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November 15, 2026 — Eighth Sunday after the Holy Cross



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:25-37*)

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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 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 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin: The most pure Temple of the Savior, His most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasure of God's glory, enters today in the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"

Prokimenon: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.
Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Apostolic Reading: Eph 4:1-7

Gospel: The Good Samaritan, Lk 10:25-37

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), Henry Shirley, Geri Spankowski, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Elizabeth. For those who have died. For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Thursday *Apostle Matthew the Evangelist*
Friday *Preparation for the Nativity*
Saturday *Entrance of Mother of God into the Temple*
Sunday *Ninth Sunday after the Holy Cross*

Coming Up

December 10th: Beginning of the Nativity Fast (Shorter)
December 25th: The Nativity

Stewardship

Last Sunday: . Thanks for your generosity!

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Many of us first learned our prayers and traditions from our parents, grandparents, and parish communities. Today, our religious education programs and catechists continue that work. The Pastoral Appeal helps provide the resources needed to teach our children and keep our Melkite traditions alive.

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Do We See Jesus?

If you wish to honor the Eucharistic Victim, offer your own soul for which the Victim was immolated. Make your own soul all of gold. If your soul remains viler than lead or clay, what good does it do to have a golden chalice? Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Then do not disdain Him when you see Him in rags.

After having honored Him in church with silken vestments, do not leave Him to die of cold outside for lack of clothing. For it is the same Jesus Who says, "This is my Body" and Who says "I was hungry but you would not feed me. Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me."

The Body of Christ in the Eucharist demands pure souls, not costly garments. But in the poor He demands all our care. Let us act wisely; let us honor Christ as He Himself wishes to be honored; the most acceptable honor to one whom we would honor is the honor which He desired, not that we ourselves imagine.

Peter thought he was honoring his Master by not letting the Lord wash his feet; and yet it was just the opposite. Give Him the honor which He Himself has asked for, by giving your money to the poor. Once again, what God wants is not golden chalices, but golden souls.

Saint John Chrysostom

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