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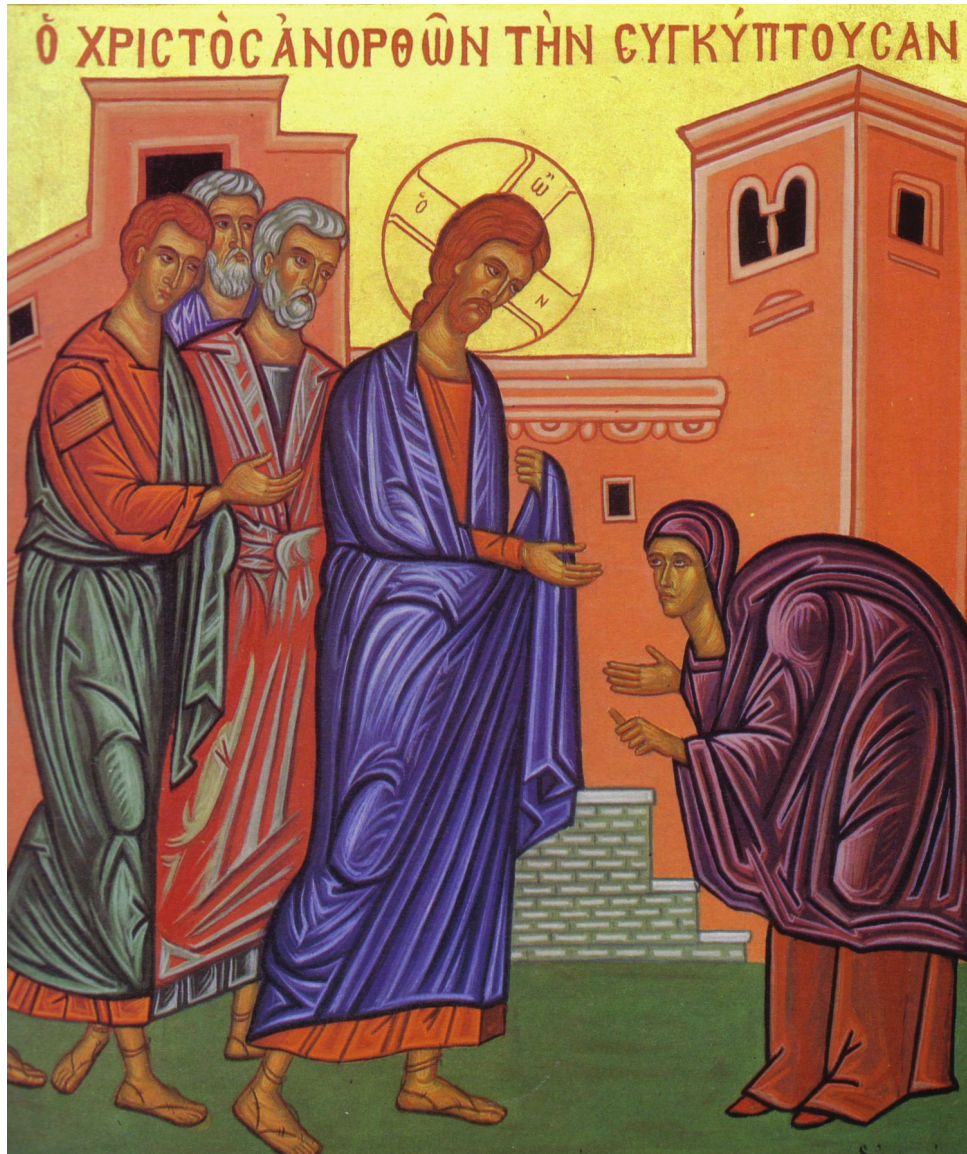
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Icon of the Healing of the Stoopd Woman (Luke 13:10-17)

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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: Health, peace and salvation of ALICE Herro (req. by Fr. Philaret)

Troparia

- 1. Resurrection (Tone 1):** While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.
- 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 Preparation of the Nativity:** Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is, in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded: with the angles and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a new-born Babe, while remaining God in all eternity.

Prokimenon: May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us / for we have hoped in You.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Epistle: Eph 5:8-19

BRETHREN, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the spirit is in all virtue and holiness and truth), testing what is well pleasing to the Lord, and have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For of the things that are done by people in secret, it is shameful even to speak; but all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light: for all that is made manifest is light. Thus, there is a saying, Awake, sleeper, and arise from among the dead, and

Christ will enlighten you. (Is.26: 19) See to it, therefore, brethren, that you walk with care, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Do not become foolish, then, but understand what is the Lord's will. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is wantonness; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your hearts to the Lord.

Alleluia: O God, you granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

Gospel: The Rich Young Man. Lk 18:18-28

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At that time a certain man approached Jesus and asked him, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to gain eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but only God. You know the commandments; 'Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Honor thou father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have kept ever since I was a child." But when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing is still lacking to you; sell everything you own,

and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When he heard these things, he was much grieved, for he was very rich. But Jesus, seeing him become sad, said, "With what difficulty will the wealthy enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" He said to them, "Things men cannot do alone, they can do with God's help."

Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$7; donations=\$100; ordinary collections=\$153; stole offerings=\$10. 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.

The Bishop's Appeal

Don't be like the Rich Young Fool in today's Gospel. Our Lord tells us not be sad and downcast, worrying about our earthly riches, but to be generous and joyful of heart, storing up treasure in Heaven and being rich in the things of God. If our Lord has blessed us with riches, He does so not only for ourselves and our families, but for the good of His Church. Offer your gratitude to God by giving a generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal today. Thank you for your generosity.

Donate by responding to the mailing or online: <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.

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God with Us: Webinars

Starting tomorrow: Mondays, November 30th to December 14th, 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

Monday: *Apostle Andrew, the First-Called*
Friday: *Great-martyr Barbara*
Saturday: *Father Sabas the Sanctified*
Sunday: *Tenth Sunday after the Holy Cross*
Father Nicholas the Wonderworker
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Nativity

Sunday, November 15th: Start of the Nativity Fast (Traditional Usage)

Thursday, December 10th: 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

Healing a Stooped Woman

Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus’ healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the

sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke 13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God’s character to take special notice of the needy.

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What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!

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