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Zaccheus Sunday

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Thurs., Feb. 2 nd	The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple	
		Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am
	Sat., Feb. 4 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Feb. 5 th	Holy Martyr Agatha of Sicily Righteous Theodosius Martyr Theodula	
		Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am

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.”

Zacchaeus Sunday

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

As we head towards the pre-Lenten Sundays of the Great Fast, the Church puts before us the story of Zacchaeus, from the Gospel of St. Luke, a story of desire, humility, and joy. Zacchaeus grew rich from tax-collecting—that is, from working for the hated occupying Romans and from gouging his people—and as such, he was a hated man. Yet within his heart lived a desire for something better, for a second chance.

So it was that when the famous rabbi from Galilee, Jesus the wonderworker, came to town amidst an immense throng, Zacchaeus had to see Him, even if it meant making himself look ridiculous by climbing a tree to see above the crowd. To his great surprise, Jesus stopped under the tree and looked up at him. And instead of rebuking him publicly for his notorious greed and dishonesty, He asked him for hospitality, saying He must stay at his place.

Zacchaeus was stunned—and jubilant. In the hastily arranged banquet for Him that followed, he dramatically stood up to announce to the Lord and his guests his new resolution: he would give away half his wealth to the poor and make good whatever he had defrauded, and then some. The Lord accepted his repentance, saying that today salvation had visited that house, for Zacchaeus, though hated as a sinner, was still a son of Abraham, and was called by God into the joy of His Kingdom.

Through his humility in sacrificing his dignity for a sight of Jesus, and through his decisive determination to change his life, the little Zacchaeus found that repentance leads to joy. The Church puts that lesson before our eyes as we approach the Sundays of the Lenten Triodion.

*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

Announcements:

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning February 4th, Vespers will be celebrated at 6 p.m.

Church Envelopes: The envelopes are in. Stop by the Candle Stand this morning to pick up your church envelopes. As a cost saving measure, Church Council will be distributing church envelopes.

Save the Date:

Our Annual Parish Meeting is set for **Sunday, February 5th**.

With the Lenten Preparatory Sundays around the corner, (Zaccheus is on January 29th), we are getting together to make some Hot Pepper Cheese perohis on **Saturday, February 4th starting at 7 a.m (weather permitting)**. Come and lend a hand! See you there!

House Blessings: House Blessings have started and will continue for several weeks. Father Stephan plans to call everyone in the directory. **Please let him know if there are any changes to your address and/or phone number.** He will contact you before he arrives. Don't worry about your mess, Father Stephan has had a lot of life experience with a house full of people and stuff. Traditionally one would want to have at least one clean spot with a clean white cloth that has a bowl of blessed water, an icon, candle, and a fresh herb that can be used for the blessing and later as seasoning.

An update on the Electrical/Lighting project.

The Electricians have installed new lighting in the Kitchen, the entrance to the Church, behind the Altar, as well as the children's room. They also installed all new compatible switches in the panel behind the Altar. There are still a few smaller items that need to be finished but the bulk of the work has been completed. We will be adjusting/testing the lights the next couple weeks. Please feedback any concerns.

The *2023 Church Calendars* have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

A Note from Council ~~ Don't forget: If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Prospora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.