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Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

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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.

Intentions: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of CONSTANCE Safford (req. by Fr. Philaret)

Troparia

- 1. Resurrection (Tone 4):** The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.
- 2. 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!
- 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: 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!

Epistle: Rom 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God in their behalf is for salvation. For I bear witness to them that they have zeal for God, but a zeal that is not informed. For ignorant of God's holiness and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to the sanctification offered by God. For Christ is the consummation of the Law in terms of justification for everyone who believes.

For Moses has written that the man who brings about that justification which is of the Law shall live by it. (Lv.18: 5) But the justification which is of faith says, do not

ask in your heart, who shall go up to heaven that is, -- to bring down Christ. Or, who will descend into the abyss (Dt.30: 12) that is, to bring up Christ from the dead? But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. (Dt.30: 14) that is, the word of faith which we preach. For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For a man believes with the heart and attains justification, but he professes his faith with his mouth and attains salvation.

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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Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

Gospel: Healing of the gerasene Demoniac, Mt 8:28-9:1

At that time as Jesus reached the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now at a distance from them there was a herd of many swine, feeding. And the devils kept begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" And they came out and entered into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed from the top of the cliff into the sea, and perished in the water. But the swineherds fled, and going away into the town, they reported everything, and what had befallen the men possessed by - demons. And behold, all the town came out to meet Jesus; and on seeing him they insisted that he leave their district. And getting into a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.

Today After Liturgy: 40-Day Memorial for Nabil Wahhab

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$13; donations=\$100; miscellaneous (COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster "Loan"/grant): \$1,000; ordinary collections=\$383. 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.

Please note that, starting this month, there will be a change in how donations made via PayPal are reported. While the donations will still be automatically transferred to the credit-union account and available for paying bills, they will not be reported here until after the end-of-the-month reporting has been completed. This will reduce the overall time spent on processing donations and help make annual donor statements more accurate by simplifying the process.

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, 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: Susan Frances Klister (104½ years; mother of Joe Radanovich) and Nabil Wahhab.

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* Please particularly remember John & Alice Herro, who have both been having health issues recently.

Schedule for This Week

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

Warfare Within Us

The whole warfare of the demons against us is waged with the one purpose of alienating those who obey them from the glory of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit. But, as I see it, we have already deprived ourselves of such a gift before they even attack us, because we have forsaken the commandments of God and have not been eager to seek Him with all our soul. Had we sought Him we should not have lived so idly and carelessly! Had we been concerned for the things of heaven we should not have shown such great eagerness for the things of earth. Had our thoughts been on things incorruptible we should not have gaped greedily after the things that are transitory and corruptible.

Had we striven for things eternal we should not thus have pursued things temporal. Had we loved God we should not thus have turned away from those who guide us to Him. Had we sought to acquire virtues we would not have abhorred the teachers of virtues. Had we gladly embraced fasting we should not have complained of the lack of food and drink. Had we fought to gain control over our passions we should not have given ourselves unrestrained to pleasures. Had we a right and firm faith we should not have performed the works of faithlessness. Had we found worthy to attain true love we should have known God.

St. Simeon the New Theologian

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