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Icon of Saint Macarius and Saint Mark -- January 19th

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 2): When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, 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 Encounter in the Temple: 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: How great are your works O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

Apostolic Reading: Col 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ, our life, appears, then you too shall appear in glory. Put to death whatever in your members is of the earth: immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, covetousness, which is a form of idol-worship. Because of these passions, God's wrath comes upon the sons of disobedience and you yourselves once walked in them when they were your [way of] life. But now, you too put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, abusive lan-

guage and foul-mouthed utterances. Do not lie to one another. Strip off the old man with his deeds and put on the new, one that is being renewed towards perfect knowledge according to his creator's image (Cf. Gn.1:26) Here there is no Gentile and Jew, no circumcised and uncircumcised, no Barbarian and Sythian, no slave and freeman, but Christ is all things, and in all.

Alleluia: String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

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Gospel: Healing the Ten Lepers, Lk 17:12-19

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: donations=\$291.03; candles=\$6.00; ordinary collections=\$471.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

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2024 Tax Letters

Donation acknowledgment letters for tax purposes will be sent by the end of January. Please contact Benjamin Neumann with any questions.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Ken Schmidt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Dennis Smith (uncle of Benjamin Neumann). For the people of the Middle East and southern California.

Schedule for This Week

Monday: *Father Euthymios the Great*

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

Sunday: *Sunday of Zacchaeus*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to . May God grant you many years!

Coming Up

- March 10th: Daylight Saving Time starts
- Sunday, February 23rd: Meatfare
- Sunday, March 2nd: Cheesefare

- Monday, March 3rd: Start of Great Lent

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity (January 18th to 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 leader-

ship 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

From Smuggler to Saint

Saint Macarius the Great was born in Upper Egypt. A later tradition places his birthplace in the village of Shabsheer (Shanshour), in Al Minufiyah Governorate, Egypt around 300 A.D. At some point before his pursuit of asceticism, it is said that Macarius made his living smuggling potassium nitrate in the vicinity of Nitria, a life which taught him how to survive in and travel across the wasteland in that area. At a young age, Macarius was forced to get married against his will. Thus, he pretended to be sick and ask for his parents' permission to go to the wilderness to recoup. At his return, he found that his wife had died, and shortly after, his parents departed as well. Macarius subsequently distributed all his money among the poor and needy.

Seeing his virtues, the people of his village brought him to the bishop of Ashmoun who ordained him priest. Falsely accused of defiling a woman, the woman recanted and confessed Macarius' innocence. A multitude of people then came asking for his forgiveness, but he fled to the Nitrian Desert to escape all mundane glory. While at the desert, he visited St. Anthony the Great and learned from him the laws and rules of monasticism. When he returned to the Scetic Desert at the age of forty, he presided over its monastic community for the rest of his life. Macarius died in the year 391. Today, the body of Saint Macarius is found in his monastery, the Monastery of Saint Macarius the Great in Scetes, Egypt.

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