

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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### **December 23, 2018 — Sunday before the Nativity**

**Intention:** Repose of the soul of JAMES Higham (req. by Fr. Philaret)

#### **Troparia:**

1. *Resurrection (tone 6)*, p. 76
2. Of the Preparation
3. Of the Ancestors of Christ
4. *Kontakion of the Preparation of the Nativity of the our Lord:* Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice therefore, O Universe, when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the Shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new Child being God from all eternity.

**Prokeimenon:** Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, / and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

**Epistle:** Hebrew 11:9-10, 11:32-40 (Today: Jon Rebholz. Next Sunday: Benjamin Newman)

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25 (The Genealogy)

**Ushers:** Anthony Geiger, George Baho (Next Sunday: Joseph Wahhab, Mark Spankowski)

### **Stewardship**

**Second Collection Today:** Holy Resurrection Monastery

**Last Sunday:** candles=\$40; ordinary collections=\$629; stole offerings=\$30. Thanks for your generosity!

**The Bishop's Appeal:** As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the Eternal Word of God let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to our families and loved ones. Please give a special end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton to support all the vital works of our Church in America. Extra appeal slips are available on the back table.

### **New Year, New Time for Resurrectional Vespers**

Effective January 5, 2019, Resurrectional Vespers will be on Saturday evenings at 5pm.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour  
6pm Vespers Liturgy  
Afterwards Spiced Cider Social

**Tuesday:** *NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*  
9:45am Orthros (Matins)  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday:** *Synaxis in honor of the Most Holy Mother of God*  
7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour  
7:45am Typika

**Thursday:** 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

**Friday:** 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

**Saturday:** 6pm Great Vespers

**Sunday:** *Sunday before the Theophany*  
9:45am Orthros (Matins)  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

"Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One Who rises and Who comes from on high. O Lord glory to You!" –Troparion for the Nativity

### **Prayer List**

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Mary Fisher (Benjamin Newman's aunt and godmother), Alice & John Herro, Bill Koutris, Bill & Kathy Jones, Nick Langenfeld, Fr. Philaret, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Alice Nasr, Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, David L. Toepper (David Toepper's father), Espe Villasenor, Jennifer Whitmore, John Zambo, Kathy Zambo, and Dan Z.

### **Clothing/Diaper Drive and Fundraiser: Women's Center of Milwaukee**

There is a collection for gently used or new baby (newborn-24 months) winter wear for the Women's Center of Milwaukee (2051 W. Wisconsin Ave.) during Nativity Fast until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cash donations, clothing and diapers will be brought to the Women's Center sometime on or around December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Talk to Jerry Nora with any questions [jerry.nora@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.nora@gmail.com).