

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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*Icon of the Healing a Paralytic*

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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.*

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

### Troparia

- 1. 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.
- 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:** 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.

**Epistle:** Rom 12:6-14

BRETHREN, we have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the degree of faith, or ministry in ministering, or instruction in teaching, or exhortation in encouraging, or almsgiving in being generous with simplicity, or leadership in leading with discretion, or works of mercy in performing them joyfully. Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil. Hold to what is good. Love one another with fraternal charity, being the first to honor the other. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulations, persevering in prayer. Relieve the saints' needs, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you: bless, and do not curse!

**Alleluia:** Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

*Stichon:* For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**Gospel:** Healing of the Paralytic, Mt 9: 1-8

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At that time, getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over and came to his own town. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic lying on a pallet. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven you." And behold, some of the Scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemes." And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts in your hearts? For which is

easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" then he said to the paralytic "Arise, take up your pallet and go to your house." And he arose, and went away to his house. But when the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear, and glorified God who had given such power to men.

### Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$17; donations=\$775; stole offerings=\$15; ordinary collections=\$1,205. 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](https://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: Patricia Nora (grandmother of Jerry Nora), Susan Frances Klister (104½ years; mother of Joe Radanovich) and Nabil Wahhab.

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

### Schedule for This Week

**Sunday:** *Sunday of the Fathers*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

### Rise and Walk

It is easier said than done. Whether the sins of the paralytic were forgiven, only He who forgave them knew for sure. "Arise and walk." Both he who arose and those who saw him arise were able to vouch for this. Hence there is a bodily sign in order to demonstrate a spiritual sign, though its impact is to curb the imperfections of body and soul. And we are given an understanding of sin and many bodily weaknesses to come. Perhaps, too, sins are forgiven first, so that with the causes of infirmity removed health may be restored.

*St. Jerome*

Furthermore, so it could be understood that He was in a body and that He could forgive sins and restore health to bodies, Jesus said,

"That you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins," then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your pallet." He could have simply said "Arise," but since the reason for doing every work had to be explained, He added, "Take up your pallet and go home." First He granted remission of sins; next He showed His ability to restore health. Then, with the taking up of the pallet, He made it clear that bodies would be free from infirmity and suffering; lastly, with the paralytic's return to his home, He showed that believers are being given back the way to paradise from which Adam, the parent of all, who became profligate from the stain of sin, had proceeded.

*St. Hilary of Poitiers*

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