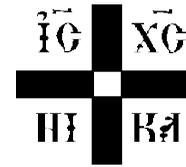


Week Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Vespers

Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

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. St Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.



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Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, //granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

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!

February 06, 2011

**37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 4. Sunday of Zacchaeus. Afterfeast of
the Meeting.**

Kontakion (Tone 1)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena Robovitsky, Albert and Catherine Kavalkovich, Ronnie Kavalkovich, Barbara and Norman Andrews, Bob Corba, Baby Chase, Margaret Pellack and family, Katherine, Mary Rose, Rosalie, Kevin, John, Marc, KAvalkovich family and friends, Matushka Jennifer and family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

William (Bill), James Leddy, Anna Mackiewicz, William, Charles, Deborah Archie, Richard Lanza. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

I 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 Reading

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.

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

Church Education

Do remember that the last Sunday of the month is devoted to our church education. We'll continue to address suffering and Christ following the Divine Liturgy.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is today. Please do take the time to attend the meeting.

Easter Flowers

Debbie Kavalkovich has started collecting orders for Easter flowers. Please see her if you would like to place an order.

Parish Statistics for January 30, 2011

Attendance: 25

Deposit: \$1040

Expenses: 1) Peco, \$15.83, 2) Keystone Fire Protection Co., \$308.83, 3) Church Insurance for two months, \$1558.48, 4) Gass bill for hall, \$4625.06

Restoration fund donation in memory of Anna Mackiewicz, \$325.00