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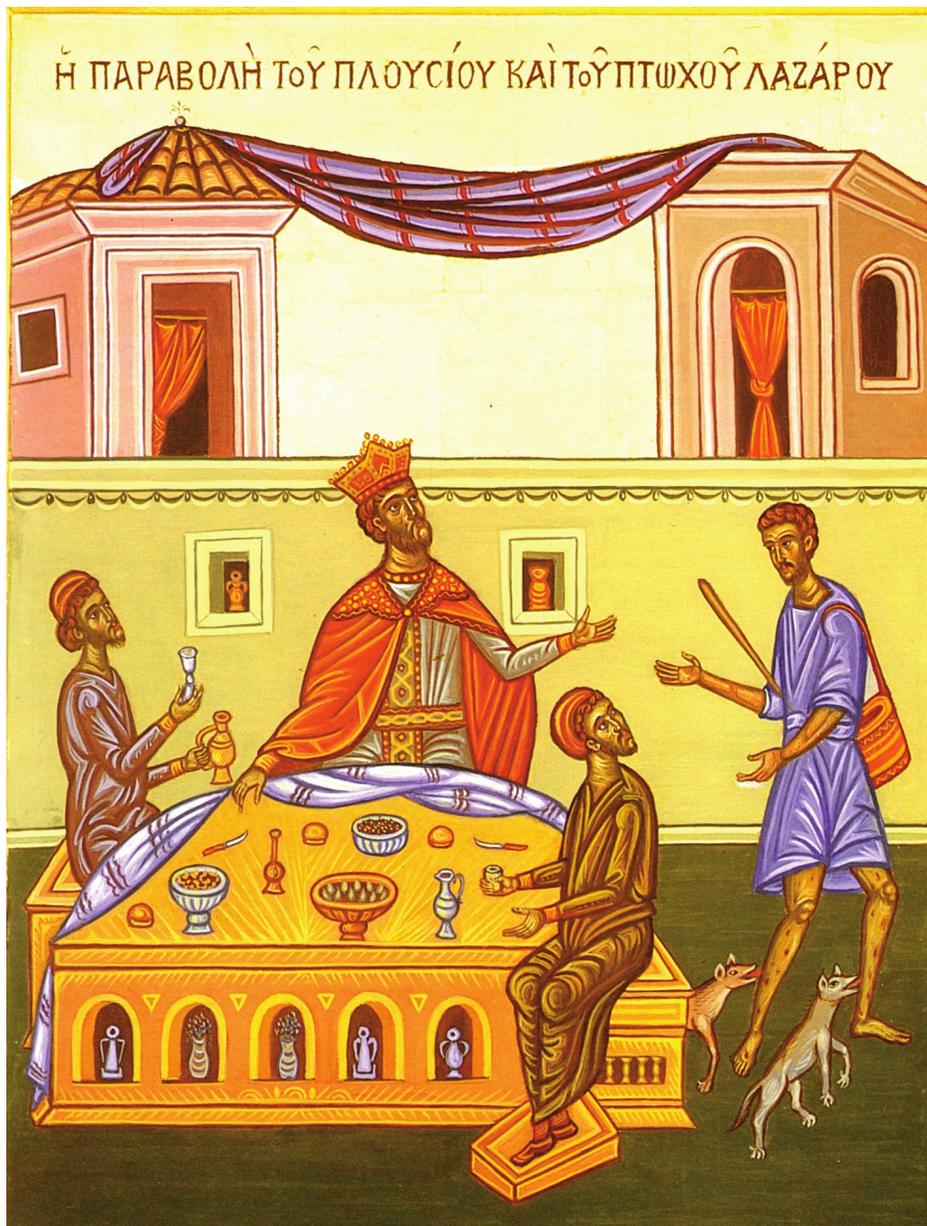
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Icon of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

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Divine Liturgy

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

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of Dr. ANN Rebholz (req. by Fr. Philaret)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5):
Let us O Faithful, praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He has willed to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

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

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.

Prokimenon: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

Apostolic Reading: Gal 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross

of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The

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grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia: Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, “My kindness is established forever.” In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Gospel: Healing of the Gerasene Demoniac 8:27-40

At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before him, and crying out with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray thee, do not torment me.” For he was charging the unclean spirit to go forth from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the deserts. And Jesus asked him, saying, “What is thy name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many devils had entered into him. And they entreated him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept entreating him to give them leave to enter into them. And he gave

them leave. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at his feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how he had been saved from Legion. And all the people of the Gerasene district besought him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. And he got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed him that he might remain with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to thy house, and tell all that God has done for thee.” And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for him.

Stewardship

Last week: ordinary collections=\$873, miscellaneous=\$9,000 (SBA disaster relief).
Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated October 23, 2021): \$34,203.

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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

Tuesday: *Great-Martyr Demetrios*
Sunday: *Fifth 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). 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.

More information is available from the health department: city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus

Lazarus and the Rich Man

In the 1940's, France was known for its extensive collection of Egyptian artifacts. Many forgotten treasures were holed up in the basement of a Paris museum. One day, some workmen uncovered a forgotten burial case pushed into a dark corner of

the basement. They decided that the box would be an excellent storage container for many of the smaller artifacts. So, without consulting any of the museum authorities, the workmen took it upon themselves to empty the contents of the box into the

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sewer. They then filled the empty box with odds and ends. Some time later, they made the unhappy discovery that they had mistakenly discarded the remains of Cleopatra, one of the most famous women of ancient Egypt!

In ignorance, people regularly discard things of great value. One of the more valuable things that people discard are opportunities. We see this in today's Gospel reading of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The rich man had everything he needed in the world, while Lazarus was in

constant need. Each day, the rich man had the opportunity to attend to the need of Lazarus who wanted nothing more than to eat the crumbs which fell from his table. The rich man, for his part, never abused Lazarus or mistreated him—his simply ignored him and for this he was condemned. The sin of the rich man was not his wealth, it was his blindness—blindness to the needs of others.

Let us not forget that “the truly rich man is not one who possesses much, but one who gives much” (Saint John Chrysostom).

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