

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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**October 18, 2020 — Third Sunday after the Holy Cross; Holy Apostle Luke  
the Evangelist**



*Icon of Christ as the Sower*

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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 PETER Y. Taylor, Sr. (req. by Jan Taylor)

#### **Troparia**

1. **Resurrection (Tone 3):** Let all in heaven rejoice \* and all on earth be glade \* for the Lord has exerted power with His arm: \* by death He has trampled upon Death \* and has become the firstborn from the dead.\* He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades \* and has granted to the world great mercy.
2. **St. Luke:** O Holy Apostle Luke, intercede with God all-merciful that He may grant us the remission of our sins.
3. **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!
4. **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

**Prokimenon:** Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world their message.

*Stichon:* The heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

**Epistle:** Col 4:5-11 & 4:14-18

BRETHREN, walk in wisdom as regards outsiders, making the most of your time. Let your speech, while always attractive; be seasoned with salt, so that you know how to answer each one. Tychicus, our dearest brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord will tell you all about me: I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that he may find out how you are doing and comfort your hearts. With him is Onesimus, our most dear and

faithful brother, who is one of you. They will tell you all that is going on here.

Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner, sends you greetings. So does Mark, Barnabas' cousin — concerning whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him — and Jesus who is called Justus. From among circumcised men, these only are my fellow-workers in God's kingdom: they have been a comfort to me.

Luke, our most dear physician, and Demas send you their greetings. Greetings to the

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brethren who are in Laodicea and to Nymphas and the church in his home. And when this letter will have been read among you, see that it is read in the churches of the Laodiceans also, and that you yourselves read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "Take care of the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you fulfill it." I, Paul, greet you in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

**Alleluia:** The heavens shall proclaim your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the saints.

*Stichon:* God is glorified in the council of his saints, great and awesome to all those around him.

**Gospel:** The Widow's son, Lk 10: 16-21

AT that time it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as he drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And he went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to thee, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us." and "God has visited his people."

### Stewardship

Last week: ordinary collections=\$169; donations=\$680. 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](https://www.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).

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

### Schedule for This Week

**Thursday:** *Hieromartyr James, First Bishop of Jerusalem*

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**Sunday:**     *Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross*  
                  10:30am *Divine Liturgy*

### **Coming Soon: End of Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am on Sunday, November 1. Remember to *fallback* and turn clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday.

### **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](http://city.milwaukee.gov/Coronavirus/Prevention)

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### **Not the Seed at Fault, but Ourselves**

The parable of the sower and the seed could also be called the parable of the fate of the word of God in human hearts. It is very simple, clear and easy to understand. "There is no mistaking its meaning.

There is also no mistaking Jesus' love and concern for His people. It must have been very frustrating and disappointing for Him to go from village to village and bring them grace and salvation only to find that His words were falling on deaf ears and cold hearts.

It is with this pain and concern for souls that He tells this beautiful parable. This is also why He cried out many times at the end of His parables, "He who has ears to hear, let him

hear." Yet He continued on, patiently teaching, sowing the seed of truth and praying that it will take root and bring forth fruit.

When hearing this parable, do not these thoughts strike us: "How has the seed, the word of God, taken root in our souls? What is the fate of Christ's teaching in our hearts? What type of soil have we cultivated for God's word? Are our hearts cold, stony, filled with weeds and thorns?"

We cannot blame anyone but ourselves if the teachings of Jesus are not reflected in our lives. It is not the seed which is at fault, only ourselves.

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