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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

## February 18, 2024

37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4

Sunday of Zacchaeus

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch  
of Constantinople

## SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

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 has come to this house” (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: “Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy.” 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.

Saint Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: John, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Davide, Pina, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin, Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

DEPARTED: Patricia, Emil, Tony,

BIRTHDAYS: John Poulos

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Thank you to our very generous parishioners for a successful charity project. We were able to collect many much-needed items that will be donated to a local pantry. Additionally, we were also able to raise \$500 for IOCC, which the parish will match, bringing it to a total of \$1,000 for the ongoing emergency relief efforts in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

INSTALLING PARISH COUNCIL: Today, Sunday, February 18, at the end of Divine Liturgy, the new parish council will be installed after having received the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon..

CHRISMATION: On Sunday, March 3, before Divine Liturgy, we will be welcoming our catechumen Calvin into the fullness of the ORthodox Christian Church through the rite of Chrismation.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsals are scheduled for the following dates: February 25 after Liturgy (11:45-12:45), March 16 after Vespers (6-7), April 6 after Vespers (6-7), and May 18 after Vespers (6-7).

ST. TIKHON'S SUMMER CAMP: Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp is a one-week sleep-away camp program for Orthodox Christian children between the ages of 7 and 17. It is held on the grounds of Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary annually during the first week of July (June 30 to July 6). Participants enjoy a host of outdoor recreational activities (e.g. field sports, swimming, boating) with their peers as well as a superior religious education program and daily church services. For more information, contact Jake Toroney [Toroney@hotmail.com](mailto:Toroney@hotmail.com) 610-223-3919

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

February 18, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

February 21, Wed

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM

Parish Council

February 22, Thu

7:00 PM

Journey to Fullness

February 24, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

February 25, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

11:45 AM

Choir Rehearsal

## MINISTRY ROTATIONS

**Feb 18**

**Feb 25**

*Coffee Hour:*

Class

Barr

*Reader:*

Barr

Easton

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment*