



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 21

**St. Maximus the Confessor, Venerable**

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

**6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (North Side)**

Supplications will be offered for **+John and Maria**, given by Dght. Leona & John Hannon

Sunday, Jan. 22

**Sunday of Zaccheus**

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

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

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

Health and wellbeing of Lillian Chlibun, by Pyrohy workers

Supplications will be offered for **+George Siweckyj**, given by Mary Siweckyj

Thursday, Jan. 26

**St. Xenophon & Mary, Venerables**

Readings: 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mk. 12:38-44

**4:00 P. M. Deanery Meeting**

Saturday, Jan. 28

**St. Ephrem the Syrian, Venerable**

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

**6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (North Side)**

Sunday, Jan. 29

**Sunday of the 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 **+Michajlo Pyptyk**, given by Family

Supplications will be offered for **+Patty Della Ragione**, given by Debbie Label



Jesus referred to Zacchaeus as something. What was it?

Fill in the blanks with words that match the clues.  
Then transfer the letters in boxes to the lines below.

clothing for your feet   \_\_\_\_\_

what you open a door with \_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_

makes the sound "ribbit"  \_\_\_\_\_

use this when you are lost \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

a long, yellow fruit  \_\_\_\_\_

a slanted plank of wood   \_\_\_\_\_

what you use to drive a nail   \_\_\_\_\_

lights a fire  \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

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### **88 PECANS AT THE CEMETERY**

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

“One for you, one for me... One for you, one for me,” said one boy. Several dropped and

rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, “One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me...” He just knew what it was. “Oh my”, he shuddered, “it’s Satan and the Lord dividing the souls at the cemetery.”

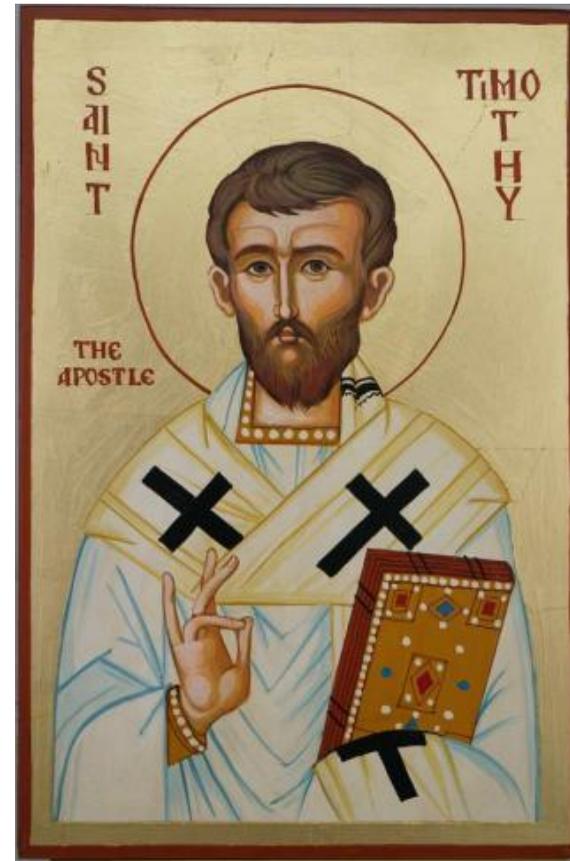
He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. “Come here quick,” said the boy, “you won’t believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls.”

The man said, “Beat it kid, can’t you see it’s hard for me to walk.” When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, “One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me...”

The old man whispered, “Boy, you’ve been telling the truth. Let’s see if we can see the Lord himself.” Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, “One for you, one for me.” And one last “One for you, one for me... That’s all. Now let’s go get those nuts by the fence, and we’ll be done”

They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the boy on the bike...



### **January 23, 2023**

Sunday of Zacchaeus;  
Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy  
Apostle Timothy; the Holy  
Venerable-Martyr Anastasius  
the Persian (628)

**Changeable Part: Page 38-39**  
*In the Booklet of Changeable Parts*  
*(Small white book)*

### **Announcements:**

#### **House Blessing**

This week I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. Each household that requests this blessing will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. If you wish to have your house blessed, please fill out the form which is available in the Church vestibule.

#### **Nanny Needed**

Young family looking for Ukrainian and English Speaking nanny for their 3 month old daughter. Start Date: ASAP, Location: Mt. Washington, Hours: Flexible. 16-24 hours per week on Monday/Wednesday/Thursdays 7:30-3:30pm. Pay: \$15-20/hour/ Call/text Olya if interested at 773-715-4158

**Mark you calendar:** Next Adult Religious Class on February 9th, 2023, at 6:30pm

**Many thanks to Marco and Courtney from DTCare** in Moon Township, who last Sunday after Liturgy, shared with us their truly inspirational work in helping soldiers and civilians in Ukraine by sending urgent supplies, establishing art therapy programs, and personally distributing much-needed items. Many asked after the presentation what they could do to help. Based on Marco's guidance, our parish will be collecting art supplies to support the programs that are providing critical mental health aid for those affected by war trauma. DTCare will ship our donations free of charge to where they're most needed in Ukraine. Please drop off donations in the church hall. Thank you!

**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: **Barbara Fedora, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

**Pyrohy**

We will reopen on this coming Thursday, January 25th, 2023. Please come!

**Collection- May God bless you...**

The grand total for Sunday of January 23, 2023, was **\$1,305.00**  
 (Collection: \$965.00, loose & candles: \$60.00, Pyrohy: \$280.00)

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



**ON DISCERNMENT**

*Discernment in beginners is true knowledge of themselves; in intermediate souls, it is a spiritual sense that faultlessly distinguishes what is truly good from what is of nature and opposed to it; and in the perfect, it is the knowledge which they have within by Divine illumination, and which can enlighten with its lamp what is dark in others. Or perhaps, generally speaking, discernment is, and is recognized as, the certain understanding of the Divine will on all occasions, in every place and in all matters; and it is only found in those who are pure in heart, and in body and in mouth. - St. John of the Ladder*



**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.