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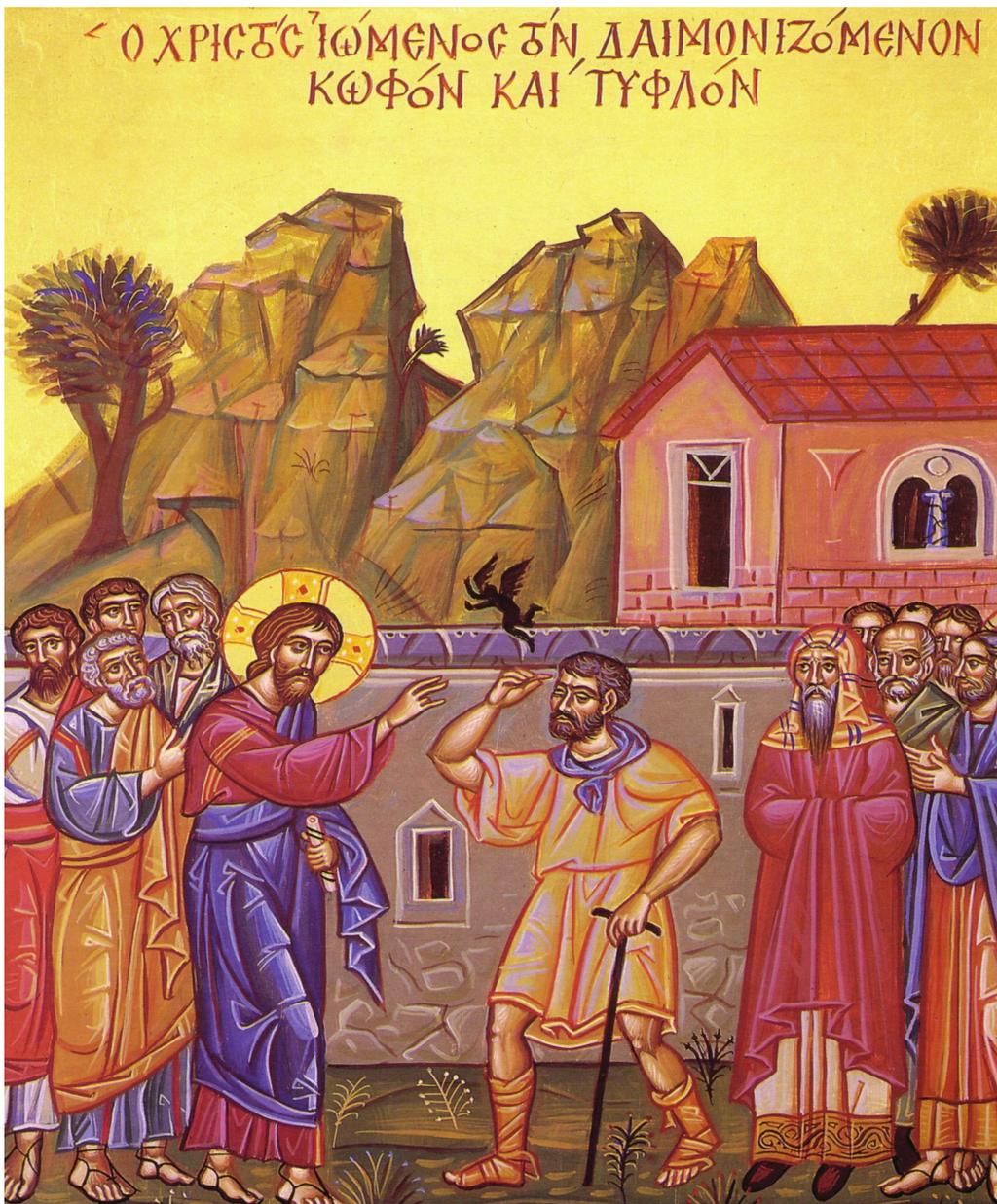
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**January 16, 2022 — Twelfth Sunday after the Holy Cross; Veneration
of the Chains of the Apostle Peter**



Icon of Healing the Blind Beggar -- (Luke 18:35-43)

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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 THOMAS Hackford (req. by Fr. Philaret)

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of Peter: Without leaving Rome, you have come to us, you who preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains you bore. While honoring them with faith, we beseech you that, through your intercession, God may grant us great mercy.

Prokimenon: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

Stichon: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 12:1-11

In those days King Herod set hands on certain members of the Church to do them harm. He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword.

Troparion of St. George: 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!

Kontakion of the Presentation of our Lord: O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

And seeing that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to have peter arrested also. (It was the days of Unleavened Bread) After his arrest, he had him thrown into jail, and he set up four squads of four soldiers each

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to guard him, intending to bring him before the people after the Passover. And while Peter was kept in the jail, constant prayer was being made to God in his behalf.

Now, when Herod was about to bring him forth that same night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bond with two chains, and watchmen before the door stood beside him, and a light shone in the cell; and he nudged Peter on the side and wake him up, saying, "Get up quickly!" And the chains dropped from his hands. And the angel said to him, "Tighten your

belt and put on your sandals." And he did; and he said to him, "Wrap yourself in your cloak and follow me." And he followed him out, not knowing that what the angel was doing was real, for he thought he was dreaming. But they passed by the first and the second guard and reached the iron gate that led to the city – and it opened to them by itself. And they went out and walked along one street, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's hands, and from all the Jewish people were plotting!"

Alleluia: Happy the one you have chosen and adopted: he shall dwell in your courts.

Stichon: Stichon: And his name shall survive for ever and ever.

Gospel: Healing of the Ten Lepers, Lk 17: 12-20

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, master, have pity on us." And when he saw them he said, "Go, show yourselves to priests." And it came to pass as they were on their way that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud

voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus answered and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you."

Stewardship

Last Sunday: stole offerings=\$50; donations=\$300; candles=\$20; ordinary collections=\$378. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated December 19, 2021): \$33,738

Donation letters for tax purposes will be sent in January. Please contact Benjamin Neumann with any questions: benjamin@byzantinemilwaukee.com.

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro*, Nick Langenfeld, Margaret Littlefield (mother of Fr. Philaret) 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

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

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Janelle Herro (1/17), Rosette Khoury (1/17) and Dunya Khoury (1/18). May God grant you many years!

Winter Weather

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

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

Healing the Blind

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As Jesus is approaching Jericho with his followers, a blind beggar (named Bartimeus in St. Mark) calls out: "Son of David, have mercy on me!" and persists even though the crowd tries to silence him. Jesus has them bring the man to him and asks what he wants; he asks to be able to see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has cured him; he immediately regains his sight and follows Jesus.

Apart from telling a miracle story that shows the power of Jesus, the author of the Gospel uses this story to advance a clearly theological purpose. It shows a character who understands who Jesus is and the proper way to respond to him with faith. The use of the title, "Son of David" serves to identify Jesus as the Messiah. It was also a reference to Jesus'

kingly authority, which the Jews would have seen as placing him at odds with Caesar. The emperor was the perceived proper referent of the call of *kyrie eleison*, as he would have been referred to as *kyrios* in Greek ('lord' in English).

The Gospel of Matthew has two unnamed blind men, sitting by the roadside; Jesus is 'moved by compassion and touches their eyes. 20:29-34 A version of the same story is told earlier in the narrative, when Jesus is preaching in Galilee. On this occasion, he asks the blind men if they believe he can cure them, and when they assure them they do, he commends their faith and touches their eyes, restoring their sight. He warns them to tell nobody of this, but they go and spread the news throughout the district. (Matthew 9:27-31)

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