZI bi Djaaj (chicken, rice with ground beef, spices)
- Sfiha-flat bread with ground beef, parsley, tomatoes, spices
- Flat bread with Zaatar – oregano, thyme, sesame seeds, olive oil
- Hummus
- Middle Eastern Salad



Facebook event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2123937431842489/>

Also for sale: mouth-watering Arabic Sweets, Turkish coffee, Pita bread, cookies; Byzantine icons and Religious articles; & our parish cookbook.

Doors Open

Saturday, September 26th, 10am–5pm

Sunday, September 27th, noon–5pm

Doors Open Milwaukee is an annual celebration of Milwaukee's architecture, history and neighborhoods. The event opens 190+ locations throughout the metro area to tour for free.



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=\$805; donations=\$1,440.02; stole offerings=\$100; candles=\$5. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated September 13, 2026): \$54,612.89.

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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 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. Ciszek, S.J.

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