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January 24, 2021 — Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee

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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 MIKE Herro (December 12, 1986; req by. Yvonne Tadych)

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 Pharisee and the Publican:** Let us shun the proud attitude of the boastful Pharisee and learn humility from the Publican's sighs; let us cry out to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O You who alone are merciful!"

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

Epistle: 2 Tim 3:10-15

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, my behavior, my faith, my long-suffering, my love, my patience, my persecutions, my afflictions such as befell me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, such persecutions as I suffered: and out of them all, the Lord delivered me. And all who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But the wicked and impostors will go from bad to worse, erring and leading into error. As for you, keep on with the things you have learned and which have been entrusted to you, and remember from whom you have learned them. For you have known from infancy the Sacred Scriptures which are able to give you instruction for your salvation by the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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

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

Gospel: Parable of Pharisee & Publican, Lk 18:10-14

The Lord told this parable: "Two men Pharisee and the other a publican. The went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee stood and began to pray thus

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within himself: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all I possess.' But the publican, standing far off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, say-

ing, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for anyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself shall be exalted.

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: candles=\$7; ordinary collections=\$341; stole offerings=\$10; donations=\$320
Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$16,796.08.

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

Thank You for the Nativity Fast Collection

"Thank you so much for your generous donation of baby supplies to the Women's Support Center! We are truly grateful to you for your generosity. Through your generosity, we are able to help save the lives of babies in danger of abortion and to help families who are in difficult situations. May God bless you abundantly."

Tax Statements

Tax statements for 2020 donations are available for pickup after Liturgy today. Please contact Benjamin Neumann if you have any questions or if you would prefer to receive a copy via 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).

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

Schedule for This Week

Wednesday: *Transfer of the Remains of Father John Chrysostom*

Saturday: *Fathers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom*

Sunday: *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Thesesa Zambo (1/25). May God grant you many years!

Coming Up

Meatfare: February 7th

Palm Sunday: March 28th

Cheesefare: February 14th

Holy Resurrection: April 4th

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

Publican and Pharisee: Humility vs Self-Righteousness

'This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride.

For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up

reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness. Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God.

And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts him-

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self shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. 'The word *humility* has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, He has humbled my

life upon the earth. 'There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can anything be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

Saint John Chrysostom

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