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*Icon of the Healing of Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:41-56)*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

*Livestreams and recordings of services on the parish's Facebook page: [facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/](https://facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed.*

**Intention:** Health, peace and salvation of BARB Moden (req. by Jav Taylor)

#### **Hymns**

**Troparion of the 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.

**Troparion of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doc-

**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.

**Apostolic Reading:** 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

tor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

**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.

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

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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:** Raising of Jairus' Daughter, Lk 8:41-56

AT that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he entreated him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. And it happened as he went that he was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a hemorrhage, and had spent all her means on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel of his cloak; and at once her hemorrhage ceased. And Jesus said, "Who touched me? But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon thee, and dost thou say, 'Who touched me?' But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from me." But the woman, seeing that she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at his feet, declared in the presence of all the

people why she had touched him, and how she had been healed instantly. And he said to her, "Daughter, thy faith has saved thee; go in peace." While he was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Thy daughter is dead; do not trouble him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered the father of the girl, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved." And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But he said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he, taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise! "And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And he directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### Stewardship

Last week: ordinary collections=\$713. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated October 31, 2021): \$29,165

Want to automate donations? One-time or monthly payments via **PayPal**: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate). Use your bank's **online billpay** (payee information): St. George's Syrian Congregation · 1617 W State St · Milwaukee, WI 53233-1246; phone: (414) 342-1543; email: [info@byzantinemilwaukee.com](mailto:info@byzantinemilwaukee.com).

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*Collection for the Women's Center*

There will be a collection for gently used or new baby (newborn–24 months) winter wear for the Women's Center of Milwaukee (2051 W. Wisconsin Ave.) from November 21<sup>st</sup> through the Nativity. Donation envelopes, baby bottles to fill with loose change and information are available on the back tables; items may be placed in the marked box by the bishop's throne. Particular items needed include:

- diapers size newborn and 6
- wipes
- boppy pillows
- new bottles
- car seats
- pack n plays
- sleepers size 0–24 months
- outfits size 0–24 months
- baby wash
- baby lotion

Talk to Jerry Nora with any questions: [jerry.nora@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.nora@gmail.com).

**Prayer List**

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro\*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb Moden (sister 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).

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

**Schedule for This Week**

- Monday:** *Holy Archangels – Michael, Gabriel and all Heavenly Powers*  
**Saturday:** *Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom*  
**Sunday:** *Eighth Sunday after the Holy Cross*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

**COVID-19**

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to stop the community spread of COVID-19 is to take preventative action to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can ([city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](http://city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax)). Vaccines are safe and readily available at walk-in clinics throughout the community for anyone over the age of 12 years old.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and improve ventilation whenever possible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

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More information is available from the health department: [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

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## The Power of Prayer

The youngest daughter of a very wealthy man was seriously ill. He had taken her from doctor to doctor but they could not cure her. Next, he had taken her to the most renowned specialists and to the finest clinics throughout the world, but without success. Finally, one doctor, realizing that he could do nothing more for the little girl, said to the father "I promise I'll remember your daughter in my prayers." The father replied, "Don't say that! I'm not ready to give up!"

Sadly, many people save the power of prayer only as a last resort when all else has seemingly failed. They say, "All we can do now is pray. Yet, prayer is simple but powerful conversation with God. Two thousand years ago, the daughter of an influential man named Jairus became ill. His

first response was to seek out Jesus in the synagogue and ask His help. Asking help of Jesus even in the most simple way is prayer. Saint John Chrysostom tells us that we should converse daily with God "telling Him of our needs not with endless words, but with simplicity."

If we converse daily with God, then God knows all our needs. Nothing is unimportant to Him if it is important to us. Thus, prayer should not be the last resort in desperate situations. Rather, prayer should be the first resort in every situation, serious or not. Should the conflict grow more serious, the Desert Fathers tell us to simply cry out "Lord have mercy!" because the Lord knows very well what we need and will show us His mercy.

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