

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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**July 19, 2020 — Sunday of the Fathers**



*Icon of Healing Two Blind Men*

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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 souls of Bishop JOHN (1-year anniversary), Fr. FRANK Milienewciz (req. by James and Mary Herro) and ANNA Mariana Thong (req. by Eamon and Ester Doherty)

### Troparia

- 1. Resurrection (Tone 6):** The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.
- 2. Of the Fathers:** O Christ our God, you are above all glory, for you have established our Holy Fathers as radiant stars on earth, and through them you have guided us all to the true faith. Most Merciful One, glory to You!
- 3. 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:** Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

*Stichon:* Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

**Epistle:** Ti 3:8-15

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works; these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him one or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apolos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

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**Alleluia:** O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

*Stichon:* For you saved us from those who afflicted us and have put to shame those who hate us.

**Gospel:** “You are the Light of the World,” Mt 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy,

but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

### **City Mask Ordinance**

It is our understanding that the city requires us to require wearing of masks when in the church building by anyone at least three-years old. Please help us by wearing one, taking it off, temporarily, for receiving communion. According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to avoid being exposed to the virus and to avoid exposing other people. You can find more information about the ordinance in the form of an FAQ from the health department:

[city.milwaukee.gov/Coronavirus/Prevention](http://city.milwaukee.gov/Coronavirus/Prevention)

### **Stewardship**

Last week: candles=\$12; donations=\$50; ordinary collections=\$323. Last month via PayPal: donations=\$640. 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](http://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.

The [June and Q2 cashflow reports](#) have been posted to the bulletins page of the website.

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### 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:**     *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

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### They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier prefiguration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those

who were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

*St. Hilary of Poitiers*

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