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Icon of Saint Euphemia— September 16th

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Divine Liturgy

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

NEXT WEEK! Middle Eastern Dinner see below for more information.

Intention and Memorial: Matthew Stano (five-year memorial; req. by Judy Stano)

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 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 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: 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 2:16-20

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I

Kontakion: of the 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.

Hirmos: O Mother of God, you became a mystical paradise when without tilling you brought forth Christ our God by whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on earth. Wherefore we deeply bow before this Cross which is exalted today, and we magnify you.

rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

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Alleluia: String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

Gospel: Conditions of Discipleship Mk 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$21; ordinary collections=\$339; donations=\$400. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$30,230.

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: 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.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb Moden (sister 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 who have died: Bruce Moden (brother-in-law of Jan Taylor) For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor).

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

Upcoming Weekend

September 25th (10am–5pm) and 26th (12:15pm–5pm) **Doors Open Milwaukee** at St. George, 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.

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September 26th, 2019, noon–2:00pm, **Middle Eastern Dinner**, \$15.00 standard dinner

Our tempting menu includes: kafta (beef, parsley, onion, spices) riz bi Djaaj (chicken, rice, spices), fowl moudammas (fava beans, parsley, onion, garlic, lemon), hummus and middle-eastern salad.

We need your tempting sweet treats and savory items for our the bakery table; Syrian-Lebanese especially appreciated. Please include a note with description of donated bakery item and suggested sale price (round dollars only) and drop off your bakery at the table before Liturgy that Sunday. Contact Gabrielle Diffenbaugh or Alison Sedlak for more information.

Ladder of Divine Ascent: Online Discussion Group

Fr. David Abernethy in Pittsburgh will be leading a Zoom-based discussion group on the Ladder of Divine Ascent on Wednesday (6:30-7:30pm CST), starting in the next month or two probably. For more information and to get on the email list or order a book (they have a good discount but limited supplies), can visit: <https://www.thepittsburghoratory.org/philokalia-ministries> or email: info@pittsburghoratory.org.

Schedule for This Week

Thursday: *Conception of the Forerunner*
Saturday: 10am-5pm Doors Open Milwaukee
Sunday: *First Sunday after the Holy Cross*
10:30am Divine Liturgy
Noon-2pm Middle Eastern Dinner
Noon-5pm Doors Open Milwaukee

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Bernard Herro (9/20), Mark Spankowski (9/23) and Jerry Nora (13 years old) (9/24). May God grant you many years!

COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to take preventive actions to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can (city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax). Vaccines are safe and readily available at walk-in clinics throughout the community for anyone over the age of 12 years old.
- If you are unvaccinated, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others who do not live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and improve ventilation whenever possible.

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

More information is available from the health department: city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus

Facing Death with Us

There is a legend about a tribe of people who, many years ago, had the custom of offering one of their maidens in sacrifice. When the appointed time arrived, the young girl was placed in a boat and allowed to drift over the falls to her death below. The chief of the tribe was a good man who loved his family very much. He was very saddened when his daughter was chosen to be the next sacrifice. When the day for the sacrifice arrived, the chief was not to be found. Nevertheless, the tribesmen put the chief's daughter in a boat, and set her adrift on the river towards the raging falls.

As the girl floated down the river, she passed the spot where her father secretly waited in his own boat. He paddled quickly

and brought his boat next to hers. When he was close enough, he grasped her hand and pulled her close to him. Then, they both went down the falls together!

It is interesting that the legend does not say that the father rescued the girl. Instead, he gave up his own life so that she should not have to face death alone. [he same is true with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He does not take away the reality of death from us. Instead, by His crucifixion and resurrection, He makes death powerless! By His death, Christ has conquered death. Christ is with us at the time of our own death and leads us to eternal life. This is the great victory of the Cross — which we gloriously exalt today!

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