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February 18, 2024
Zacchaeus Sunday

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sat., Feb. 24 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Feb. 25 th	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople	
		Sunday School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle:	2 Timothy 3:10-15
Gospel Reading:	Luke 18:10-14

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection) When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”	Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection) My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!	Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Resurrection) O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all. (Ps. 103:26) V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)
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Epistle

(1 Timothy 4:9-15)

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For to this *end* we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel

(Luke 19:1-10)

Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.

Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

So he ran 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 today I must stay at your house.”**

So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

And Jesus said to him, **“Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;**

“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Announcements:

Welcome Archbishop Melchisedek!
May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

TODAY, in honor of Archbishop Melchisedek’s special visit with us, there will be a special coffee hour in honor of his visit. Please stop by after the Holy Liturgy to visit and partake at this special fellowship hour and welcome our Bishop!

Our home bounds appreciate all the greetings that are sent out during the holiday seasons. Unfortunately, we often forget about them the rest of the year. Please try to take a few minutes to check on them throughout the year. Even better, take some time to visit them, check to see if they are in need of anything and just make them feel as if they are part of our Church community/family. The blessing that they bestow upon us for simple acts of kindness are beyond our comprehension. An *UPDATED* home bound list is an insert in today's bulletin.

Paska! Paska! Paska! *Nothing* could replace this precious tradition to celebrate the joyous Resurrection! The men and women of HROC will be rolling up their sleeves **TWICE** during the weeks leading up to Pascha to assure that past and new customers will have this wonderful delicacy to enjoy for their Easter. As an insert in today's bulletin you will find Baba's Paska Order Form.

PLEASE NOTE: This form is to be used to order Paskas for **BOTH** Western Easter (March 31st) **and** Pascha (May 5th). Please note that the last two columns on the form are where you are to indicate **for which Easter your Paska is needed** and will help organize the orders.

The orders are due **Sunday, March 10th**. Please leave your orders at the candle stand. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date. Please remember to include telephone numbers on the order form.

The baking session for orders placed for March 31st is **Saturday, March 16th**

The baking session for orders placed for May 5th is **Saturday, April 6th**

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners by coming to one and/or both baking sessions. **Both sessions will start at 7 am.**

This year, Baba will be making an extra treat for the Paschal Celebration – Cheese Braids! We are not taking orders for them but will be getting together to make a few batches on **Saturday, March 9th at 7 am.** Please come and lend a hand and get “warmed up” for Paska Baking!

Save the Date:

- Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, Feb. 20!** Khouria Melinda Johnson, CEO of Ancient Faith Ministries, will be the next speaker in the “Light from the Church on the Hill” series at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Canonsburg. She has worked at Ancient Faith, a nonprofit Orthodox Christian media ministry, as an author of children's books, a publicist, and a conference organizer. You'll want to hear what Kh. Melinda has to say about “The Next Generation at Ancient Faith” as Ancient Faith Ministries enjoys a season of growth and transition. As its staff gets younger and its community expands, they're learning new ways to think about communication and how to reach those whose backgrounds are different from our own. Come and join Kh. Melinda for a conversation about Ancient Faith Ministries, where it came from, and what we can learn from where it's going.” The evening will begin with **Vespers at 6 pm**, followed by light refreshments with her **presentation at 7 pm**, and time for questions afterwards. See you there—you're always welcome at St. John's!
- The Annual Parish meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 25th** (the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee) after Liturgy.
- Save the date for an upcoming retreat at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral to be held on **Saturday, March 9th**. Presenter Steven Christoforou has spent 9 years as the founder and leader of Y2AM and is perhaps best known for his work on “Be the Bee”, “Pop Culture Coffee Hour”, and “Effective Christian Ministry”. He is a graduate of Yale University, Fordham University School of Law, and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He is currently the Director of Operations & Community Engagement for FOCUS North America. Steve will be providing a retreat entitled “What Do People Need from the Church?: How to lead Effective Christian Ministry” focusing on why most young people who grow up in the Church fall away as they grow into young adults. Why is the ministry they experience falling short? What can the Church do to form faithful Orthodox Christians more effectively? In his

presentation, Steve will distill years of research and experience as he helps participants understand (i) why our ministry efforts have been ineffective, (ii) what people need from the Church and (iii) how we can meet those needs in 5 basic practices. To register contact Fr. David Vernak (frdavidvernak@verizon.net or 201/704-6217). Registration fee for the retreat is \$20.