



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 16

**Veneration of the Chains of Peter**

Readings: 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Mt. 12:15-21

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)**

Sunday, Jan. 17

**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19:1-10

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

God's blessing upon Lillian Chlibun on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, by family

Wednesday, Jan 20

**St. Euthymius the Great, Venerable**

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Lk. 6:17-23

**7:00 P. M. Service of the Holy Oil**

Saturday, Jan. 23

**St. Clement of Ancyra, Martyr**

Readings: 1 Tim. 6:11:16; Mt. 12:15-21

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)**

Sunday, Jan. 24

**Sunday of Publican and Pharisee**

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

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **Alexandra Kozak**,  
given by Magdalena Cheresnowsky

Jesus saw Zacchaeus and told him to come down because He must stay at Zacchaeus' house. Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus gladly. Then what did Zacchaeus say?

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."



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***Our venerable father Anthony the Great  
January 17***



Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: “If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor” (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained in prayer and solitude for about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress “initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God.” Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life. Becoming an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17 in the year 356, having lived altogether some 105 years.

***A man asked abbot Antony, “What shall I keep, that I may please God?” Anthony said: “Wherever you go, have God ever before your eyes. In whatever you do, hold by the example of the Holy Scriptures; and in whatever place you abide, don’t be swift to leave [out of restlessness]. These three things keep, and you will be saved.”***



**January 17, 2021**

**Sunday of Zacchaeus,  
Tone 8; Our Venerable  
and God-bearing Father  
Anthony the Great (356)**

**Changeable Part: Pages 28-30**

*In the Booklet of Changeable Parts  
(Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Prayer Service and Anointing**

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, we will continue with our monthly Moleben-Prayer Service which will take place at 7:00 p.m. During this Prayer Service you can all offer your prayerful intentions (for health, well-being, peace, comfort, etc.). As part of this Moleben-Prayer Service, Holy Anointing will also be administered

### **Next week: Clean-up Decorations**

On Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Please find** in the church vestibule a Theophany Card from Patriarch Sviatoslav.

## 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.

## Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Mihaylyna Spak, Barbara Fedora, Mary Senchesen, Helen Fedenko, Patricia Della-Regione, Dolores Loser, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, Arlene Grzybowski, Maria Perkun, Orysia & David Barshowski.**

## Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 10, 2021 was **\$1,092.00**  
(Collection: \$1060.00, loose & candles: \$32.00)

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



## Prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord Who loves mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Send Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your Most Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

## **Sunday of Zacchaeus**

*And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."*

On this Sunday let us consider three things regarding the repentance offered by Zacchaeus, which might be of benefit to us as we prepare slowly to enter the Great Fast-Lenten season. First, as we see in today's Gospel reading Zacchaeus had a great desire to see Christ. In the Patristic tradition of the Eastern Church, the vision of Christ in glory is synonymous with man's deification, his union with God – in other words, in the tradition of the Church, to see Christ as He truly is, the Lord of glory, is the goal of the Christian life. We must remember that this vision is not merely with the physical eyes, but also with the eyes of the soul, man's spiritual sight. Such a vision of Christ is the most authentic and deepest desire of all human beings, whether they know it or not. Zacchaeus, however, did know this, and he was taken over by this holy desire to see Christ.



This brings us to our second point. Zacchaeus's desire to see Christ led him to action. In spiritual terms, we call this asceticism. One could only imagine how difficult it must have been for Zacchaeus, being a man of short stature, to physically climb up into the sycamore tree. However, the greatness of this ascetical feat pales in comparison to the struggle he undoubtedly underwent to cast aside his pride and humiliate himself before the crowds.

The third and final point of consideration, regarding the repentance of Zacchaeus, is perhaps the most important. After Zacchaeus's desire to see Christ had led him to climb the tree, which was an act of asceticism done in humility; and after the Lord had told him that he must receive Him into his house; Zacchaeus, convicted more by his conscience than the murmuring of the crowds, cast aside his love of money, and purged the sin of greed from his heart, choosing to give away half of his possessions to the poor and making fourfold restitution to those he had defrauded. This decisive act of repentance allowed the Lord to not only enter the home of Zacchaeus but also his heart, bringing salvation to him and all his household. Amen.