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September 27, 2020 — First Sunday after the Holy Cross



Icon of the Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)

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Divine Liturgy

A recording will be made available sometime on Sunday on the parish's Facebook page: [facebook.-com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed. (N.B. Facebook has been imposing increasing delays on when the videos are posted.)

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of SUSAN Frances Klister (req. by Jan Taylor) and Dominick Bartenope, Jr. (req. by Eamon and Ester Doherty)

Troparia

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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!
- 3. Kontakion:** 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.

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all round about Him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

Epistle: II Cor 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God, as God says, I will be their God and they shall be my people. (Lv.26: 11.2, Ct. Jer. 31:1) Wherefore, come out from among them, be separated, says the Lord, and touch not an unclean thing; Is. 52: 1, and I will welcome you in, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord almighty, (CL Hos. 1:10; Is 43:6)

Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the body and of the spirit, perfecting sanctity in the fear of God.

Alleluia: Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Gospel: Miraculous Catch, Lk 5:1-11

At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, he asked him to put out

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a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they

came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord," For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed him.

Charitable Relief for Beirut

The eparchy is collecting donations for charitable relief in Beirut. Checks made payable to the Diocese eparchy; credit-card donations can be made online on the [eparchy's website](#). Bishop Nicholas asks for your generosity. Above the \$10,000 from the eparchy, an additional \$50,000, collected from the faithful around the US, has been sent, for a total of \$60,000!

Stewardship

Last week: stole offerings=\$15; donations=\$575; ordinary collections=\$199. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$11,607.06.

There is a link to donate via PayPal on our website: byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law 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). For those who have died: John Herro and Felix Callan (father of Mary Sue Callan-Farley and father-in-law of Dana Callan-Farley):

With the saints, O Christ God, grant rest to the soul of your servant, Felix, in a place where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing, but everlasting life!

* Please particularly remember Alice Herro, wife of John Herro, who has been having health issues recently.

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Schedule for This Week

Thursday: *Protection of the Mother of God*

Sunday: *Second Sunday after the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

City Mask Ordinance

It is our understanding that the city requires us to require wearing of masks when in the church building by anyone at least three-years old. Please help us by wearing one, taking it off, temporarily, for receiving communion. According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to avoid being exposed to the virus and to avoid exposing other people. You can find more information about the ordinance in the form of an FAQ from the health department:

city.milwaukee.gov/Coronavirus/Prevention

Christ Continues to Catch People

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder had made them

mute, they beckoned to their partners, to those who shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey.

For many have taken part with the Holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

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