

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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**November 22, 2020 — Ninth Sunday after the Holy Cross**



*Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21)*

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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 JOHN Herro (req. by Fr. Philaret)

#### **Troparia**

- 1. Resurrection (Tone 8):** O Merciful One, Who came down from on high and endured burial for three days in order to save us from suffering. O our Life and our Resurrection, glory to you.
- 2. Of the Presentation of the Theotokos:** Today is the prelude to God's munificence, and the announcement of the salvation of men: in the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry out to her with all our strength: "Joy to you, Fulfillment of the Creator's Plan!"
- 3. Kontakion of the Presentation of the Theotokos:** The most pure Temple of the Savior, His most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasure of God's glory, enters today in the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"

**Prokimenon:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

*Stichon:* To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

**Epistle:** Eph 4:1-8

Brethren, I the prisoner in the Lord exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling by which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, even as you were called to a single hope in your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in all. But to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's imparting.

**Alleluia:** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

*Stichon:* Let us greet u presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**Gospel:** The Rich Fool, Lk 12:16-21

The Lord told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger one, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be marry.' But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night, you must give

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up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?' So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God." After he had said this, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### **Stewardship**

Last week: donations=\$50; candles=\$26; ordinary collections=\$483. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$14,966.57.

There is a link to donate via PayPal on our website: [byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate](https://byzantinemilwaukee.com/donate).

### *The Bishop's Appeal*

At this time of year when we offer thanksgiving for all God's blessings, Our Lord speaks to us in the Gospel about storing up treasure in Heaven and about being rich in the things of God. Let us give back to the Lord in return for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us give thanks to God for the precious gift of our Melkite Church and pay a tribute of thanksgiving for the labor and sacrifice of our forebears in the faith who have gone before us. Offer your thanks to God by giving a generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Donate online or by responding to the mailing: <https://melkite.org/products-page/donation/bishops-appeal>

### **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).

\* Please particularly remember Alice Herro who has been having health issues recently.

### **God with Us: Webinars**

Mondays, November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-8pm, "Seven Ages of the Kingdom: A Study of Salvation History" with the Rev. Daniel Dozier, a priest at St. George Ruthenian Catholic Church in Olympia, Washington.

More information and registration: <https://godwithusonline.org/events>

### **Schedule for This Week**

**Wednesday:** *Holy Great-Martyr Catherine of Alexandria*

*Leave-Taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple*

**Sunday:** *Thirteenth Sunday after the Holy Cross*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

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Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Madeleine Farley (11/26). May God grant you many years!

### **Nativity**

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>: Start of the Nativity Fast (Traditional Usage)

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: Start of the Nativity Fast (Melkite Usage)

### **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)

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### **Surrounded by Wealth, Blind to Charity**

What does the rich man do, surrounded by a great supply of many blessings beyond all numbering? In distress and anxiety, he speaks the words of poverty. He says, "What should I do?" ... He does not look to the future. He does not raise his eyes to God.

He does not count it worth his while to gain for the mind those treasures that are above in heaven. He does not cherish love for the poor or desire the esteem it gains. He does not sympathize with suffering.

It gives him no pain nor awakens his pity. Still more irrational, he settles for himself the

length of his life, as if he would also reap this from the ground. He says, "I will say to myself, 'Self, you have goods laid up for many years. Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.'" "O rich man," one may say, "You have storehouses for your fruits, but where will you receive your many years? By the decree of God, your life is shortened."

"God," it tells us, "said to him, "You fool, this night they will require of you your soul. Whose will these things be that you have prepared?"

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*

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