

St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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Icon of the Call of the First Apostles

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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/. An account is not needed.

Intention: Health, peace and salvation of the Rebholz Family (req. by Jan Taylor)

Troparia

- 1. 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.
- 2. Of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of
- 3. 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: 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.

Epistle: Rom 2:10-16

BRETHREN, glory, honor and peace to everyone who does good works, first to the Jew, then to the Greek, since with God there is no favoritism.

For all those who have sinned without the Law will perish without the Law, and all those who have sinned under the Law will be judged under the Law. (Before God, indeed, it is not those who hear the law who are just, but those who follow the

Law who will be justified. When the Gentiles who do not have the law do by nature what the Law commands, while they do not have the Law, they are their own law: they show the work of the Law written in their hearts. The conscience bears witness to them, even when conflicting thoughts accuse or defend them) on the day God will judge the hidden secrets of men according to what I preach, through Jesus Christ.

Alleluia: O God you granted me retribution and peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations and I will sing praise to your name.

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

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At that time as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea (for they were fishermen). And he said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." And at once they left the nets and followed him. And going farther on, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother

John, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And immediately they left their nets and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Stewardship

Total donations received by last Sunday: \$1,277. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$9,177.55

There is a link to donate via PayPal on our website: 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.

Schedule for This Week

Friday: *Start of the Apostles' Fast (Melkite usage; Traditional start: June 8th)*

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

Their Death is More like Dreaming

Monday, June 8th: Traditional start of the Apostles' Fast

What Have We Left Behind?

Most successful people would probably that what separates great people from ordinary people is the great people are willing to risk making decisions, whether right or wrong, and then acting on those decisions. Great people are people who have made great

choices, often very risky choices, but in the long run their choices have usually been right. Biblical history is peopled with folks who were confronted by decisions they had to make.

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Just imagine the decision required of the fishermen on the shores of Lake Galilee. Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen, true, but they were businessmen. Fish was a staple in the diet, and fishermen could often make a very good living. The brothers Peter and Andrew were probably business partners with the brothers James and John and most likely had a good business going. So when Jesus said to the two sets of brothers, "Follow me," He was not calling them to leave a sport, or a hobby; he was

asking them to leave their careers, their livelihoods, and their families! They had everything to lose.

What have we left behind to follow Him? Unless there's some pain, some discomfort, some sacrifices, then most probably we haven't left anything. Perhaps we're still fumbling about in our boats, tossing our nets over the side, and business goes on as usual.

Yet, if we do that, the Great Fisherman might leave us and move on to someone else, and the choice might go by forever.

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