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Icon of Saint Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens -- October 4th

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 2):
When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

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: 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: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.
Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

Apostolic Reading: Cor 11:31-33; 12:1-9

Gospel: Love Your Enemies, Lk 6:31-36

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 Harden), Henry Shirley, Geri Spankowski, Fr Gregory and Presbyteria Elizabeth. For those who have died: Jannet Gotz (aunt of Benjamin Neumann). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Wednesday 9am Typica Service

Visit from the USCCB Catholic Home Missions Subcommittee

Tuesday *Apostle Thomas*

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Friday *Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus*
Sunday *Sunday of the Fathers of the Second Council of Nicea*

Stewardship

Last Sunday: ordinary collections=\$986.18; donations=\$25; fundraising=\$2,576. Thanks for your generosity!

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

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Thank Yous

Thank you to everyone to helped make the Middle Eastern Dinner a success! \$2,851 was raised and 105 dinners sold.

Thank you also to everyone who helped with the tours during Doors Open. Your time and effort made the event a success! We welcomed 69 visitors on Saturday and 50 on Sunday (afternoon only). It was a wonderful opportunity to share our beautiful church and its history with the community.

Advice for Christian Living

Let everything you do be done for God, both deeds and words. Refer all that is yours to Christ. Constantly turn your soul to God; and put your thought on the power of Christ, as if in some harbor by the divine light of the Savior it were resting from all talk and action. And often by day speak your thoughts to men, but most of all to God at night as well as by day. Don't let too much sleep keep you from your prayers and hymns to God, since long sleep is a rival of death. Show yourself always a partner of Christ, who makes the divine ray shine from heaven. Let Christ be to you continual and unceasing joy.

Do not relax the tension of your soul with feasting and drunkenness, but consider what is needful to be enough for the body.

And do not rush early to meals, before the time for dinner comes; but let your dinner be bread, and let earth's grasses and the ripe fruits of trees be set before you; and go to your meal with composure, showing no sign of raging gluttony. In place of such pleasures, choose the joys that are in divine words and hymns, joys supplied to you by wisdom from God; and let heavenly meditation ever lead you upward to heaven.

And give up the many anxious cares about the body by taking comfort in hopes toward God; because for you He will provide enough of all the necessary things: food to support life, covering for the body, and protection against winter cold. For to your King belongs the whole earth and all that is produced from it; and God treats

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the bodily parts of His servants with exceeding care, as if they were His, like His own shrines and temples. On this account do not dread severe diseases, nor the approach of old age, which must be expected

in time; for even disease will come to an end, when with wholehearted purpose we do His commandments.

St. Clement of Alexandria

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