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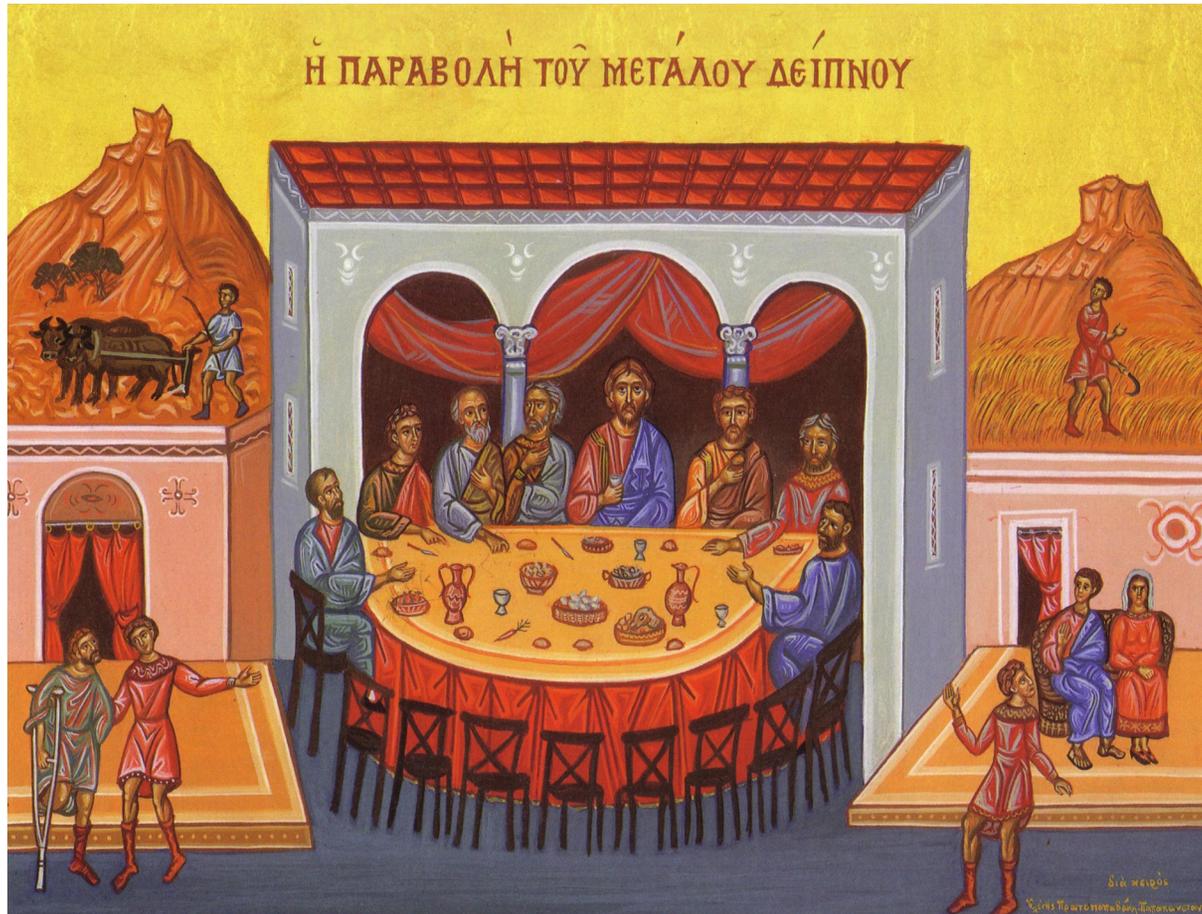
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Icon of the Great Supper (Matthew 22:1-14)

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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://www.facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed.

Intention: Happy and eternal repose of the soul of AGNES McDermott (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 of the Dormition:** Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unfailing hope. Since she is the Mother of Life. Christ who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb lifted her up to the eternal life

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: I Cor 21:2-4

BRETHREN, the one who strengthened you and us in Christ, who anointed us, is God, who also stamped us with his seal and gave us the Spirit as a pledge in our hearts. Now, I call God to witness against my soul that it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but rather we are fellow-workers in your joy, for in faith you stand.

I made up my mind not to come to you again in sorrow. For if I make you sad, who can gladden me; save the very one who is grieved by me? And I wrote to you as I did, that when I come, I may not have sorrow upon sorrow from those who ought to give me joy: for I trust in all of you that my joy is a joy to all of you. For I wrote to you in much affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not that you might be grieved, but that you might know the great love I have for you.

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: The King's Marriage Feast, Mt 22:2-14

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The Lord told this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent out other servants saying: 'Tell those who are invited, behold. I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it, and went off, one to his own farm and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The marriage feast indeed is

ready, but those who were invited were not worthy; go therefore to the crossroads, and invite to the marriage feast whomever you shall find.' And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all those they found, both good and bad; and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests, and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, take hold of him, and throw him out into the darkness, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

After Liturgy: Memorials for the Baho Family

Mary Baho (40-days, sister of George Baho; died in Lebanon) and Fawaz Esper (sister of Jehan, 60-days).

Charitable Relief for Beirut

The eparchy is collecting donations for charitable relief in Beirut. Checks made payable to the Diocese eparchy; credit-card donations can be made online on the [eparchy's website](#). Bishop Nicholas asks for your generosity.

"His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS, is pleased to announce that, regarding the Collection for Lebanon Relief, initially the Eparchy sent immediately \$10,000 from eparchial funds. Subsequently, an additional \$50,000, collected from the faithful around the US, has been sent, for a total of \$60,000!

"Sayinda spoke recently with Metropolitan of Beirut, Archbishop George Bacouni, who is most grateful for the generosity of our people. Archbishop Bacouni wanted to reassure us that all the money he receives goes to meet the direct needs of the people for food, shelter, etc., and that it is what is called 'fresh money' in Lebanon, meaning that, once transferred to the Lebanese bank, the bank gives the exact dollar amount that has been given them, instead of the Lebanese pound equivalent, which had been the case before the catastrophe."

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$2; ordinary collections=\$228. Thanks for your generosity!

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Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$9,507.55

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

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: 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, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: John Herro.

* Please particularly remember Alice Herro, wife of John Herro, who has been having health issues recently.

Schedule for This Week

Tuesday: *Nativity of the Mother of God*

Wednesday: *Ancestors of Christ Joachim and Ann*

Saturday: *Saturday before the Holy Cross*

Sunday: *Sunday before the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Kathy Solis (9/10). May God grant you many years!

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

He Who is not With Me is Against Me

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of

the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in

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the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that “he who is not for Me is against Me.” (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.

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