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Icon of Zacchaeus in the Sycamore Tree

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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: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of JOSEPHINE Herro (December 5, 1966; req. by Yvonne Tadych)

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 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: Precious in the Lord's eyes is the death of his holy ones.

Stichon: How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done to me?

Epistle: Heb 13:17-21

Brethren, obey your superiors and be subject to them, for they keep watch as having to render an account of your souls -- so that they may do this with joy, and not with grief, for that would not be fitting for you.

Pray for us, for we are confident we have a good conscience, since we wish to live uprightly in all things. But I more especially

exhort you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Now may the God of peace, who brought forth from the dead the great Pastor of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, in virtue of the blood of an everlasting covenant, fit you with every good thing to do his will, working in you what is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom is glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with holiness, and your saintly ones shall shout for joy.

Stichon: For the Lord has elected Sion, he has chosen it for his dwelling.

Gospel: Zacchaeus' Repentance, Lk 19:1-10

At that time as Jesus was passing through Jericho, behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican,

and he was rich. And he was trying to see Jesus, to find out who he was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he

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was small of stature. So, he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay in your house today." And he made haste and came down, and welcomed him joyfully. And upon seeing it, all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone

to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give one-half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is the son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

2021 Calendars Available

Follow along with the readings, and feasts and fasts, of the year. The 2021 eparchial calendars are now available on the back tables. The theme is ministry.

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$27; ordinary collections=\$182; donations=\$100 Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$14,366.57.

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

Tax Statements

Tax statements for 2020 donations will be sent by the end of the month. Please contact Benjamin Neumann if you have any questions or if you would prefer to receive it by email.

Bishop's Appeal

As of December 31, 2020, \$2,950 had been received against the parish's \$6,000 goal for the Bishop's Appeal, helping to provide financial support to the Melkite Church in the United States. Last year, \$4,200 was collected by the parish. Donate by responding to the mailing, using an envelope from the back tables or online <https://melkite.org/products-page/donation/bishops-appeal>; the appeal will close on January 31, 2021.

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).

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

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Schedule for This Week

Monday: *Fathers Athanasios and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria*

Wednesday: *Father Euthymios the Great*

Sunday: *Beginning of the Triodion*
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Janelle Herro and Rosette Khoury (today), Dunya Khoury (1/18). May God grant you many years!

Coming Up

Meatfare: February 7th

Palm Sunday: March 28th

Cheesefare: February 14th

Holy Resurrection: April 4th

Winter Weather

Please take with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel!

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

The Story of Zacchaeus

People would come from small villages nestled in the hills when they heard that Jesus was passing by. Sometimes they would bring relatives and friends who were sick, so that He could heal them. Sometimes they just came to hear the words of truth that He spoke.

So why did Jesus pick Zacchaeus out? Well, Jesus was often doing surprising things. And because he was always listening to God, they were always the right things. Jesus knew who needed healing most and who would really listen to what he said. What mattered to Jesus

wasn't what people looked like, whether they were tall or short, whether they were poor or rich. What mattered was what they cared about, what was in their hearts. What people were willing to do was more important than what they said.

We know from the way Zacchaeus acted that he wasn't the sort of person to just sit around and think about doing something right. He wanted to see Jesus so badly he was willing to make himself look silly by climbing a tree. And when people talked about his being a sin-

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ner, Zacchaeus didn't even deny it. Instead he promised to do good.

So who was Zacchaeus? We can't just say that he was a short man—there have been lots of short men. Or that he was a wealthy man—there have been lots of wealthy men too. The

important thing is that he had a good heart. He loved Jesus and what he stood for so much that he was willing to admit his faults and change— right then. And he didn't care about what other people thought, only about what was right.

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