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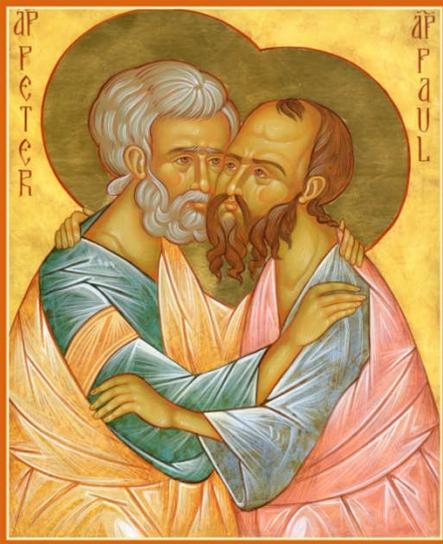
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM, TONE 1

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We welcome you today

We would like to remind our visitors of the following;:

- ❖ All people are encouraged to participate in the sacred services of our Church. We hope that you will be able to worship as well as have fellowship with us. Should you wish any information about the Orthodox Faith or this parish in particular, please see the rector or any member of the church. We are able to place you on our mailing list.
- ❖ Only Orthodox Christians may receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion) in the Orthodox Church. In like manner, Orthodox Christians may not receive the sacraments in a non-Orthodox Church. While we hope that one day all Christians will find unity and be able to approach the chalice of our Lord together, we observe the teachings of the Church that the Eucharist is a gift of unity and not a means of unity.

We remind our faithful and visitors of the following guidelines concerning the Holy Sacraments in the Orthodox Church.

- ❖ Orthodox Christians are urged to receive Holy Communion frequently.
- ❖ Communicants should be at peace with others before approaching the chalice (Mt 5:23-24)
- ❖ Realize the importance of making a thorough examination of sins and transgressions against God, ourselves and others and having prayed for forgiveness before coming to Holy Communion.
- ❖ Frequent communicants should come to Holy Confession at least four times a year (during the four fasting periods of the year). and additionally when an examination of conscience reveals the necessity to do so in order to heal any sinful behavior.
- ❖ Communicants should fast from all foods and liquids from the evening before receiving Holy Communion.
- ❖ Communicants should read prayers in preparation for receiving Holy Communion.
- ❖ All Orthodox Christians must receive the sacraments at least once a year.
- ❖ Those who are late for Divine Liturgy (after the reading of the Epistle and Gospel) should not approach the chalice.
- ❖ Those who are ill or who have special physical needs are exempt from the above guidelines.
- ❖ Infants and children (up to the age of seven) who are Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion and are exempt from the above guidelines.

Thank you for gathering to worship with us today. Together we have glorified the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May we be brought closer to one another and closer to God by following the eternal teachings of our Lord.

Нагадуємо нашнім гостям., що:

ми заохочуємо всіх до участі у Священній Літургії в нашій Церкві; ми сподіваємося, що Ви зможете не лише помолитися тут, але й стати членом нашої громади. Якщо Ви хочете отримати якусь додаткову інформацію про Православну віру, чи, зокрема, про нашу парафію, звертайтеся, будь ласка, до отця настоятеля чи до будь-кого із членів нашої парафії. Ми можемо внести вашу адресу до парафіяльного списку розсилки;

лише православні християни можуть отримати Євхаристію (Святе Причастя) у православної церкви і, відповідно, православні християни не можуть отримувати святого причастя у неправославній церкві Плекаючи надію на те, що у майбутньому всі християни досягнуть єдності і зможуть разом пити із чаші нашого Господа, ми дотримуємося вчення церкви про те, що Євхаристія - це дар єдності, а не засіб до єдності.

НАГАДУЄМО НАШИМ ВІРНИМ І ГОСТЯМ ПРО ПРАВИЛА, ЩО СТОСУЮТЬСЯ СВЯТОГО ПРИЧАСТЯ У ПРАВОСЛАВНІЙ ЦЕРКВІ:

ми спонукаємо православних християн часто ходити до Святого Причастя;

ті, хто причащаються, повинні бути у мирі з іншими перш, нас підійти до євхаристичної чаші (Св.Матвій 5:23-24);

перед тим, як прийти на Святе Причастя, дуже важливо ретельно осмислити гріхи і порушення, які було вчинено проти Бога, нас самих та інших і помолитися за їх відпущення;

тим, хто часто причащається, слід приходити на святу сповідь принаймні чотири рази на рік (під час кожного із чотирьох щорічних постів);

ті, хто причащається, повинні з вечора перед прийняттям Святого Причастя, припинити вживання всякої їжі і напоїв;

ті, хто причащається, повинні шляхом молитов підготувати себе до прийняття причастя;

всі православні християни повинні, принаймні, раз на рік отримати Святе Причастя;

ті, хто спізнився на Божественну Літургію (пришов після того, як було прочитано Апостол і Євангеліє) не можуть підходити до чаші; **хворі**, і **ті**, хто має обмежені фізичні моеисливості, звільняються від вище викладених вимог;

немовлята та діти до семи років, які належать до Православної християнської віри, можуть отримувати Святе Причастя і звільняються від вище викладених вимог;

Дякуємо за те, що Ви прийшли помолитися з нами сьогодні у церкві Ісуса Христа. Разом з вами ми віддали славу Єдиному Господу, Отцеві, і Синові, і Духові Святому. Нехай дотримування вічного вчення нашого Господа наблизить нас один до одного Богу

VENERABLE EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT

TROPARION TO THE RESURRECTION TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O merciful One! Thou didst endure the three day burial to free us from our suffering! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

TROPARION TONE 4

Rejoice, O barren wilderness! And be glad, sterile desert, that has never known the travail of birth! The man of desires has multiplied your sons; He has planted them in faith and piety. He has watered them with the Holy Spirit: They grow in self-denial and perfect virtue. Through His intercessions, O Christ God, preserve Your people in peace!

KONTAKION TONE 8

The wilderness rejoiced at your birth, holy father Euthymius. In your memory, it brings a harvest of joy through your many miracles. Pour these wonders on our souls as well and cleanse us from our sins, That we may sing: Alleluia!

KONTAKION FOR THE RESURRECTION TONE 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Euthymius was born during the reign of king Gratian in 377 A.D. He came from Melitine in Armenia (now Makatya, Turkey), and was the son of pious and faithful parents called Paul and Dionysia.

Though Euthymius' mother was barren, his parents prayed fervently to God to grant them a child. Then they had a vision: they heard the voice of an angel who told them to be cheerful because with the child's birth every heresy was going to be abolished and universal peace was going to be granted to the Church of God. For this reason this saint was called Euthymius (meaning *good cheer*).

When the saint's father died, his mother offered him to Eutrojos, bishop of Melitine, by whom he was counted with the order of clerics. Because he was intelligent in his studies and surpassed all men in virtue and asceticism, he was forced to be ordained a priest and to look after the holy hermitages and monasteries. When he was twenty-nine years old, he went to Jerusalem and lived with St. Theoktistos in a cave on the mountain. While he was there, St. Euthymius liberated many men from the terrible chains of disease.

They also say that this saint fed four hundred men, who had come to the monastery, with very few loaves of bread. Moreover, not only did he break his mother's sterility through his birth, but also through prayer he made other childless women to be fruitful. He also opened the gates of Heaven, as great Elijah had done, bringing rain during a period of drought. Once a column of light, seen descending from Heaven by the by-standers while the saint was celebrating the bloodless sacrifice, made the internal brightness of divine Euthymius' soul known. This light shone over the saint until he completed the Liturgy. A further sign of the purity and chastity of the saint was that he could spiritually see the mood and the condition of those souls when they approached to receive the Eucharist.

Another story about St. Euthymius' clairvoyance involves a monk who was about to die. This monk outwardly appeared to be a prudent and moderate saint, but in his heart he was lecherous and intemperate because he allowed his labors to be sweetened with shameful thoughts. So, when this monk at the point of death, blessed Euthymius saw an angel taking the soul of that miserable monk by force, using a three-pronged spear. Immediately the saint also heard a voice revealing all the hidden and shameful thoughts of that dying monk.

When Euthymius was ninety-six years old (in A.D. 473), he departed to the Lord. He had established religious communities throughout Palestine.



PROKEMON

Pray ye and render thanks unto the Lord our God.

Verse: In Jewry is God known, His name is great in His people.

1 Timothy 4:9-15

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

1 Тимофію 4:9-15

Ось істина, яку слід повністю дотримуватися: ми покладаємо свої надії на живого Бога, Який є Спасителем усіх людей і, насамперед, віруючих. Ось заради чого ми тяжко трудимося й боремося.

Проповідай і навчай цього. Нехай ніхто не зневажає тебе за твою молодість. Але будь взірцем для віруючих у слові своєму, поведінці, любові, у своїй вірі, у чистоті життя свого.

Доки я не прийду, і далі читай людям Святе Писання й заохочуй і навчай їх. Не нехтуй даром своїм, який був даний тобі через пророцтва, коли старійшини поклали свої руки на тебе. Піклуйся про ці обов'язки весь час. Віддайся їм, і тоді твої успіхи стануть очевидними для всіх.

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus 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 to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Від Луки 19:1-10

Ісус увійшов до Єрихона й йшов містом. Там мешкав багатій на ймення Закхей, який був головним збирачем податків. Він прагнув побачити, хто ж Такий Ісус, але через великий натовп не міг зробити цього, бо був низький на зріст. Тож Закхей забіг наперед усіх і заліз на чинару, щоб побачити Ісуса, бо Він якраз мав пройти повз те дерево.

І коли Ісус дійшов до цього місця, Він підвів очі й промовив: «Закхею, мерщій злязь, бо Я мушу сьогодні зупинитися в твоєму домі».

Тоді Закхей швидко зліз на землю й радісно привітав Ісуса. І всі це бачили й почали ремствувати: «Він пішов у гості до грішника». Але Закхей став і промовив до Господа: «Пане, послухай! Я віддам половину свого добра бідним. І якщо я колись у когось щось видурив, то поверну йому в чотири рази більше!»

Ісус сказав йому: «Сьогодні в цей дім прийшло спасіння, адже цей чоловік також один з обраного народу Божого. Бо ж Син Людський прийшов, щоб розшукати і спасти те, що було загублене».

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

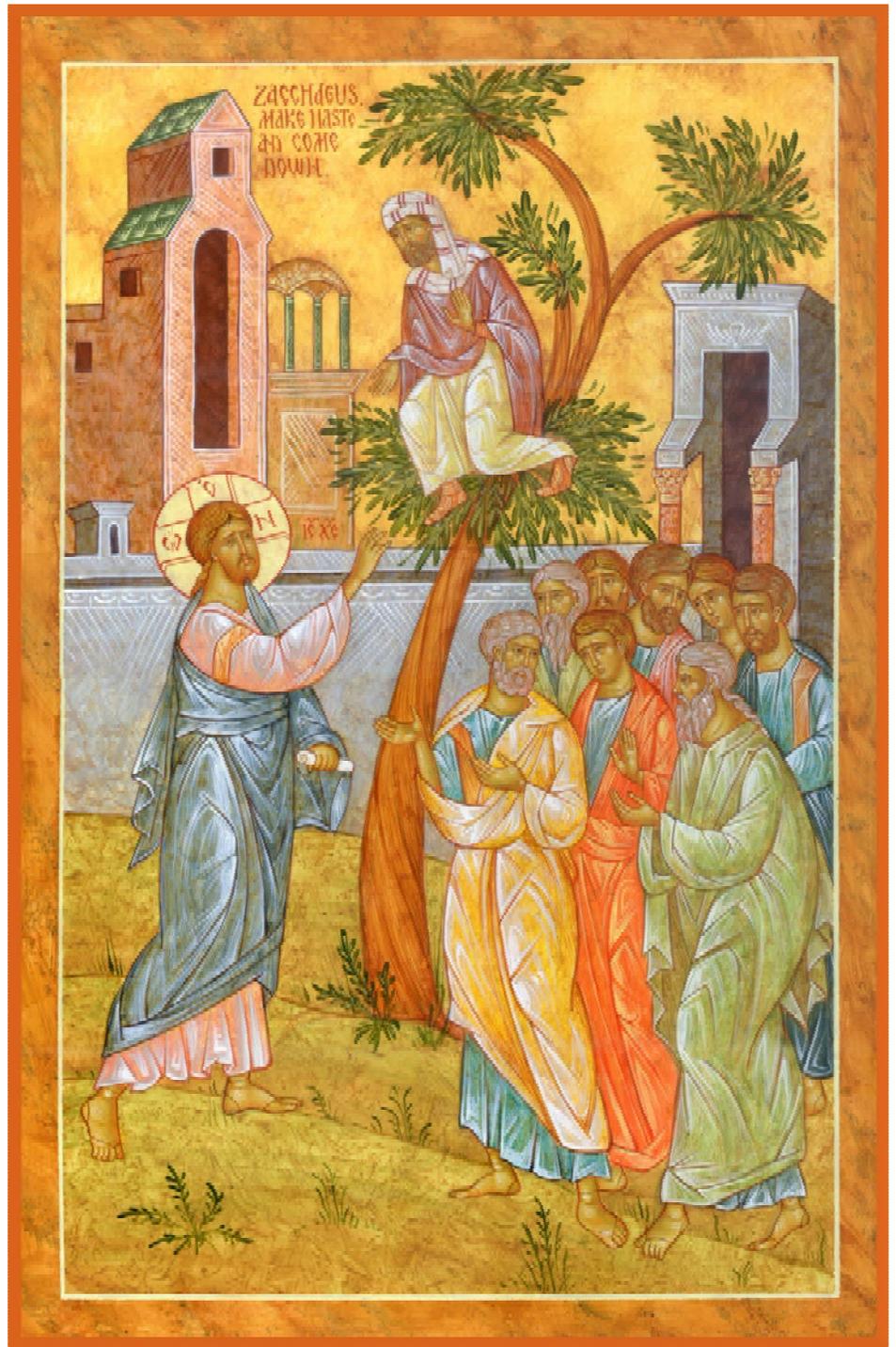
Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the

Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.



Prayer List

Heavenly Father, Who sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Physician of our souls and bodies, Who came to heal sickness and infirmity, Who healed the paralytic, and brought back to life the daughter of Jairus, Who healed the woman who had been sick for twelve years by the her mere touch of the hem of your robe, visit and heal also your beloved servants:

Fr. Paisius McGrath	Kay Patridge	Pamela Graham	Reggie Warford	Jane Allred
Fr. Mykola Dilendorf	Sharon Welsh	Peter Zinski	Pearl Homyrda	Kathryn Ostaffy
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Deborah Schricker	Jack Schricker	Lynda West	Claudia Losego	Ben Cramer
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Jennifer Marley	Cynthia Mycyk	Yaroslava Dhzyrha	Donna Forbes	Teresa Stacy
Jason Bell	Catharine Livak	MaryAnn Sklaryk	Judee Shoup	Charlie Shoup
Sarah Winn				

by the power and grace of Your Christ. Grant them the patience that comes from believing that You are always at work in our lives to bring good out of evil. Grant them strength of body, mind and soul. Raise them up from the bed of pain. Grant them full recovery. May they experience the same surge of healing power flow through their bodies, as did the sick woman who touched your robe. For we, too, are touching your robe today, dear Lord, through this our prayer. We approach you with the same faith she did. Grant them the gift of health. For You alone are the source of healing and to You we offer glory, praise and thanksgiving in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Mnohaya Lita - Many Blessed Years

Names Days

February 2 St. Inna
Inna Holovatiuk
February 3 St. Maximus the Confessor
Max Rozum, Maksim Shcherbatyuk
February 6 St Xenia of Rome
Oksana Aleksandrov
February 7 St. Gregory the Theologian
Gregory Woznak

Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 7 Kathryn Ostaffy
February 8 Inna Holovatiuk

Feast Days of:

February 3 Martyr Agnes
February 7 St. Gregory the Theologian

Pray for our friends and relatives serving in the armed forces.

Patrick Kluyber, Catherine Sheerin, Gregory Markiw, Ethan Rock, Michael Hrishenko, John Howe

Pray for our Catechumens

John Barth

Pray for our parishioners in vocational studies

Deacon Evan O'Neil, Sue Leis



- **ALL SAINTS CAMP CALENDARS:** ASC Booster Club memberships / calendars are still available! Only \$25.00, please see Cindy Haluszczak or Bonnie Reinhart to purchase.
- **FIRST SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COOK-OFF:** Sunday, February 2, 2020 after Divine Liturgy! We will hold our First Souper Bowl Cookoff! Luncheon cost is still only \$5.00 and you will receive Soup, Sandwich, Coffee Hour Desert & Beverage PLUS chance to vote for your FAVORITE SOUP! Soup take out will be available after the Luncheon for \$2.00. The Souper Bowl Luncheon is sponsored by the Sr. UOL Chapter with proceeds going to St. Andrew Society for Soup Kitchens in Ukraine. To Learn more about St. Andrew Society please visit https://www.uocofusa.org/st_andrew_uos.
- **SR COFFEE HOUR** :No Thursday Coffee Hour will occur on January 30. It will resume on Thursday, February 6.
- **ST MATRONA MEETING:** Everyone is invited to attend the sisterhood meeting on Sunday, February 9th, following Liturgy. We are always looking for new members who would enjoy the fun and fellowship of our ladies. Our goal is to continue our wonderful parish family traditions, such as the Epiphany and St. Thomas Dinners, support our community outreach programs and offer financial donations to help the parish continue serving our members. We also enjoy baking!! and would love some new ideas! Please consider becoming a St. Matrona Sisterhood member...we would love to have you!
- **FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE:** Calling all bakers! We need your sweet creations for the Charest Adoption Fundraiser. If you'd like to donate please contact Matalie Turicik.
- **PIEROGIES:** We will be making pierogis in February for sale to our parishioners. Cost is \$7.50/dozen. Pierogis will be ready for pickup on February 22. Please see Pat Sally or John Stasko to place your order. There will be no pierogi orders taken during our March preparation schedule. All pierogis made during our March schedule will be for the Pysanka Sale.
- **Saint Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society** was founded in 1990 by the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA as a religious and charitable organization. As an integral ministry of the Church, the Society's philanthropic mission focuses on providing humanitarian assistance to the needy and supporting church-related projects in Ukraine. Since its founding, the Society has raised over 1.3 million dollars towards the support of religious, educational and humanitarian projects.

Hot and nutritious meals are provided at cafeterias, churches or social service centers for the needy elderly. Over 4,000 meals are prepared and provided per month. These soup kitchens are staffed by volunteers in local communities or by church affiliated institutions and organizations.

- **FUND RAISER** This Saturday is the Charest Family Adoption Fund Raiser. Pasta dinners will be served from 4:00 to 7:30 at the church hall. This fund raiser is a free will donation. We are trying to raise funds to assist with the costs for the adoption fees and traveling costs for the Charest Family. The agency coordinating the adoption between Ukraine and the Charests have services that will occur over many months leading up to the adoption and after the children arrive back in the United States. Some of the services that the adoption agency provides include adoption orientation and consultation, home study supervision, domestic communication, adoption oversight coordination and administration, Ukraine adoption trip planning, and international communication among many other services that will continue throughout this year. Some of the initial up front costs total \$7,550 from the agency. There will also be many other costs including travel costs and hotel stays in Ukraine during the adoption procedure. All funds received go to helping offset the costs of the agency fees, travel costs and hotel stays for the Charest Family. If you have any questions regarding the adoption procedures please see Matuska Laryssa, Fr, John. For questions regarding the fund raiser please see Shirley Stasko and regarding donations please see John Stasko.

Stewardship

THANK YOU FOR THESE RECENT DONATIONS:

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

February 9 Eryna Saentrik, Chris & Justina Mills
February 16 Ethan & Natalie Nixon, Beverly Kapeluck

Kitchen Workers Schedule

February 20 th - Thursday 12pm	Potato Prep (after senior coffee hour-12:00)
February 21 st - Friday 9am	2 batches Pierogies pinch and cook 9am
March 26 th - Thursday 12pm	Potato Prep (after senior coffee hour-12:00)
March 27 th - Friday 9am	2 batches Pierogies pinch and cook 9am

Pysanky sale prep

March 31 st - Tuesday 9am	Steam and core cabbage
April 1 st - Wednesday 9am	Roll & cook stuffed cabbage
April 3 rd - Friday 9am	Easter Paska baking for sale 9am

If any questions please contact Sherri Walewski or John Stasko



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February 2, 2020

After Divine Liturgy

Enjoy Soup, Sandwich, Coffee Hour Dessert, Beverage

AND

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Luncheon \$5.00

Soup Take-out After Luncheon \$2.00

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Spaghetti, Meatballs, Sauce Selections,
Salad, Bread & Beverage

GLUTEN FREE MENU AVAILABLE

Saturday

February 8, 2020

4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Donation

Free Will Offering Basket

Events

Dessert Bake Sale
Raffles, Games and more...



Additional Event Information

Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1663247963815554/>

Parish News Article

https://orthodoxcarnegie.org/news_200108_1



1/8/2020: CXL

Putting the Pieces Together....

Adoption Fundraiser....

The Charest's' have been approved for adoption! The next step is to help them bring Victoria, Ivanka and Nestor home to complete their family! Please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:30 PM.** The dinner, a free will donation event, will also host a bake sale and raffles to help support the cause. If you would like to help in any way with this fundraiser, please let John or Shirley Stasko know.



Tentative Menu

Penne Pasta with tomato sauce and meatballs
Fettuccine with clam sauce
Parmesan and Mozzarella stuffed shells
All entrees will include salad, roll and beverage.

Please consider baking for the “Dessert Bake Sale”! Contact Natalie Turicik to let her know if you will bake. Items can be brought down to the hall Friday evening, February 7, 2020 after 5PM or Saturday, February 8, 2020 after 1 pm.

Raffles & Games! We will be having 3 different types of events! Please see Chris Mills for questions or to donate items towards the following events. Please provide items or what you are donating to her any time prior to that Saturday. Setting up for the items will occur Friday night, February 7, 2020. If you are interested in helping with any of the events listed below, please let her know.

- **Gift Bag Raffle!** (like basket raffle only with Gift Bags!) Looking for donations of “filled gift bags” or items towards filling gift bags.
- **Pick a Pop!** (is like a fishpond game) This game is geared toward kids/teenagers. We are looking for donations of 4 different levels of prizes. Several small items (\$1 type), the next level (\$2/3 type), third level, 4 items around \$5, and the fourth level, 2 items for the “big” prize. And of course, Lollipops donations are welcome!
- **Silent Auction!** Looking for 3 donation items that can be used for a Silent Auction. We have 3 items already, each one representing each child with their favorite things!

Unable to attend the event? No Problem! You can still contribute to the cause! Our Parish Online Donation process has been updated to include a “Charest Family Adoption” selection. Please visit our website at www.orthodoxcarnegie.org and go to the Support Page. The “Charest Family Adoption” will show up from the tith.ly pull down options after you click the DONATE button.

We hope you will help with this worthwhile event in anyway you’re able, including helping to spread the word about it to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Additional details are on the flyer and you can keep up to date with the event by following our Facebook Event and the news article on our website

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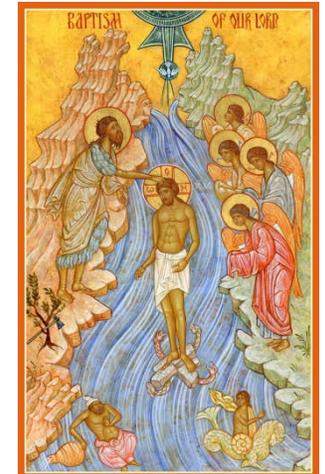
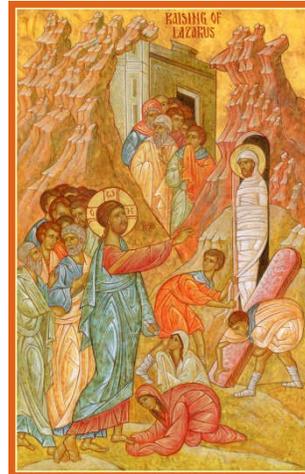
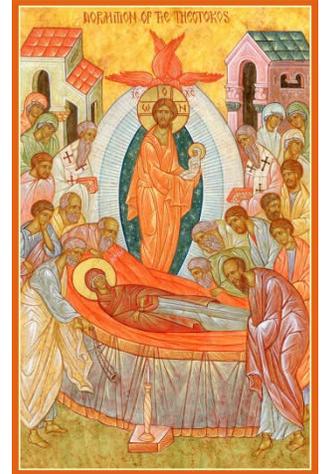
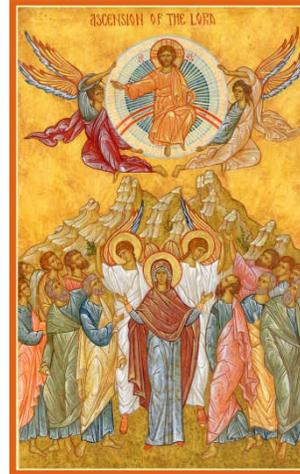
Update - Parishioners and Friends of Saints Peter and Paul

Here is a 3-month update on the Festal Icon Project, as you can see from the listing below, we have made substantial progress in pledges, sponsorships and also have several icons completed and others started. Thank you for your support and generosity for this project.

If you would like to pledge and sponsor any of the upcoming Lenten and Pascha related Icons please reach out to Father John, Michael Kapeluck or Howard West. They may be able to get scheduled and completed in time for that specific feast day. Thank you again for your support of Saints Peter and Paul.

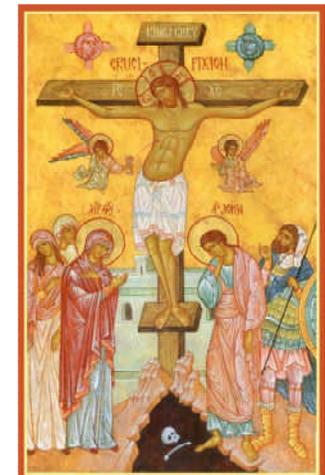
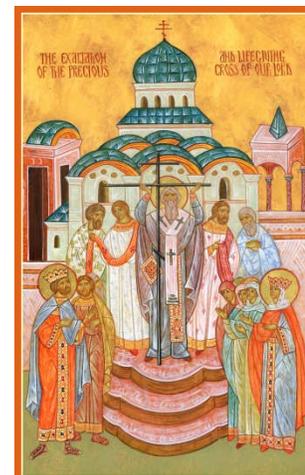
12 Major Feasts and Pascha

Nativity of Our Lord **(Completed)**
Annunciation **(Sponsored) started**
Pascha (Descent into Hades) **(Sponsored)**
Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) **(Sponsored)**
Theophany **(Pledged)**
Exaltation of the Cross **(Pledged)**
Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple **(Pledged)**
Nativity of the Theotokos
Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
Transfiguration
Ascension
Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)



Additional Feasts and Sunday Commemorations

“Pantanassa: icon of the Theotokos **(Completed)**
Prodigal Son Sunday **(Completed)**
Protection of the Theotokos **(Sponsored)**
Baptism of Ukraine **(Sponsored)**
Beheading of St John the Forerunner **(Pledged)**
Feast of Saint Andrew **(Pledged)**
Myrrh Bearers Sunday **(Pledged)**
Raising of Lazarus **(Pledged)**
Triumph of Orthodoxy **(Pledged)**
Feast of St. Nicholas
St. Thomas Sunday
Christ the Bridegroom
Circumcision of Christ (New Years)
Zacchaeus Sunday
Publican & Pharisee Sunday
Judgement Sunday
St Gregory Palamas Sunday
St John of the Ladder Sunday
St Mary of Egypt Sunday
All Saints



Repent Like Zacchaeus: Homily for the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke in the Orthodox Church

Fr. Philip LeMasters

1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

In every time and place, there are people who take advantage of others. When they align themselves with the rulers of a society and choose victims who have no power to resist, they usually get away with it. Zacchaeus had done precisely that. He was a Jew who collected taxes for the Roman Empire which occupied Palestine. As a chief tax collector, he played a very useful role for the Romans in taking money from his fellow Jews to pay for their army. If it were not bad enough for Zacchaeus to be a traitor to his nation, he was also a thief who collected more than was required so that he could live in luxury from the oppression of his neighbors.

We do not know why someone as corrupt as Zacchaeus wanted to see the Savior as He passed by. He was a short little fellow who could not see over the crowd, so he climbed a sycamore tree in order to get a better view. People must have thought that looked pretty strange: a hated tax-collector up in a tree so that he could see a passing rabbi.

Even more shocking was the Lord's response when He saw him: "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." Jewish religious leaders would have had nothing at all to do with people like Zacchaeus. The Jews expected a Messiah who would bless the righteous, condemn the wicked, and destroy the Romans and their collaborators. The Lord's response was entirely different from what was commonly expected. He actually took the initiative in inviting Himself to Zacchaeus' home, where the tax-collector received Him joyfully.

A scene so outrageous could not be kept secret. People were shocked that a man who presented Himself as the Messiah had gone to be a guest in the home of a notorious traitor and thief. No self-respecting righteous Jew would ever do something like that. He would become unclean by going into his house and eating with him. But before the Lord said anything in response to the critics, Zacchaeus repented. He accepted the truth about himself as a criminal exploiter of his neighbors. He pledged to give half of his possessions to the poor and to restore restore four-fold what he had stolen from others. He pledged to do more than justice required in making right the wrongs he had committed. In that moment, this notorious sinner began to turn his life around. Jesus Christ accepted Zacchaeus' sincere repentance, proclaiming that salvation has come to this son of Abraham, for He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

The abundant grace of God shines through this memorable story. Zacchaeus did not even have to ask for the love, forgiveness, and mercy of the Lord. All that he did was to climb a tree out of curiosity, but that was enough to begin to open himself to the overwhelming mercy of Christ. The Savior did not condemn Zacchaeus, who surely already knew how corrupt he was. The Lord did not judge him at all, but instead took the initiative to establish a healing relationship with him. When people complained that Christ had associated Himself with such a sinner, the Lord did not respond, but instead let Zacchaeus use that tense moment to embrace His gracious healing, which knows no limit and cannot be reduced to outward obedience to a law.



Zacchaeus was so transformed by the mercy of Christ that he became an epiphany, a living icon of the restoration of the human person in God's image and likeness. This formerly greedy and dishonest man resolved to show his neighbors the same grace that He had received, for he gave half of what he owned to the poor and restored all that he had stolen four-fold. In response to the gracious blessing he had received from Christ, he blessed others abundantly in a way that revealed the healing of his soul.

Zacchaeus provides a powerful example of repentance because he spontaneously and freely united himself to Christ. His actions shine brightly with the love and holiness of the Lord, which is shocking because he had been such a notorious and despised sinner. His amazing transformation was not a reward for what he had earned by being a law-abiding citizen or even a decent human being. He had been neither of those things. The healing available to us all in Christ is not a matter of what we deserve, but instead concerns the boundless mercy and grace of a God Who wants to make us participants in His eternal life. Zacchaeus' story reminds us that the more clearly we see the gravity of our sins and the sickness of our souls, the better position we are in to open ourselves in humility to transformation by our Lord's abundant mercy.

In the prayers said before receiving Communion, we confess that we are each the chief of sinners. That does not mean that we have stolen more than Zacchaeus did, but that the light of Christ has illumined the eyes of our souls such that we can see at least a measure of the truth about ourselves. We do not know the hearts and souls of other people and we cannot judge anyone else. The only true statements we can make about the state of someone's soul are statements that we make about ourselves. None of us knows our sins fully, but to the extent that we recognize that we have fallen short of becoming like God in holiness, we must humbly confess our brokenness and call out for the Lord's mercy as we take concrete steps to reorient our lives toward Him. That is why we should all make regular use of the sacrament of Confession. By frequently confronting our sins and being assured of God's forgiveness, we open ourselves to receive the Lord's gracious strength for the ongoing healing of our souls.

“Faith without works is dead.” Repentance is not a matter of merely feeling sorry for our sins, but of turning away from them as we become so open to our Lord's mercy that His holiness becomes characteristic of our lives. That is what Zacchaeus did in response to the gracious initiative of the Savior in coming to His house. Given the importance of hospitality in that culture, Zacchaeus surely shared a meal with Christ, which in that time and place was understood to establish a close bond between them. When we receive the Eucharist, our Lord's gracious initiative makes us “one flesh” with Him through our communion in His Body and Blood. If we embrace the full meaning of being so closely united with Christ, then His holiness will become characteristic of every dimension of our lives. Even more than Zacchaeus, we will convey to our neighbors the same mercy that we have received in practical, tangible ways. Even more than Zacchaeus, we will find healing for the disordered desires for pleasure, possessions, and power that have marred our souls and made us miserable. Even more than Zacchaeus, we will rejoice that salvation has come to our house, for we too are children of Abraham through faith in the Messiah, regardless of our human ancestry.

No matter how far from God we feel today, no matter the particular kind of personal brokenness we know all too well, we must learn to see the transformation of Zacchaeus as a sign of our Lord's gracious purposes for each of us. He shows us how to respond to the One Who “came to seek and to save the lost.” If the Savior's healing extended even to someone like Zacchaeus, there is hope even for each of us as the chief of sinners. All that we must do is open ourselves in humility to embrace the healing mercy of the Lord and then bear good witness to what we have received in our lives each day.

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/easternchristianinsights/2020/01/26/repent-like-zacchaeus-homily-for-the-fifteenth-sunday-of-luke-in-the-orthodox-church/>

Calendar of Events

April 5	53 rd Annual Pysanky Sale
June 12 – 15	St Nicholas Special Needs Family Camp
June 21-July 13	Diocesan Church School Camp
July 5-18	Teenage Conference
July 22-26	23 rd Annual UOL Convention
July 27-31	Mommy & Me /Daddy & Me Camp

Parish Weekly Schedule

Monday

Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble & School

Rehearsals begin every Monday at 6:00 pm. Classes for all ages.

For more info call Director Natalie Kapeluck or just stop down any Monday.

Thursday Morning

Senior Coffee Hour

You're invited to our FREE coffee and donuts, and sometime pancakes, French toast or waffles every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 . . .or whenever it's over. At the parish hall. **YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING ANYTHING!!!** However, bring a Friend!!! Need A Ride, Call: Steve Sivulich, (Hall Phone: 412-276-9718)

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Sts. Peter & Paul Kitchen Workers

3rd Sunday of the Month

St John & Martin's Closet

Clothing for men, women and children. Bedding & towels

Trade something old for something new, leave a donation. or just take what you need.

Donations of clean, gently used or new clothing/bedding accepted when the closet door is open. all 276-9718 to schedule a donation.

Parish Website/Social Media

To Submit items for publication on website & social media:

>email information/items to orthodoxcarnegie@gmail.com

>if you have a flyer (not required) submit in picture format if possible

>allow 24 to 48 hours for request to be completed.

If needed sooner, please indicate and text Chris Mills at 412-716-0562.

>an email can be submitted from Parish Website | Contact Page ; using the technology email form

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March 8 _____
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