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Sunday, February 10, 2019 | 37th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Sunday of Zacchaeus

Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia in Thessaly, and
Martyrs Porphyrius, Baptus and three women Martyrs (202)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: A Readers and Altar Servers Meeting with Father Mark immediately following Divine Liturgy regarding Vespers!

Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church Basement schoolroom.

Tuesday: Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement.
Continue reading the Book of Ruth.

Saturday: February 16– Great Vespers at **4:00PM!** *[Note Time Change]*

Sunday: February 17 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: February 17 – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy. Topic:
Don't Be Tone Deaf! Knowing the Tones!

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

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!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Hieromartyr Haralambos)

Thou didst become a firm pillar in the Church of Christ, wise Haralambos; / a lamp of everlasting light to the world: / well known to the world through thy martyrdom, / thou didst dispell the dark night of idolatry. // Boldly intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls!

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!

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Hieromartyr Haralambos)

Thou didst rise from the East like a star, Hieromartyr Haralambos, / and didst enlighten the faithful with the brightness of thy miracles. // Therefore we honor thy holy contest.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle Reading: 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.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
Alleluia (3x's)
v. For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

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.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)



Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

2019 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing. The blessing of houses will begin after Theophany, which is Sunday, January 6. Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

2019 Mission Service - Sunday, April 7, - At Our Parish

Our parish will be hosting a Mission Vespers Service on Sunday, April 7 (the 4th of Great Lent – St. John Climacus) beginning at 4:00PM. As a result of hosting this service during the Lenten Season, a church cleaning is scheduled the day before on Saturday, April 6 with a start time To Be Determined as we get closer to that date.

Thank you to all who prepared and thoroughly enjoyed the tasty and delicious soups/stews/chili last week during Soup ‘N Bowl IV Challenge. Once again, it was a close race with Mr Pete Witiak’s “Wicked Pete’s Sweet & Spicy Chili” edging out Mr. & Mrs. John Spack’s “Creamy White Chili”. Congratulations to the Spacks on a delicious dish. Other contestants were Mr & Mrs Michael Spack’s Silly Philly Chili, Catherine Kavalkovich Potato Soup, Ron Homa’s Turkey Chili, and Paul Filanowski’s Pippin Hot Stew. All enjoyed a good afternoon of hot delicious food.

Veterans Project Group – Food and Clothing Donation – Feb 10th

Today, the parish’s Veterans Project Group will be delivering food and clothing donations collected over the past few weeks to the Veterans Homeless Center. If you have any questions or wish to inquire when the next visit is to the Veterans Center, please speak with Dr. Janine or the Reader Michael McCartney. Thank you for all of your donations!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Matesy Herbert offered by MM Herbert
Judi Currier offered by Melanie Albrecht
Irene Torpey offered by Nina Patterson
Larissa Rachko offered by Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Joseph Herbert offered by MM Herbert
Helen Herbert, Reader Leonty Macalush offered by MM Herbert
John Makara Jr offered by Joseph Rabik
Emelie Albrecht offered by Nina Patterson
William and Julia Brasko offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht
Robert Corba offered by Melanie Albrecht
Emelie Albrecht offered by Pellack Family
Robert Corba offered by Pellack Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 2/3/19:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich; Dr. Jane Kelly; Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon.

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund (*reactivated July 2018*)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (January/February)

	<u>Week of January 28 to February 3</u>	<u>January Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	46	38 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,649.01	\$ 9,755.01
Funds Out:	\$ 3,827.33	\$ 9,193.74
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,178.32)	\$ 561.27

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

Today – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd Sunday of each month)!

All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-ups from the previous meeting; Church status from the water damage on north side of building; Hall status update; tenant situation at 2109 house; and the work performed on 2111

Bible Study – Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and finish up reading and discussing the section in the Bible – The Book of **Ruth**.

Sunday, February 17 - Church Life Discussion class (The 4th 3rd Sunday of the month) The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.

Please note the class will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month as a result of both our parish Meatfare dinner and the Youth Outing to the Franklin Institute on the Sunday, February 24th (the 4th Sunday of the month).

Sunday, February 24 – The Annual Roast Pork Sandwich Luncheon [Meatfare Sunday] after Divine Liturgy!

Plans on organizing the luncheon have begun. Please see Catherine Kavalkovich if you wish to provide a dish for this annual pre-Lenten luncheon. We do need volunteers to bring or prepare other food items!

Sunday, February 24 – Youth Outing to the Franklin Institute after the Parish Meatfare Luncheon. The Exhibit – Vikings: Beyond The Legend!

For those who wish to join our parish youth in experiencing the explorers, warriors, craftspeople, merchants and farmers the Vikings were, please get in contact with Lena Helen regarding the availability of tickets to this exhibit.

Cleaning Teams: Today (Feb 10): Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (John (and Michele) Spack, Debbie Kavalkovich, David Pellack).

Next Week (Feb 17): Saint Juvenaly (Jennifer Cantrell, Ron (and Cheryl) Homa).



Sunday of Zacchaeus [February 10th]

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.