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Divine Liturgy

Livestreams and recordings of services on the parish's Facebook page: [facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed.

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Ann Rebholz

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 Myrrh-Bearers: The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the Ointment-bearing Women: "Ointments are for the dead, but Christ has proved Himself free from corruption. Cry out, then: "The Lord is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world."

Troparion St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

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.

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

In those days, as the number of disciples increased; there arose a complaint among the Greeks against the Hebrews, in that their widows were being neglected in the daily service. And so, the twelve summoned the many disciples and said, "It is not good that we give up the word of God and serve at tables. Therefore, brethren,

Kontakion of Pascha: Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

Hirmos: The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace: "Hail, O Immaculate Virgin! Hail, again! For your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day!"

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion; and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son!

Kinonikon: Receive the Body of Christ and taste from the Source of immortality. Alleluia.

select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom that we could put to this service, while we devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

And the plan was pleasing to the whole crowd, and they chose Stephen, a man full

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of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicholas, a recent convert from Antioch. These they presented to the apostles, who then prayed and laid

their hands upon them. And God's word was growing, and the number of the disciples increased considerably in Jerusalem; and many of the priests also accepted the faith.

Alleluia: The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save your king and listen to us on whatever day we call upon you.

Gospel: Myrrh-bearers Sunday, Mk 15:43-16:8

At that time there came Joseph, the one from Arimathea, a councillor of high rank, who was himself looking for the kingdom of God. And he went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate wondered whether he had expired so soon. And sending for the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen cloth, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jose were looking on and saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, in order to go and anoint him. And

very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?" And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back—now, it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you." And they left and fled from the tomb, for trembling and fear had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Paschal Greeting

The Paschal greeting is a custom among Eastern Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is risen!" The response is "He is truly risen!" This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha and lasting until Ascension, the period known as Paschaltide:

English Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

Greek Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

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Arabic Al-Maseehu Qam! Haqqan Qam!
Church Slavonic Hristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$9; donations=\$1000; stole offerings=\$10; ordinary collections=\$273. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$18,092.71.

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate). Use your bank's **online billpay** (payee information): St. George's Syrian Congregation · 1617 W State St · Milwaukee, WI 53233-1246; phone: (414) 342-1543; email: info@byzantinemilwaukee.com.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Special collection on the last Sunday in April (April 25th). The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps meet the faith needs of Catholics in the eighty plus home mission dioceses in the United States or in its dependencies in the Caribbean and Pacific—including the Eparchy of Newton. It supports the education of priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people, so the Eucharist and the word of God can nourish Catholics. It supports religious education, so Catholics can expand their knowledge of the faith and hand it down to the next generation. It helps small parishes stay alive.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Ann Rebholz**.

* Please particularly remember Alice Herro who has been having health issues recently.

** Ann Rebholz passed away peacefully Friday morning. Please pray for her soul and for the healing of her family and all who grieve her passing. The funeral will be at 1:00pm, Monday, at St. Gregory Church, 214 Church Street, St. Nazianz, Wisc., 54232 with burial at the parish cemetery. Abbot Nicholas will be conducting the service. There is some concern regarding numbers in attendance as there are still cautions regarding COVID, so it is asked that we streamline.

With the saints, O Christ God, grant rest to the soul of Your handmaiden, Ann, in a place where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing, but everlasting life.

May her memory be eternal!

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Schedule for This Week

Monday: 1pm Funeral of Ann Rebholz IN ST. NAZIANZ, WISC. (See Above)
Thursday: 6pm Divine Liturgy
Friday: *The Great-Martyr George*
Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Pascha*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Lorenzo Roxas (4/22) and Alice Herro (4/24).
May God grant you many years!

City Mask Ordinance

It is our understanding that the city requires us to require wearing of masks when in the church building by anyone at least three-years old. Please help us by wearing one, taking it off, temporarily, for receiving communion. According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to avoid being exposed to the virus and to avoid exposing other people. You can find more information about the ordinance in the form of an FAQ from the health department:

city.milwaukee.gov/Coronavirus/Prevention

The Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women... reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Joseph and Nicodemus, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here, however, is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still flickering and shining, glow

from that faithfulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror.

Father Alexander Schmemmann

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