



January 17, 2021

**33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**

Parish Schedule

Jan. 16 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Susan Sabol req by Michael & Arlene Dzura

**Jan. 17 (Sun) 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+Charles Zeleznik req by Eleanor Timko

Jan. 23 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Mary Brentzel req by Ann Prodan

**Jan. 24 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+Ruth Seech req by Paul & Sherry Bergamasco

Our Tithe to our Parish - January 10, 2021 - \$5,105.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.

2020 Offertory Statements. If you wish to receive a 2020 offertory statement, please call the office on Tuesday mornings, or send a note. The information will be mailed to you.

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik,
Joseph Rusinko Sr.



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of January 17 thru January 23 for +Deborah Vasko. *“Eternal Memory”*



CALENDARS AND ENVELOPES

The 2021 Church calendars and offering envelopes are now available in the entrance of the Educational Wing. They may be picked up after the Liturgy or on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm when our secretary Eileen Heinack is in the office.

A HUGE THANK-YOU



Recently the Board of Directors of the GCU, the Fraternal Insurance Organization, voted to give each of the Byzantine Catholic parishes in the U.S. \$1,000.00 to help with the expenses during the COVID-19 crisis. We have received the check for our parish, and it is included in last week's collection total.

We are deeply grateful to Mr George Juba, President and CEO of the GCU and to the Board of Directors for their kind consideration and generosity with this gesture. The GCU has always been a great support to our Church, to the Seminary and to the religious communities. This is a sign of fraternalism at its best.

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HRAMOTY

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED

Each year we remember the departed members of our families, loved ones and parish in a series of commemorations in and around the Great Fast season. These are called the Saturdays of the Departed.



As we have done in the past, we shall continue to remember our departed loved ones this year on the particular Friday evenings, following the Presanctified Liturgy.

In your box of church envelopes, there is one marked for the "Hramoty," the Remembrance of the Departed. If you have listed names in the past, we have those on record.

If you wish to add to or change your list, you may do so at this time.

These Liturgies of the Presanctified will be live-streamed each week as will the Remembrance of the Departed.

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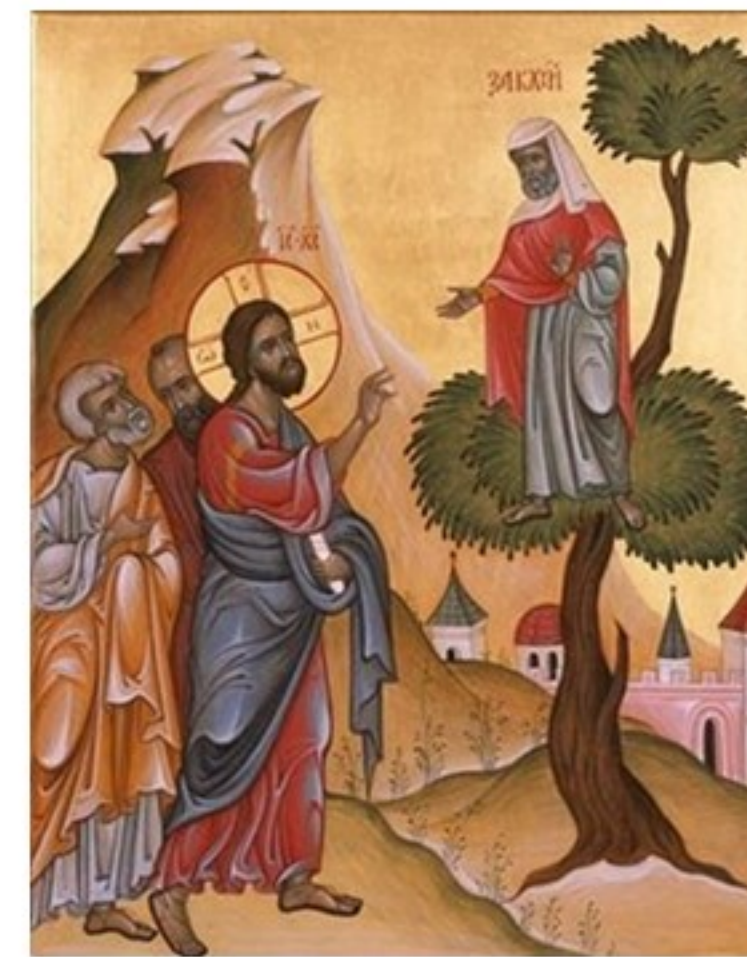
During the year, there are two cycles of feasts that we celebrate.

The *fixed feasts* ... that is, those like the Nativity and Theophany of Christ, which we have recently celebrated ... are commemorated on the same date each year.

The *movable feasts* ... such as the Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost ... fall on different dates each year ... based on the Spring equinox.

If we look more deeply at these feasts, we come to realize that the fixed feasts tell us more about the *content* of our faith ... *what* we believe about the Incarnation ... about the Holy Trinity ... about our Transfiguration into god-like people.

The movable feasts tell us more about *how we get there*. During the Great Lenten journey, we are presented with the themes of repentance and renewal ... asceticism and fasting ... conversion and change of heart.



Today, we come to the Sunday of Zacchaeus ... the last of the Sundays after Pentecost ... and the opening to the new season of repentance and renewal. The goal of this journey is to help us move from the *periphery* of life where we are often immersed ... and to come closer to the *center*, that is, to Christ who is the Truth and Life.

Various models are offered to us along the way. As we make our journey up to Jerusalem ... and to a deeper commitment to our baptismal life ... we look at the different models that are presented to us.

Zacchaeus is a rich man ... a tax collector ... a Jew hired by the Roman authorities to collect taxes from his fellow countrymen. He did not realize that he was much of a sinner ... until he met Jesus. Then his life changed ... dramatically!

Jesus said: *I must stay at your house tonight*. When we allow the Lord to come this close to us personally ... something happens ... and we can change ... much like Zacchaeus.