

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Zacchaeus Sunday

Epistle: 1st Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



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Now and Ever...

O unashamed Intercessor of Christians,* ever loyal advocate before the Creator, * do not disregard the prayerful voice of sinners * but in your goodness * hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you: * Intercede always O Mother of God in behalf of those who honor you.

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday 2/16 9AM– Divine Liturgy for Special Intention

Sunday 2/21 10AM– Divine Liturgy

Today Zacchaeus ascends the sycamore tree. Today the swindler and chief tax collector hears the words from Christ that we all hope to hear -“*Today Salvation has come to your house*”. Are these not the words that we all hope to hear? Is the hope in Salvation not the hope behind everything we do in this life? Of course it is! If we follow in the footsteps of Zacchaeus, in the footsteps of **repentance** then we too can hear Christ say to us on Judgment Day, “*Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of Paradise.*”

So what is it that Zacchaeus did that each of us can and needs to do? Even though Zacchaeus was a great sinner, he still had a burning desire to *know Christ*. It was far more than just the desire to see this famous man walking through the streets of his town. It was desire to *experience the existing God*, and to be *forever changed* by that experience.

Before Zacchaeus could be forever changed by Christ he first had to have the desire, he first *had to knock for the door to be opened*; Zacchaeus first had to climb that sycamore tree.

For each of us it is the same. St. Cyril of Alexandria said that just before Zacchaeus climbed the sycamore tree, “*the seed of Salvation sprouted within him.*” For each of us the seed of Salvation is always ready and waiting to sprout, ready to forever change us into the people whom God created us to be.

As people we far too often become comfortable, complacent, and set in our ways. However, we must all ask ourselves this question, “*Am I the person who Christ created me to be?*”. We are all in a process of being transformed into the image and likeness of Christ, we are all still climbing the sycamore tree. If we desire to know Christ like Zacchaeus did, that means we desire to be transformed, that means we desire to change, that means we desire to be *like Christ*.

Zacchaeus Sunday

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Y J C J E R I C H O I R E F
B L O S R N J Y V R L K L R
N N L B Y L A X E I U A T T
M D L U L C T R S L H C R Y
J T E Y F R A L P R P R R D
R B C K U Y E M B J V R K M
Q J T B Y N O D O Y N G Y Q
R J O K B L N J Y R Q G D Y
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Clues

10. Zacchaeus gave how much of everything he had to the poor?

1. The Gospel Lesson for the Sunday is from the Book of...
2. The type of tree Zacchaeus climbed.
3. Today this came to Zacchaeus' house.
4. Zacchaeus Sunday means that this 4 weeks away.
5. This was Zacchaeus' Job.
6. By climbing the sycamore tree Zacchaeus showed his (blank) to see Christ.
7. The City where Zacchaeus was from.
8. Zacchaeus didn't walk to the sycamore tree he...
9. Zacchaeus was known as a great sinner, but Christ received him...

Announcements: *Altar Society Meeting following Liturgy this morning!*

It is time for home blessings! Please sign up soon!

If you have yet to do so, please turn in your pledge card for 2016

On **Saturday February 27th** there will be a meeting of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society at St. Elizabeth's. The members of this group are mostly of a Carpatho-Rusyn ethnic back-round, however, everyone is welcomed! Anyone interesting in meeting new people, joining in prayer for a Moleben, eating foods from Eastern Europe, or learning about Pysanky eggs from our friend and local area expert Deacon Lazarus. This is a great opportunity to showcase our loving family, beautiful Church, and the Orthodox Faith with some who may never have experienced it before! The Moleben begins at 10:15 AM. Please see the poster on the bulletin board or speak with David Novak if you are interested or have any questions.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been postponed by our Bishop— Fr. Matthew will keep you updated as he receives direction.

Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileszko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny and Keith Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!