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## Divine Liturgy

*A recording will be made available sometime on Sunday on the parish's Facebook page: [facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/](https://facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed.*

**Intention:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of JOHN Bohdalek (req. by Fr. Philaret)

### Troparia

- 1. 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.
- 2. Of All Saints:** O Christ God, your church clothed with the blood of Your martyrs all over the world, as with purple and fine linen, cries out to You: send Your mercy upon Your people, grant peace to Your fold and extend Your great compassion upon our souls.
- 3. 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!
- 4. 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:** Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel.

*Stichon:* In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellspring.

**Epistle:** Heb 11:33-40; 12:1-2

BRETHREN, all of the saints by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead returned to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and beatings, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, they were cut to pieces, they were put to the test, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins

and goatskins, destitute, anguished, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, mountains, caverns and holes in the ground.

And all of these, in spite of the positive witnessing of faith, failed to receive what was promised, for God was keeping something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us. (12: 1) And so, having such a cloud of witnesses over us, let us get rid of every burden, and of the sin entangling us, and run with endurance to the fight proposed to us, contemplating the author and final end of faith, Jesus.

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**Alleluia:** The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials.

*Stichon:* Many are the trials of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

**Gospel:** Mt 10:32-38, 19:27-30( Conditions of Discipleship)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I in turn will disown before My Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter addressed him saying, “Behold, we have left all and followed You; what then shall we have?” And Jesus said to them, “Amen I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first.”

### **Stewardship**

Total donations received by last Sunday: candles=\$25; stole offerings=\$20; donations=\$1,730. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$8,398.04

There is a link to donate via PayPal on our website: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://www.byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate). Checks can also be mailed to the church.

### **Prayer List**

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: John & Alice Herro, Nick Langenfeld, Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, the Rebholz family, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro’s niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasenor, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Nabil Wahhab and Bill Koutris.

Nabil Wahhab passed away on Tuesday. Please pray for his soul and for the healing of his family and all who grieve his passing. His burial will be on Monday. Coronavirus restrictions prevent any but a very limited number of people to attend, hence only family. Presuming the loosening of restrictions, the Wahhab family hope to have a 40-day memorial service which the Parish can attend.

*With the saints, O Christ God, grant rest to the soul of Your servant, Nabil, in a place where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing, but everlasting life.*

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Please also remember John & Alice Herro, who have been having health issues recently.

### **Schedule for This Week**

**Sunday:**     *Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
                  10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Fuad Khoury (6/9), Mathias McCauley (6/11).  
May God grant you many years!

### **Their Death is More like Dreaming**

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: Traditional start of the Apostles' Fast

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We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful

servants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

*St. John of Damascus*

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