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Icon of Christ and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

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Divine Liturgy

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of LORRAINE Herro (req. by Joann Evon)

Hymns

Troparion of the 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.

Troparion of 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: O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have blessed the arms of Simon, You have come today to save us. 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.

Prokimenon: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Apostolic Reading:

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: for we work and are reviled for this reason, that we hope in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Command and teach these things. Let no man despise the fact that you are young, but be an example to the faithful by what you say and do, by love, faith, spirituality and

chastity. Until I come, be diligent in reading, exhorting and teaching. Do not neglect the grace that is in you, granted to you as a speaker for God through the laying on of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

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: Luke 19:1-10

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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 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."

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$391.05; ordinary collections=\$332.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated December 31, 2022): \$41,659.

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Tax Statements

Donation letters for tax purposes will be available for pickup after Liturgy next Sunday; those not picked up will be sent by mail. Please contact Benjamin Neumann with any questions.

Bishop's Appeal

The annual Bishop's Appeal is an important way by which our parish fulfills its duty to our Melkite family throughout the U.S. and to our needy brothers and sisters. By contributing to the Appeal, we can respond to the Lord's call in today's Gospel to be a good Samaritan to our Melkite neighbors around the country. It is a holy obligation for every member of our parish respond to his call. If you have not done so already, please send your gift today. Extra appeal slips are available on the back table. If you donate online, be sure to note "St. George, Milwaukee" so that the parish is credited. melkite.org.

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

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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) and Carl Wallenmeyer (Jan Taylor).

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

Schedule for This Week

Wednesday: *Father Gregory the Theologian, Patriarch of Constantinople*

Friday: *Transfer of the Remains of Father John Chrysostom*

Sunday: *Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Thesesa Zambo (1/25). May God grant you many years!

Prayer Week for Christian Unity (January 18th–25th)

O Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, on the eve of your redemptive suffering, You fervently asked your heavenly Father that all your followers be one, as You are One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We implore You, divine Master, To bestow upon all Christian Churches the unity of faith, of hearts and of purpose, so that they become one flock under the leadership of One Shepherd according to your

wish. Grant us, Lord, to love one another as You loved us, So that, seeing our unity, the world may believe in You and embrace your message of peace and love.

For You are the Prince of Peace and Lover of mankind and to You we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen

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 six months 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

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Welcome Christ in Your Hearts and Homes

The Lord, who already welcomed Zacchaeus in his heart, was now ready to be welcomed by him in his house. He said, “Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down, since I have to stay in your house.” He thought it was a marvelous piece of good luck to see Christ. While imagining it was a marvelous piece of good luck quite beyond words to see him passing by, he was suddenly found worthy to have him in his house. Grace is poured out, and faith starts working through love.

Christ, who was already dwelling in his heart, is welcomed into his house. Zacchaeus says to Christ, “Lord, half my goods I

give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times over.” It is as if he were saying, “The reason I am keeping back half for myself is not in order to have it, but to have something from which to pay people back.”

There you are. ‘That is really what welcoming Jesus means, welcoming him into your heart. Christ was already there. He was in Zacchaeus and spoke through him. ‘The apostle says that this is what it means, “For Christ to dwell by faith in your hearts” (Eph 3:17).

St. Augustine

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