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*Icon of Raising the Daughter of Jairus*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

#### **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 and a defender of the poor, a doctor 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

**Gospel:** Jairus' Only Daughter was Dying ("Who touched Me?"), Lk 8:41-56

### **Winter Weather**

Please take care with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel. We are still making arrangements to find a new snow-removal service, so please be attentive and cautious.

### **Sophia**

A new issue of *SOPHIA* has been published. Check your mailbox or read it online: [melkite.org/sophia-journal](http://melkite.org/sophia-journal). There are articles pertaining to the Pastoral Appeal, the Bishop's Visit to Rome, remembering Fr. Joe Haggard, and more.

### **Stewardship**

Last Sunday: candles=\$11.00; ordinary collections=\$817.00.

Thanks for your generosity!

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

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### *Pastoral Appeal (Formerly the Bishop's Appeal)*

The annual Pastoral Appeal helps fund the vital works of the Melkites in the United States, such as: publishing SOPHIA magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; teaching the Faith to our children and young adults; establishing/supporting new missions and outreaches.

Additional information is available on the tables in the back. Donations can also be made online: [Melkite.org/Appeal](https://Melkite.org/Appeal)

## Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Edin Najera, Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Geri Spankowski, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those who have died: Dennis Newman (uncle of Benjamin Neumann). For the people of the Middle East.

## Schedule for this Week

**Thursday:** *Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople*  
**Friday:** *Apostle Philip*  
**Saturday:** *Beginning of the Nativity Fast (Traditional Usage. Shorter usage starts December 10<sup>th</sup>)*  
**Sunday** *St. Matthew*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

*John Chrysostom*

**Troparion:** The grace that shines forth from your mouth like a torch has enlightened the universe, bestowed treasures of generosity upon the world, and shone us the eminence of humility. While you teach us by your words, Father John Chrysostom, pray to the Word, Christ our God, that He may save our souls.

## Practical Suggestions for Fasting

Fasting, like prayer, is something we can grow into. If you are not accustomed to fasting, it can be helpful to begin at one level and deepen your practice as you grow in your life in Christ. The following plan might be helpful.

**Beginning level:** On Wednesdays and Fridays do not eat any meat and offer a brief prayer several times throughout the day. During the fasting seasons of Great Lent and the Dormition Fast, attend at least one Leneten Service each week. Before the Presanctified Liturgy during Great Lent, do not eat anything for several hours.

**A deeper level:** In addition to the above, on fast days, do not eat anything before noon and no meat thereafter. Keep additional fast days during the fasting seasons. During Great Lent, in addition to avoiding meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, also avoid dairy products. Attend two Lenten Services weekly and preform some act of charity each day.

A further level: In addition to the above, keep each day in the fasting seasons as a fast day. Attend all the Divine Services during the fasting seasons. Replace entertainments such as TV, movies, shopping, etc. with prayer, spiritual reading and acts of charity.

## Twelve Years

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter will live," she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "I can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed be-

fore everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

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