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Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

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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.

Intention: Health, peace and salvation of JUDE Federspiel (req. by Jan Taylor)

Troparia

- 1. Resurrection (Tone 7):** Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.
- 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 of the Presentation of the Theotokos:** The most pure Temple of the Savior, His most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasure of God's glory, enters today in the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"

Prokimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Stichon: Give to the Lord, you Sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Epistle: Eph 2: 14-22

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both [Jews and Gentiles] one, and has broken down the intervening wall of the enclosure, the enemy, in his flesh. He has voided the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, so that of the two he might create in himself one new man, and make peace, and reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, having destroyed their enmity within himself. And as he came, he announced the good tidings of peace to you who were far away, and of peace to those who were near: because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers or foreigners, but citizens with the saints and members of God's household: you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Cf. Is. 28: 16) with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the Lord; in him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

Alleluia: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

Stichon: To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Gospel: The Good Samaritan, Lk 10:25-37

At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But he said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" He answered and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." And he said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same

way, and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise, a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And as he was leaving the next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I, on my way back, will repay you." Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to the man who fell among the robber?" And he said, "The one who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do as he did."

Stewardship

Last week: donations=\$790; stole offerings=\$20; ordinary collections=\$2,721. 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.

The Bishop's Appeal

The Lord Jesus wants **YOU** to be a Good Samaritan. It's not too late to send your gift to the Bishop's Appeal. A tithe (10%) of all funds collected in the Bishop's Appeal goes to support our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon from the explosion. Please don't delay... give today so that 100% of our parish will be counted. **YOUR** Melkite Church is counting on **YOU**.

Donate online or by responding to the mailing: <https://melkite.org/products-page/donation/bishops-appeal>

<https://melkite.org/products-page/donation/donate-to-a-melkite-greek-catholic-ministry>

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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.

God with Us: Webinars

Mondays, November 30th to December 14th, 7pm-8pm, "Seven Ages of the Kingdom: A Study of Salvation History" with the Rev. Daniel Dozier, a priest at St. George Ruthenian Catholic Church in Olympia, Washington.

More information and registration: <https://godwithusonline.org/events>

Schedule for This Week

Monday: *Apostle Matthew the Evangelist*
Saturday: *Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple*
Sunday: *Ninth Sunday after the Holy Cross*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Raphael Roxas (11/20). May God grant you many years!

Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

Troparion: Today is the prelude to God's munificence, and the announcement of the salvation of men: in the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry out to her with all our strength: "Joy to you, Fulfillment of the Creator's Plan!"

Kontakion: The most pure Temple of the Savior, his most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of God's glory, enters today into the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"

Prokimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Stichon: Because he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid, for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Epistle: Heb 9:1-7

Brethren, the first tabernacle also had ritual ordinances and a sanctuary, though an earthly one. For there was set up a tabernacle in the outer part of which were the lamp-stand and the table and the showbread, and this is called the Holy Place.

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But beyond the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having a golden censer and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid on every side with gold. In the ark was a golden vessel containing the manna, and the rod of Aaron which had budded, and the tablets of the covenant and above it were the Cherubim of glory, overshadowing the mercy-seat.

But of all these we cannot now speak in detail.

Such then being the arrangements, the priests always used to enter into the first tabernacle to perform the sacred rites; but into the second tabernacle, the high priest alone entered once a year, not without blood, which he offered for his own and the people's sins of ignorance.

Alleluia: Listen, daughter, and behold and lend your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.

Stichon: The rich among the people shall seek your favor.

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42 & 11: 27-28 (Martha & Mary)

At that time Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed him to her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also seated herself at the Lord's feet, and listened to his word. But Martha was worried about much serving. And she came up and said, "Lord, is it no concern of yours that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and

troubled about many things; and yet only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best part, and it will not be taken away from her." As he was saying these things, a certain woman lifted up her voice from the crowd, and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

Nativity

Sunday, November 15th: Start of the Nativity Fast (Traditional Usage)

Thursday, December 10th: Start of the Nativity Fast (Melkite Usage)

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

Do We See Jesus?

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If you wish to honor the Eucharistic Victim, offer your own soul for which the Victim was immolated. Make your own soul all of gold. If your soul remains viler than lead or clay, what good does it do to have a golden chalice? Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Then do not disdain Him when you see Him in rags.

After having honored Him in church with silken vestments, do not leave Him to die of cold outside for lack of clothing. For it is the same Jesus Who says, "This is my Body" and Who says "I was hungry but you would not feed me. Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me."

The Body of Christ in the Eucharist demands pure souls, not costly garments. But in the poor He demands all our care. Let us act wisely; let us honor Christ as He Himself wishes to be honored; the most acceptable honor to one whom we would honor is the honor which He desired, not that we ourselves imagine.

Peter thought he was honoring his Master by not letting the Lord wash his feet; and yet it was just the opposite. Give Him the honor which He Himself has asked for, by giving your money to the poor. Once again, what God wants is not golden chalices, but golden souls.

Saint John Chrysostom

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