

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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**January 10, 2021 — Sunday after the Theophany**



*Icon of Saint John the Baptist*

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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 BARAKET Herro (req. by John and Kathleen Nahas)

**Troparia**

1. **Resurrection (Tone 7):** Through your Cross You destroyed death, You opened Paradise to the thief, and turned into joy the mourning of the ointment bearing women, and You ordered your Apostles to proclaim that You rose, O Christ God, Bestowing great mercy upon the world.
2. **Of the Theophany:** At your Baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed: for the Father's voice bore witness to you by calling You his Beloved Son, and the spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God who have appeared to us, and enlightened the world, 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 of the Theophany:** Today You have appeared, O Lord, to the universe and Your light, O Christ our God, has been impressed upon us who sing to You with full knowledge: You came and appeared, O Inaccessible Light.

**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 4:7-13

Brethren, to each one of us the grace was given according to the measure of Christ's bestowal. Thus, as it says, ascending on high, he let away captives; he gave gifts to men (Ps.61:19). Now this ascending, what does it mean but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended, he it is who ascended also above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he himself gave some men as apostles, and some as prophets, and others as pastors and teachers, in order to perfect the saints for a work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the deep knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ.

**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 Ministry of Jesus, Mt 4:12-17

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At that time, When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the

Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**2021 Calendars Available**

Follow along with the readings, and feasts and fasts, of the year. The 2021 eparchial calendars are now available on the back tables. The theme is ministry.

**Stewardship**

Last week: stole offerings=\$10; candles=\$3; ordinary collections=\$812; donations=\$327.33 Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$14,366.57.

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

*Tax Statements*

Tax statements for 2020 donations will be sent by the end of the month. Please contact Benjamin Neumann if you have any questions or if you would prefer to receive it by email.

*Bishop's Appeal*

As of December 31, 2020, \$2,950 had been received against the parish's \$6,000 goal for the Bishop's Appeal, helping to provide financial support to the Melkite Church in the United States. Last year, \$4,200 was collected by the parish. Donate by responding to the mailing, using an envelope from the back tables or online <https://melkite.org/products-page/donation/bishops-appeal>; the appeal will close on January 31, 2021.

**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.

**Schedule for This Week**

**Monday:** *Father Theodosius the Founder of Monasteries*

**Saturday:** *Veneration of the Honorable Chains of Apostle Peter*

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**Sunday:** *Sunday after the Theophany*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

### **Winter Weather**

Please take with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel!

### **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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### **John the Baptist and Forerunner**

For the Church, John was a prophetic and tragic figure. He is called the 'Baptist' because he baptized those who came to him; he is called the 'Forerunner' because he went before Christ and prepared His way, making His paths straight, in accordance with the words of the prophet: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness ... make his paths straight (Mark 1:3). In the Old Testament, he is prophesied as "the voice of him that cries in the wilderness, in the passage from Isaiah quoted above. In other texts, he is referred to as 'the voice of the Word', 'the lamp of the Light', 'the friend of the Bridegroom, 'the morning star before the Sun'.

John began his work at the age of 30, in the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius (AD 27 or 29 AD). To begin, he jour-

neyed around the southern part of Judah, near the river Jordan, preaching and prophesying. The central theme of his preaching was repentance: he called upon men to repent and to change their ways of thinking, so that they would be ready to receive the teaching of Christ, their Savior—"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2).

At the same time, he was severe in his rebuking of evil and sin. Another element of his teaching was that of the practical form — how each of us should love our fellow brothers and sisters.

As we anticipate the coming Great Fast in a few weeks, are we prepared to repent and change our ways, and rebuke evil and sin as Saint John taught?

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