

## St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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**August 22, 2021 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



*Parable of the Evil Vineyard Workers (Matthew 21:33-43)*

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### **Divine Liturgy**

*Livestreams and recordings of services on the parish's Facebook page: [facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/](https://facebook.com/pg/ByzantineMilwaukee/videos/). An account is not needed.*

**Intention:** Past and present members of the Lebanese Ladies Club

#### **Hymns**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):** The Women disciples of the Lord heard from the Angels the joyful news of the resurrection, and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the Apostles: Death is vanquished, Christ God is risen! And has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

**Troparion of the Dormition:** In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

**Troparion of St. George:** O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives, a doc-

**Prokimenon:** How great are your works, O Lord! in wisdom you have wrought them all.

*Stichon:* Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

**Apostolic Reading:** I Cor 16:13-24

Now, I beg you, brethren: you know that the members of Stephanas' family are the first-fruits of Achaia and have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. To such as these, you too become subject, and to every helper and worker. I rejoice at the presence of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because what was lacking on your part they have supplied — for they have refreshed both my spirit and yours.

tor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

**Kontakion:** 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.

**Hirmos:** All human generations bless you, O Mother of God. The laws of nature were bypassed in you, for your birth-giving left you a virgin and your death became the herald of your life. O you who remained virginal after having given birth, and alive after having died, O Mother of God, deign always to save your inheritance!

To such as these, therefore, give recognition.

The churches of Asia greet you. Acula and Priscilla with the church at their house greet you heartily in the Lord. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

I, Paul, greet you with my own hand. If any man does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. The grace of

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our Lord Jesus be with you. My love is with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Alleluia:** String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

*Stichon:* You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

**Gospel:** Parable of the Vineyard Tenants, Mt 21:33-42

The Lord told this parable: "There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge around it, and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he leased it to the vine-dressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But the vine-dressers, on seeing the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance.' So, they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?" They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those evil men, and will lease the vineyard to other vine-dressers, who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?"

### Stewardship

Last week: candles=\$1; donations=\$350; stole offerings=\$40; ordinary collections=\$520. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance): \$30,230.

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### Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Alice Herro\*, Nick Langenfeld, Barb Moden (sister 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 who have died: Bruce Moden (brother-in-law of Jan Taylor) 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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### Schedule for This Week

**Monday:** *Leave-taking of the Dormition*  
**Sunday:** *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Michel Aboul-Zelof (8/26). May God grant you many years!

### Upcoming Events

September 25<sup>th</sup> (10am–5pm) and 26<sup>th</sup> (12:15pm–5pm) **Doors Open Milwaukee** at St. George

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, noon–2:00pm, **Middle Eastern Dinner**, \$15.00 standard dinner

Our tempting menu includes: kafta (beef, parsley, onion, spices) riz bi Djaaj (chicken, rice, spices), foul moudammas (fava beans, parsley, onion, garlic, lemon), hummus and middle-eastern salad.

### COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 is to take preventive actions to protect yourself and others:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can ([city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](http://city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax)). Vaccines are safe and readily available at walk-in clinics throughout the community for anyone over the age of 12 years old.
- If you are unvaccinated, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others who do not live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and improve ventilation whenever possible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

More information is available from the health department: [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](http://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

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### The Vineyard is the Kingdom

The kingdom of God upon earth is here compared to a vineyard, furnished with all things requisite to an advantageous management and improvement of it. He planted this vineyard. The church is the planting of the Lord, Isaiah 61:3. The forming of a church is a work by itself, like the planting of a vineyard, which requires a great deal of cost and care. It is the vineyard which his right hand has planted

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(Psalms 80:15), planted with the choicest vine (Isaiah 5:2), a noble vine (Jeremiah 2:21). The earth of itself produces thorns and briars; but vines must be planted. The being of a church is owing to Gods distinguishing favour, and his manifesting himself to some, and not to others.

He hedged it round about. Note, God's church in the world is taken under his special protection. It is a hedge round about, like that about Job on every side (Job 1:10), a wall of fire (Zechariah 2:5). Wherever God has a church, it is, and will always be, his peculiar care. The covenant of circumcision and the ceremonial law were a hedge or a wall of partition about the Jewish church, which is taken down by

Christ; who yet has appointed a gospel order and discipline to be the hedge of his church. He will not have his vineyard to lie in common, that those who are without, may thrust in at pleasure; not to lie at large, that those who are within, may lash out at pleasure; but care is taken to set bounds about this holy mountain.

He dug a wine-press and built a tower. The altar of burnt-offerings was the wine-press, to which all the offerings were brought. God instituted ordinances in his church, for the due oversight of it, and for the promoting of its fruitfulness. What could have been done more to make it every way convenient?

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