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*Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Abibas*

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**Welcome!** We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

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*Regular services:*

**Great Vespers, Saturday at 6:30pm**

**Confession, immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.**

**Third and Sixth Hour Prayers, Sunday at 9:40am**

**Divine Liturgy, immediately following the hours.**

**Music Rehearsals, Saturday at 6:00pm**

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*(corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

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*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 7*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

*Troparion for the martyrs – Tone 2*

Christ our God, You have granted us the miracles of Your holy martyrs  
Gúrias, Samónas, and Avívas,  
as a stronghold and protection.  
Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed,//  
for You alone are merciful and the Lover of mankind!

*Kontakion for the Archangels – Tone 2*

You received grace from on high, O all-praised martyrs,  
and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations.  
Therefore, holy ones, you freed a young woman from bitter death.//  
You are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen*

*Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 7*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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*Epistle: (221) – Ephesians 2:14-22*

*Priest:* Let us attend! +Peace be unto all!

*Reader:* And with your spirit!

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Prokeimenon, Tone 7*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: The Lord shall give strength to  
His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*Choir:* The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His  
people with peace.

*Reader:* Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the  
Lord!

*Choir:* The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His  
people with peace.

*Reader:* The Lord shall give strength to His people ...

*Choir:* ... The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

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*Reader:* The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, having abolished in His Flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both unto God in one body by the Cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to them that were near. For through Him we both have access in One Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in Whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in Whom you also are being built together into a habitation of God through the Spirit.

*Priest:* Peace be to you.

*Alleluia:* Tone 7

*Reader:* **And to Your spirit.** In the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Gospel:* (53) – Luke 10:25-37

*Priest:* The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Luke.**

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

*Priest:* Let us Attend!

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the lord your god with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and

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passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

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*Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!*

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