

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 13 Sunday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Mt. 4:12-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Helen Morozowich given by Michael & Victoria Senko. Supplications will be offered for + Stephania Barshowski, given by Luigi & Patti Della-Ragione.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 Ss. Paul & John , Venerables

Readings: 1 Peter. 3:1-22; Mk. 12:18-27

9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy

Repose of Anastasia & John Fedenko (By Robert Fedenko)

Repose of Alice Brinkley (By Jane Rubolino)

Thursday, Jan. 17 St. Anthony the Great, venerable

Readings: Heb. 13:17-21; Lk. 6:17-23

6:30 P. M. Moleben to Christ with the office of the Holy Oil (Anointing)

St. Euthymius the Great, venerable

Readings: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18:10-14

5:00 P. M. Great Vespers

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

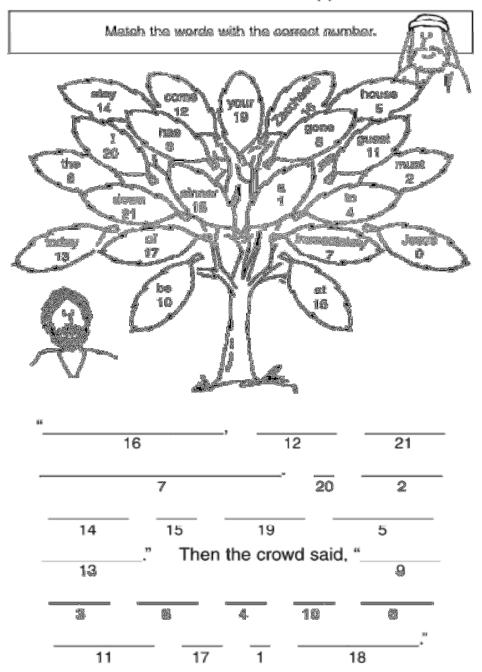
Sunday, Jan. 20 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

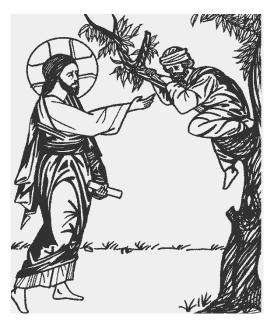
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Supplications will be offered for + Robert Kaerbel, given by Judy Anselm. Supplications will be offered for + Lillian Leybick, given by Rose Engel.

Jesus saw Zacchaeus. What happened next?





Sunday of Zacchaeus

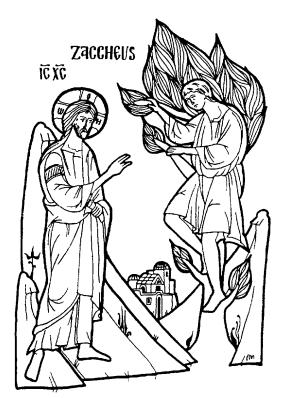
At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature.

In the Eastern Church, the Gospel account of Zacchaeus is read on the last Sunday preceding the liturgical preparation for the Great Fast. We see two exegetical aspects: Jesus' call to Zacchaeus to come down from the tree (symbolizing the divine call to humility), and Zacchaeus' subsequent repentance.

The chief tax collector of Jericho Zacchaeus wanted nothing more than to be able to see Jesus from afar. He had no other expectations. What happened next was completely unexpected. Our Lord noticed the opening in Zacchaeus' heart and welcomed it as an invitation.

For a brief moment Zacchaeus stops worrying about the future and begins to live in the present moment. He is presented with a simple dilemma that propels him out of his dark fantasies of survival into the living light of the present moment. How can I lift myself high enough to see Jesus over the crowd...now? That is the operative word, NOW. Living in the present helps to soften the heart and open the walls of our cocoons for one simple reason: there is no salvation in the past or the future. The past is a memory, the future is a fantasy. Salvation can only be found in the present moment. The Lord is present with us in reality. Zacchaeus latches onto that necessary truth and discovers that the Kingdom of Heaven is truly at hand. The Kingdom of Heaven can only be found in the present because life is no where else but here and now.

"Hurry and come down, Zacchaeus, for I will dine at your house TODAY." This is the word we proclaim together at the Great Blessing of the Water. TODAY! "Christ is in our midst", NOW. "Christ is Risen", not was. TODAY is the word that begins the Fifteen Antiphon on Holy Thursday. "TODAY is hung upon the Tree." TODAY! NOW! St. Paul writes that TODAY is the day of salvation. The Church wants us to live in the present so that we can see the Kingdom of Heaven which is in the present. The past is a memory, the future is a fantasy. Salvation is always NOW.



January 13, 2013

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Sunday of Zacchaeus

SS. Hermolaus & Stratonicus, martyrs

Octoechos Tone 8

<u>Changeable Parts</u> – Pages 28-29 in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all of you for participating in our Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner. Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated kitchen workers for preparing our wonderful dinner and thanks to all who prepared the hall and cleaned it afterwards. Thank you for a special surprise with a cake. Thank you all!

Today: Clean-up

On this Sunday following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us stay behind, the faster it will go. Thanks.

Today: Christmas Concert

The Ukrainian Cultural Trust Choir will perform their second Christmas concert this Sunday at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Helen Street, McKees Rocks, Bottom) Please come to hear the old traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carols, "kolyadi" being sung. Admission is free.

Blessing of vestments

Today at the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the blessing of the new vestments that were purchased through the generosity of Anna Merritt, in memory of her husband, and Char Rumsky, in memory of deceased family members. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Water

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is available in the center of our Church. I ask that you please be careful when you are filling your containers so to not spill it on the floor. Remember that this Holy Water is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so that we, by partaking of it, may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

House Blessing

This week I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. <u>Please fill out the form,</u> which is available in the Church vestibule in order to request this house blessing and pastoral visitation. Once the form has been received you will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. Thank you.

PAC Meeting

On Thursday, January 17^h, the meeting of the Pastor's Advisory Council will take place at the church hall after Moleben. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this meeting.

We have been blessed in our parish family with the many fundraisers that take place throughout the year. These fundraisers help meet the parish operating costs, but most importantly, are a way to bring us together, working together for our Holy Church. As part of the PAC meeting we will be planning our parish fundraisers for the year 2013. This meeting is open to all parishioners Please come!

Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2012 for tax purposes, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule.

All Souls Saturday

The 1st All Souls Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday, January 26th, at 9:00 a.m. On these All Souls Saturdays it is tradition in our Holy Church to prayerfully remember our beloved departed family members, loved ones, etc. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated followed by a Panikhida when the names of all those deceased are commemorated out loud. Amongst your offertory envelopes you have a yellow envelope for the commemoration of departed souls marked SOROKOUSTY. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on this envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office.

<u>Ukrainian Malanka-New Years Party</u>

Our Pittsburgh community's 23rd Annual Ukrainian New Year's Party-Malanka will be held on Saturday, January 12th, from 7:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club in Carnegie (corner of Mansfield Blvd. and Walnut St.). The dance music will be provided by Fred Yasnowsky and his "Musical Collection Band".

Tickets are \$15 pre-paid or \$20 at the door. Children and young people through college pay just \$1 at the door. The kitchen will be serving delicious Ukrainian foods. For more information or to reserve a table please call George Honchar at 412-429-1536, or call the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union at 412-481-1865.

Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, January 6, 2013 was **\$4080.00** (Collection - \$1634.00, Loose & candles - \$54.00, Estate of julia Bushick - \$2000.00)

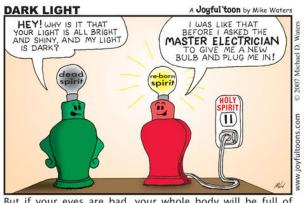
- From our Christmas-Theophany Dinner: \$392.00 (Dinner: \$292, Raffle: \$100).

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.





But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

- MATTHEW 6:23 NIV