


SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



Icon of the Encounter of Jesus with Zacchaeus

SUNDAY Jan 26 Tone 8	33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10	9:40 AM: 3 rd Hour** 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) Refreshments after Liturgy (Team 1) <i>**Please join in the chanting</i>
Monday Jan 27	Translation of the Relics of John Chrysostom Heb 7:26-8:2 Jn 10:9-16	
Tuesday Jan 28	Ephrem the Syrian Venerable 1 Peter 3:10-22 Mk 12:18-27	
Wednesday Jan 29	Translation of the Relics of Ignatius - Martyr 1 Peter 4:1-11 Mk 12:28-37	9:00 – 9:45 AM: Confession 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM)
Thursday Jan 30	THREE HOLY HIERARCHS SIMPLE Heb 13:7-16 Mt 5:14-19	
Friday Jan 31	Cyrus & John Unmercenaries 2 Peter 1:1-10 Mk 13:1-8	 <i>* Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance.</i>
Saturday Feb 1	Tryphon Martyr 2 Tim 2:11-19 Lk 18:2-8	8:00 AM-12 PM: Eritrean Orthodox Divine Liturgy 3:00-3:45 PM: Confessions 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy (SN)
SUNDAY Feb 2 Tone 1	SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON 2 Tim 3:10-15 & Heb 7:7-17 Lk 18:10-14 & Lk 2:22-40	9:40 AM: 3 rd Hour** 10:00 AM: Liturgy (SSCM) Refreshments after Liturgy (Team 2) <i>**Please join in the chanting</i>

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak to Father Mark.

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE

The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (February 1, and February 15).

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (February 8 and February 22).

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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January 26, 2020

WELCOME!

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy to have you share with us in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
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Byzantine Catholic Greetings

Glory to Jesus Christ!	Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!	Slava na viki! (<i>Slavonic</i>)
Doxa si o Kyrios!	Panda doxa! (<i>Greek</i>)
Laudetur Jesus Christus!	Semper Laudetur! (<i>Latin</i>)
¡Gloria a Jesucristo!	¡Gloria por siempre! (<i>Spanish</i>)
Gloire à Jésus Christ!	Gloire pour toujours! (<i>French</i>)
Sia lodato Gesù Cristo!	Sempre sia lodato! (<i>Italian</i>)

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Please remember in your prayers:

Sophia and John Patrick Rose, Rev Fr. Mark and family

Please pray for the repose +of the souls of our faithful departed:

+Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and May their Memory be Eternal.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Luke 6:38

If you prefer, you may tithe directly to the church by US mail or by using PayPal.

January 19, 2020

Offertory	\$ 752.89
Ukrainian Orphanage	110.00
Market	220.00
TOTAL	\$ 1787.75

HELP, HELP, HELP

Your help is needed! Please plan to stay after Liturgy, **Sunday January 26th** to help take down Christmas decorations in the church and hall.

LOST AND FOUND

A plastic bin has been set up in the hall and marked "Lost and Found." Items found in the Church, in the hall or on the grounds will be placed in this bin. If you are missing a hat, gloves, plates, etc. check here. Items will be kept for a month or so before being donated.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Houses are traditionally blessed with "Theophany Water" each year. A house can be blessed at any time, but the usual season for yearly blessings is from Theophany until the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, which begins four Sundays before Great Lent begins. This is not a hard and fast rule, but a good rule of thumb.

Fr. Mark is available for house blessings on Thursday and Friday evenings beginning January 16th as well as Saturday afternoons until 3:00 PM. Please organize yourselves in groups based on location; e.g., North Raleigh and beyond (NORTH), Raleigh-Cary- Apex (CENTRAL) and Fuquay-Varina, Garner South (SOUTH), Durham (WEST), Clayton (EAST) and pick a date. Email to the church (sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com) the date and which families are participating so a schedule can be drawn up.

If you are unsure who might live close to you, respond to this email and we can help determine what group you can join. Also, if you don't live close to anyone else, email your preference for a date and we will work on scheduling the house blessing for you.

(When a priest visits, there is a pious custom in some places that the family makes a donation to the priest for gas and other expenses. This is appreciated, but it should not be thought of as a requirement. The scripture tells us "Freely you have received, freely give." The priest comes to the home because he wants God's blessing to be upon it, and to know those in his flock better and to be available to them.)

CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Deaton or Michelle Rubush. We need to have enough volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Thank you to our current volunteers!

Jan 19-24	A. Taylor	Feb 2-7	Morgan
Jan 26-31	McCarty	Feb 9-14	Rose
		Feb 16-21	Lorraine

VOLUNTEER GREETERS

Jan 26: Gigliotti	Feb 16: Sapsara
Feb 2: Tooley, T	Feb 23: Morgan
Feb 9: Deaton	

READERS SCHEDULE

Jan 26: Michelle R	Feb 16: Paul T
Feb 2: Scott N	Feb 23: Angela T
Feb 9: Patti K	Mar 1: Travis K

SOCIAL HOUR REFRESHMENTS

Please make our parish welcoming to everyone by remembering to bring refreshments, set up, and clean up on the Sunday assigned to your household.

Team 1: Jan 26, 2020 Pattie and Travis Kingery, Lance Morgan, Natalie & Larry McKenny	Team 4: Feb 16, 2020 Michelle & Matt Rubush, Joe Deaton, Paul & Margie Tooley
Team 2: Feb 2, 2020 Marie Taylor, Tony & Rachel Blair, Chris & Dave Urgo	Team 5: Feb 23, 2020 Jane & Jim Dunbar, Patti Zordich, Justin & Julie McCarty
Team 3: Feb 9, 2020 Nancy & John Driscoll, David Kovach, Mary & Mike Carpenter	Team 6: Mar 1, 2020 Nick & Ellen Tsakanikas, Tiphaine Lamb, Deacon Lee & Joanne Kibbe

Fr. Mark has requested that children must have assistance filling their plates. "If they cannot reach the top of the counter, an adult needs to help them get their food."

NEWS FOR THE BYZANTEENS

ByzanTEENS is an official ministry of the Catholic Metropolitan Church of the USA. The ministry is a function of the Intereparchial Youth Commission, whose members serve in each of the four eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church and is guided by an episcopal moderator. Under the leadership of Rachel Blair, the calendar of activities is listed below. The teens meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Times may be adjusted during the Great Fast.

February 5, 2020	Beatitudes: How they relate to me in the 21st century
March 4, 2020	Our Father: More than just the words we say
April 1, 2020	How to not be the Fool: Exploring the Psalms
April 25, 2020	Fundraiser TBD
May 15-17, 2020	Spring Retreat to Mountains and White Water Rafting
June 3, 2020	Year Wrap Up Party/Byzanteen Rally Prep
June 25-28, 2020	Byzanteen Rally in San Diego, CA



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Saturday

4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy
(St. Nicholas Mission)

Sunday

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

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UNCONDITIONAL MERCY

Let us reflect a bit more deeply on this episode. Zacchaeus has heard Jesus talked about as a prophet who is different from the others, so he wants to see him.

There is certainly something more than sheer curiosity on Zacchaeus' part. He has a real interest, though not yet a desire, to convert. Jesus looks up into the tree at him -- from many hints in the Gospels, it seems that Jesus' eyes had a miraculous power and spoke more than His words. He calls Zacchaeus by name.

We might expect that before proclaiming forgiveness, Jesus would have required the five conditions that are normally demanded to obtain the remission of sin: examination of conscience, repentance, a firm resolve not to sin again, a confession of sin, and penance. But none of that happens! Jesus urgently wants to spend time with Zacchaeus -- to enter his home, stay for a while, have a meal, and perhaps spend the night. Jesus compromises Himself openly and dangerously because he risks becoming ritually unclean and causing scandal. Yet He meets with a sinner at his home and does not impose any preliminary conditions.

He does not ask Zacchaeus to purify himself in terms of the Mosaic Law; he does not ask him to leave his disreputable profession or to do restitution or penance. Zacchaeus, however, is able to read in Jesus' gaze the same love that Jesus elsewhere directed to the rich young man (Mark 10:21). That gaze fills him with extraordinary joy. He welcomes this presence that lavishes Him with love; he lets himself be swept away by this love. Because of this love, he feels himself come back to life and become a human being again. Having been loved first, and freely, Zacchaeus feels the urge to turn toward others, toward those he has defrauded, and he learns to respect and love them.

This is how God's mercy operates. Let us never forget it!

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap.