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*Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-29)*

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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:** Happy and eternal repose of the soul of the Archpriest ROBERT Anderson (req. by Fr. Philaret)

### **Hymns**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2):** When you descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the splendor of your Divinity, and when you raised the dead from under the ground, all the Powers of heaven cried out: O Christ our God, the giver of life, glory to you.

**Troparion of St. George:** 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

**Prokimenon:** The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

*Stichon:* Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

**Apostolic Reading:** Tim 4:9-15

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: for we work and are reviled for this reason, that we hope in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Command and teach these things. Let no man despise the fact that you are young, but be an example to the faithful by what you say and do, by love, faith, spirituality and

attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

**Kontakion of the Presentation of our Lord:** O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have now blessed the arms of Simon, today You have come to save us. O Lord, when wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

chastity. Until I come, be diligent in reading, exhorting and teaching. Do not neglect the grace that is in you, granted to you as a speaker for God through the laying on of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

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**Alleluia:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

*Stichon:* To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

**Gospel:** Sunday of Zacchaeus, Lk 19:1-10

At that time as Jesus was passing through Jericho, behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican, and he was rich. And he was trying to see Jesus, to find out who he was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay in your house today." And

he made haste and came down, and welcomed him joyfully. And upon seeing it, all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give one-half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is the son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$11; donations=\$350; stole offerings=\$100; ordinary collections=\$374. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated December 19, 2021): \$33,738

Donation letters for tax purposes will be available after next Sunday's Liturgy; those that are not picked up will be mailed the following week. Please contact Benjamin Neumann with any questions: [benjamin@byzantinemilwaukee.com](mailto:benjamin@byzantinemilwaukee.com).

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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 we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For those who have died: Margaret Littlefield (mother of Fr. Philaret).

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

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### Schedule for This Week

**Sunday:** *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

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

### Winter Weather

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

### COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to stop the community spread of COVID-19 is to take preventative action 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.
- 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 don't 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 Gentiles Cry Out for Jesus

To grasp the inner motive of the Canaanite woman for obtaining what came to pass, we must reflect on the impact of her words. There is a firm belief that there was and still is in Israel a community of converts who passed over from the Gentiles into the works of the law. They had left behind their previous life and were bonded by the religion of a foreign land and dominating law as though from home. The Canaanites were inhabiting the lands of present-day Judea. Whether ab-

sorbed by war or dispersed to neighboring places or brought into servitude as a vanquished people, they carried about their name but lacked a native land. Intermingled with the Jews, therefore, these people came from the Gentiles. And since a portion of those among the crowds who believed were converts, the Canaanite woman most likely had left her territory, preferring the status of a proselyte that is, coming out from the Gentiles to the community of a neighboring people. She was

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appealing on behalf of her daughter, who was a type for all the Gentile people. And since she knew the Lord from the law, she addressed him as Son of David. For in the law, the king of the eternal and heavenly kingdom is referred to as the “rod out of the stem of Jesse and the son of David.”

‘This woman, who professed Christ as both Lord and Son of David, did not need healing. Rather, she was begging for help for her daughter that is, the Gentile people in the grips of unclean spirits.

*St. Hilary of Pottiers*

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