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Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy: One-year Memorial for Ann Rebholz

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

Intention: Health, peace and salvation of CHARLES Quigley (req. by Jan Taylor)

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 Joseph: The Noble Joseph, taking down your spotless body from the wood and wrapping it in a clean shroud with aromatic spices, laid it in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the 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."

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 "Re-joyce!" 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. Re-joyce and be glad, O Sion; and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son!

Kinonika: Receive the Body of Christ and drink from the Source of Immortality! Alleluia!

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: Acts 6:1-7

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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, 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."

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: Sunday of the Ointment Bearing Women, 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

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

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.

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

Stewardship

Last Sunday: stole offerings=\$10.00; donations=\$674.14; candles=\$41.00; ordinary collections=\$790.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated March 12, 2022): \$38,361

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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).

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

Schedule for This Week

- Monday:** *Transfer of the remains of Athanasios the Great*
Saturday: Leave-taking of the Ointment-Bearing Women
Sunday: *Sunday of the Paralytic*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Francisco Roxas (5/3) and Drew Michels (5/6). 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:

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- 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.
- 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

The Best Role of All

The church school was getting ready for the annual Easter pageant and all the children were asked to choose which part they wanted to play. One child chose to play Mary Magdalene, other children chose to play Saint Peter, or Joseph of Arimathea, and so forth. But, when it came time for Johnny's turn to choose, he happily wanted to be the angel who rolls away the stone that sealed the tomb of Our Lord.

After the pageant was over and Johnny was going home with his parents, his mother expressed how disappointed they were that he didn't choose a larger, more prominent role in the play. Johnny, however, was bouncing excitedly all over the back seat, obviously thrilled with his performance in the pageant. Finally, his mother turned to him and asked, "Tell me,

Johnny, why are you so happy about just being the angel who rolls away the stone from the tomb? Wouldn't you have liked to have had a bigger part to play?" Johnny replied quite innocently, "Oh, no, mom, just think! I'm the one who gets to let Jesus out! What role could be better than that?"

"The myrrh-bearing women arrived just before the dawn at the tomb of the Giver of Life and found an angel seated on the stone who spoke these words to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the Incorruptible among those subject to decay? Go announce the good news to His disciples!" (From Resurrection Matins) Let us continue to announce the good news and joyfully sing out: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"

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