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Icon of Moses and the Ten Commandments

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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Fr. PHILARET Littlefield (req. by Jan Taylor)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 3):
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a wondrous deed by His arm! He has crushed Death by His death becoming the first to rise from the dead. He has delivered us from the mouth of Hades and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doctor for the sick

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands!

Apostolic Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-11

BRETHREN, I remind you of the Good News I preached to you, and which you received, and in which you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you — otherwise you would have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all what I had also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Kephaz, and after that, to the Twelve. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren

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.

at one time, many of whom are still with us, while some have fallen asleep. After that, He was seen by James, then by all the apostles, and last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's Church. But by God's grace, I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been fruitless — in fact, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but God's grace with me. Whether it be I or they (who speak), this is what we preach, and this you have believed.

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Alleluia: In You, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In Your justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel: The Rich Young Man, MT 19:16-26

At that time a certain young man came to Jesus and said, "Good Master, what good work shall I do to have eternal life?" He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God. But if you will enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus answered, - *'Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honor thy father and mother, and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'* The young man said to Him, "All these I have kept; what is still lacking in me?" Jesus said to him, "If you will be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in

heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard these words, he went away sad, for he had great possessions. But Jesus said to His disciples, "Amen I say to you, with difficulty will a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven. And further I say to you it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." The disciples, hearing this, were exceedingly astonished, and said, "Who then can be saved?" And looking upon them, Jesus said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

Upcoming Events

September 11th (after Sunday Divine Liturgy), **Forty-day memorial for Fr. Philaret**

September 24th (10am–5pm) and 25th (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.

September 25th, noon–1:30pm, **Middle Eastern Dinner**, \$15.00 standard dinner

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

Sunday School Signup

There will be a Sunday school sign up sheet in the church hall for the next few weeks. The plan is to begin classes Sunday, October 2nd. Classes will end the last week of May.

A schedule will be available soon with the days on which they will meet and breaks for feast days, holidays, etc.

Stewardship

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Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated June 18, 2022): \$41,172.

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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 we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor) and Carl Wallenmeyer (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Fr. Philaret Littefield.

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

Schedule for This Week

Monday: *Beheading of the Forerunner*

Wednesday: *Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos in Calcoprateia*

Thursday: *Church New Year*

Sunday: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Said Audi (8/29) and Robin Roxas (9/2). May God grant you many years!

COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to stop the community spread of COVID-19 is to take preventative action 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 six months old.
- 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 don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and improve ventilation whenever possible.
- 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

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Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, “if you would enter life, keep the commandments,” the man expects him to add immediately, “My commandments.” “Which ones?” he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected, but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ?”

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in “eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance, with the view to the greater good, teaching that “if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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